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Second Sunday After Easter
16 April 2023
Morning Worship at 10:30 a.m.

(* : Congregation stands)

APPROACH

PREPARATION SONG "In The Lord" – Composer: Taizé Community
*** CALL TO WORSHIP**
*** HYMN** "At the Dawning of Salvation" – Music: American Folk; Lyrics: J Curle
CALL TO CONFESSION
PRAYER OF CONFESSION
ALL RESPOND "Kyrie Eleison" (Lord, have mercy) – Composer: Trad Orthodox
ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

THE WORD OF GOD

Lord, open our lips.
And our mouths shall show forth Your praise.
*** HYMN** "You Are My Hiding Place" – Composer: Michael Ledner
SCRIPTURE READING
Your Word, O Lord, is a lamp to our feet.
A light to our path.

John 20: 19-31 (N.T.)

Lord, may Your Word live in us.
And bear much fruit for Your glory.
*** HYMN** "If You Believe" – Music: trad Zimbabwean Folk; arr. J L Bell

FAMILY TALK

SERMON

*** AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

THE OFFERTORY

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

ALL RESPOND "Ubi Caritas" – Music: Taizé Community

OFFERTORY

THE PEACE

* **HYMN** “In Christ Alone”

– Composers: K Getty and S Townend

* **COMMISSION and BLESSING**

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

God does nothing except in response to believing prayer. – John Wesley

- We who live in peace must increase our prayers for peace in the world as more and more world leaders are calling on their armed forces to engage in preparation exercises and be ready to act.
- Since 31 March, cities, towns and villages from Texas to the Great Lakes in the United States have been hit by more than 80 tornados claiming the lives of 30 people and causing millions of dollars in damage. May the Lord comfort those who have lost loved ones and strengthen those who have lost possessions and their livelihood.
- Italian ministers have called a six-month state of emergency in response to a rise in migrant numbers crossing the Mediterranean from North Africa. This action was taken after the arrival of 3000 migrants over the Easter weekend. The coastguard rescued 2000 of the new arrivals from the sea. The United Nations has recorded the highest number of deaths in the Mediterranean in the first three months of this year. May the Lord touch the hearts of those in Governance so that a fair system can be developed, enabling those seeking that place of safety may do so without endangering their life.
- A new vaccine in the treatment of malaria is closer to being accepted throughout the world. The vaccine is called R2 and has, in recent tests, proven to be 80% effective in combating this disease which claims the lives of about 620,000 people each year, most of them young children. Ghana is the first African country to approve the vaccine, and others are also in the process of doing so. The World Health Organisation is also considering its approval. We are thankful for the skills of the scientists who have developed this vaccine and pray that its manufacturing and supply can be available to the most vulnerable with its approval.
- Let us pray for success in the peace talks between the two warring factions in the Yemen war, Saudi Arabia and Houthi. The two have been warring since 2015, leaving tens of thousands dead and 80% of the population relying on aid.
- Over 100 people are feared to have been killed in Tuesday's airstrike by the Myanmar military, one of the deadliest in the civil war. The military forces are increasingly turning to air attacks on the people of the land. We pray that we do not forget those in Myanmar striving for democracy and a just system for all.
- After more than three years in detention, two prominent Chinese activists have been jailed for subversion. Theirs was a closed-door trial, and many

accusations of mistreatment and torture have been shared in the media reports. May the hand of God be on them, bringing comfort, protection and strength.

- Kowloon City became symbolic of its nickname 'Little Thailand' last Sunday as an estimated 10,000 attended a Songkran Festival in honour of the Thai New Year. Water flowed, and laughter reigned for the first time since 2019. Happy Blessed New Year to all who have celebrated in the last week.

For the Ecumenical Prayer Cycle

- We lift up in prayer the churches and people of all faiths in Belarus, Moldova, Russia and Ukraine.

We are thankful for:

- the faithful witness of Christians here through the centuries, especially in times of occupation and persecution
- the peaceful resolution of disputes
- the distinctive cultural contributions and resources in these lands
- the religious freedom and ecumenical cooperation that is growing.

We pray for:

- greater respect for the Roma people and others who are marginalised and who lack adequate livelihoods in these lands
- welcoming and engaging those of other faiths and ethnicities
- growth in spiritual as well as physical health
- democratic governance that advances God's justice and peace for all.

For the Congregation

- We pray for Alex Melwani, Sunita Suna and Helen Lee's mothers, Mrs Samuel, Anjenette, Hend, Jeanette Lee, Ng Kam Lee, Raymond Lau, Chui, Ana and Ramon Bultron, Lucy Lim, Mercy, Joy Babasa, Lilly Yuen and Jackie Tse. We remember those caring for loved ones at home and in care facilities.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today a warm welcome to all who join our worship in church and through Facebook live streaming.

This Week's Programs in Church

- Today - Joint Council and Trustees meeting at 1 pm
- Upper Fellowship Hall
- Tuesday - Peace Making Fellowship 10:00 am, Number 2 Jordan Road
- Wednesday - Harambe Choir at 6:00 pm
- Friday - Junior Choir at 5:00 pm

Dates For Your Diary

Sunday Morning Study Group

The Christian Education Committee, under the guidance of John Mok-Lamme, will offer an opportunity for adults to deepen their faith through a Sunday morning bible study on the book of Galatians. The study will be inductive with lots of group discussion. All are welcome to join.

Facilitator: John Mok-Lamme

Starting date: Sunday, 16 April

Time of meeting: 9:00 am – 10:00 am

Venue: Upper Fellowship Hall

Extraordinary General Meeting and Annual General Meeting

The church's Annual General Meeting will be held on **Sunday, 7 May, 2023**. An Extraordinary General Meeting will be held the same day before the AGM. If you are a member of KUC and cannot attend the meeting, please submit your proxy form before the meeting date. Above all, please pray for that time of the meeting and all preparations beforehand.

Please note: Written notice has been sent from the Church office concerning these two meetings; if you are a church member but have yet to receive the documents, please contact the church office on 2367 2585.

KUC will be 100 years old!

Grounded in God, Growing in Faith, Giving in Community

If you want to know more about what is being planned, why not chat with one of the working group members? They are Rey Asis, Edwina Antonio, Ramon Bultron, Doris Lee or one of the ministers.

	TODAY 16 April	NEXT WEEK 23 April
Liturgist:	Maggie Mathieson	Aimé Girimana
Preacher:	Phyllis Wong	Maggie Mathieson
Pianist:	Eva Kwan	Cheryl Hui
Lector:	Venus Cheng	Guy Syrett
Intercessory Prayers:	Peter Youngblood	Journaliz Badon
Family Talk:	Chan Beng Seng	Mayson Fung
Greeter:	Tory Caplan Lucy Lim	Peter Youngblood Holly Chui
Offering Rota:	Kulwinder Kaur Anjenette Bolanos	Daddy Ching So
Counting Rota	Doris Lee Rey Asis	Chan Beng Seng Judy Chan
Sunday School Leaders:	Gabi Baumgartner Mary Adesina	Amber Tong Mary Adesina
I.T. Team:	Lo Yuk Fai Bervinder Kaur	Venus Cheng Bervinder Kaur
Freewill offering last week : HK\$6,379.20 - Promissory offering last week: HK\$8,400 -		

