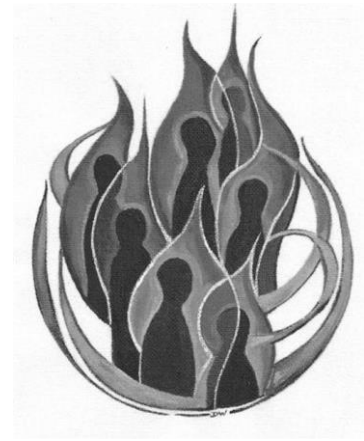


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## **Pentecost Sunday**

**31 May 2020**

**Morning Worship at 10:30 a.m.**

(\* : Congregation Stands)

### **APPROACH**

**SONG OF PREPARATION** “Holy Spirit Come” – Composer: Timothy Chan

\* **CALL TO WORSHIP**

\* **HYMN** “Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness” – Composer: James K. Manley

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**ALL RESPOND** “God Is Forgiveness” – Music: Taizé Community

**ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

### **THE WORD OF GOD**

Lord, open our lips.

**And our mouths shall show forth Your praise.**

\* **HYMN** “The Spirit Lives to Set **Us** Free” – Composer: Damian Lundy

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Your Word, O Lord, is a lamp to our feet.

**A light to our path.**

1 Corinthians 12:3-13

John 7:37-39

Lord, may Your Word live in us.

**And bear much fruit for Your glory.**

**SERMON** “For The Common Good.”

\* **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (*United Church of Canada, Song of Faith: 2006*)

### **THE OFFERTORY**

**CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**ALL RESPOND** “Ubi Caritas” (Where there is love and charity, God is there)

– Music: Taizé Community

**OFFERING**

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

### THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE PEACE –

HYMN “Bread of Life from Heaven” – Composer: Susan Briehl & Marty Haugen

INVITATION

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

SANCTUS

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PRAYER FOR THE HOLY SPIRIT

THE LORD’S PRAYER

DISTRIBUTION (“One Bread One Body” led by Lydia Caterdral. Composer: John Foley)

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

\* HYMN “Christ Be Our Light” – Composer: Bernadette Farrell

\* COMMISSION and BLESSING

RECESSIONAL

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### CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

#### *Acts 2:1-4*

*When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly there came from heaven a noise like a violent rushing wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. And there appeared to them tongues as of fire distributing themselves, and they rested on each one of them.*

#### **For the World and Asia**

- It is recorded that as of 28 May, over 5.7 million people had contracted the coronavirus COVID-19 globally with over 356,000 deaths and over 2.35 million recovered cases. In Hong Kong, there have been no cases identified from the local community since 15 days ago. Transit flights will also return to city’s international airport from 1 June. May we all continue to take cautious measures to prevent contractions as a way to show our responsibility to our loved ones and our society.
- A church in Germany's capital, Berlin, has helped a nearby mosque comply with physical distancing guidelines by hosting Friday prayers for the Muslim brothers. We thank God for the practice of this church hailed as "an amazing sign of solidarity" which has brought ecumenism one step closer.
- In United States, a 46-year-old African-American named George Floyd, was killed by a Minneapolis police officer. This incident has raised local protests and global concern about the police’s abuse use of power over a

marginalized community. We pray that Mr Floyd may rest in peace, his family be comforted, and racial equality and justice be upheld.

- The National Security Bill that was proposed and passed by the National People's Congress, bypassing the existing legal system in the city, has seriously damaged “One Country, Two Systems” and the rule of law in HK. May God comfort the grieving hearts, give hope to the people to stand for justice, and strengthen the church to speak the truth against evil with courage. May the international community demonstrate solidarity with Hong Kong, fighting for freedom, democracy and human rights.
- Pray for those who had been arrested last week when they were out on the street to exercise their freedom of expression. Most of them are students. May God protect them and bless them.
- June 4th marks the 31st anniversary of the student-led democratic movement in China in 1989. The government's restriction on gathering has made the annual candle-lit vigil in Victoria Park difficult this year. Let us continue to remember the victims and pray for their families. May the quest for a free and democratic China persist in the midst of difficult times. Keep praying for good governance in China: rule by law, clean and accountable government to serve their people instead of manipulation of power. We yearn that the civil rights enjoyed by the people in HK will not be eroded.

### **For the Ecumenical Prayer Cycle**

In the Ecumenical Prayer Cycle we remember in our prayers today the churches and people of all faiths of Lesotho, Namibia, South Africa, Swaziland.

- We give thanks to the faithful witness of churches throughout the world during apartheid and how people of different races and lifestyles have come together since then.
- We pray for these countries that the protection of resources can be launched for the good of all rather than their exploitation for economic gain. We also uplift the people in these regions that measures can be taken to effectively counter rape, sexual violence, and other crimes.

### **For the Congregation**

- We pray for members and friends who are not feeling well. We remember Connie's grandma, Victoria's son Isaac and his classmate Mr Huang in facing health challenges.
- Keep remembering our seniors friends and praying for students who will go back to school in the next two weeks.
- Pray for the church renovation carried by AMO.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Welcome! Today is Pentecost Sunday!

Welcome all who are physically present in church and all who join the Sunday Worship through Facebook live streaming today.

### COVID 19 Arrangement

KUC has resumed church service with a limit of 50% capacity according to the advice for religious assembly given by the Centre for Health Protection. We advise everyone to observe the precaution measures in church to ensure public health safety. No coffee and tea fellowship after the service. We will resume Sunday School for children on 14 June.

### Thursday Morning Bible Study Resumed by Online

Please be in touch with Pastor Maggie if you wish to join.

### June 4<sup>th</sup> Candle-lit Vigil in KUC for Commemorating 1989 Democracy Movement in China

**Date:** 4 June (Thursday) **Time:** 7:30 pm, online vigil at 8pm to join the HK Alliance. Will have second round at 9 pm due to limited space of 64 seats.

### Donation/Offering to the Church

Send a cheque payable to “Kowloon Union Church” and send to 4 Jordan Road, Kowloon, or do by direct deposit to KUC account: HSBC Account 018-1-080268. Please mail/email the bank receipt to us.

|                       | <b>TODAY</b>                    | <b>NEXT WEEK<br/>7 June</b>      |
|-----------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Liturgist:            | Phyllis Wong                    | Maggie Mathieson                 |
| Preacher:             | Maggie Mathieson                | Muriel<br>Orevillo-Montenegro    |
| Pianist:              | Eric Sin                        | Eric Sin                         |
| Lector:               | Harry Chan                      | Victoria Caplan                  |
| Intercessory Prayers: | Chong Tong Sze                  | Robert Lam                       |
| Family Talk:          | No Family Talk                  | No Family Talk                   |
| Greeter:              | Bervinder Kaur<br>Cecilia Yeung | Edwina Antonio<br>Bervinder Kaur |
| Offering Rota:        | Bruce Van Voorhis<br>Norma Diaz | Jennifer Chan<br>Harry Chan      |
| I.T. Team             | Timothy Chan<br>Carl Caterdral  | Lo Yuk Fai<br>Chong Tong Sze     |

Last Sunday's offering: HK\$5,326-  
Promissory offering last week: HK\$6,200-  
Welfare fund: HK\$5,000-