

Kowloon Union Church

“Where all are one”

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World Refugee Sunday

19 June 2022

Morning Worship at 10:30 a.m.

(* : Congregation stands)

APPROACH

PREPARATION SONG “Sing Hallelujah To The Lord” – C: L. Stassen

* **CALL TO WORSHIP**

* **HYMN** “All Are Welcome” – Lyrics: Marty Haugen, Tune: Two Oaks

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ALL RESPOND “Change My Heart O God” – C: Eddie Espinosa

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

THE WORD OF GOD

Lord, open our lips.

And our mouths shall show forth Your praise.

* **HYMN** “He Came Down” – Music/Lyrics: John Bell & Alison Adam

TESTIMONY

SCRIPTURE READING

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

A light to our path.

Psalm 22: 19-28 (OT)

Galatians 3: 23-29 (NT)

Lord, may Your Word live in us.

And bear much fruit for Your glory.

FAMILY TALK

SERMON

* **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

THE OFFERTORY

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

LORD'S PRAYER

ALL RESPOND "O Lord Hear Our Prayer"

– Music: Taize

OFFERING

OFFERTORY PRAYER

THE PEACE

* HYMN "Christ Be Our Light" – Composer: Bernadette Farrell

* COMMISSION and BLESSING

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CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

*"I will say of the LORD, "He is my refuge and my fortress,
my God, in whom I trust." Psalm 91:2*

Please remember as you pray. . .

- World Refugee Day is marked on 20 June each year to celebrate the courage and resilience of the tens of millions of people forced to flee their homes due to war or persecution. According to new data from UNHCR, the UN Refugee Agency, the number of forcibly displaced people worldwide rose towards 90 million by the end of 2021, propelled by new waves of violence or protracted conflict in countries including Ethiopia, Burkina Faso, Myanmar, Nigeria, Afghanistan and the Democratic Republic of the Congo. In addition, the war in Ukraine has displaced 8 million within the country this year, and more than 6 million refugee movements from Ukraine have been registered.
- The focus of the WRD this year is on the right to seek safety. Seeking safety is a human right. **Whoever** they are, people forced to flee should be treated with dignity. Anyone can seek protection, regardless of who they are or what they believe. **Wherever** they come from, people forced to flee should be welcomed. Refugees come from all over the globe. To get out of harm's way, they might take a plane, a boat, or travel on foot. **Whenever** people are forced to flee, they have a right to be protected. **Whatever** the threat – war, violence, persecution – everyone deserves protection.
- We pray that all refugees and asylum seekers in HK and all over the world may find a safe home to stay. We continue to pray for Ukraine and remember millions of Ukrainian refugees flee to other countries to save lives. We remember also the Rohingya refugees in Cox's Bazar in Bangladesh.
- We pray for strength to churches, organizations of different faiths and NGOs that provide legal aids and humanitarian supports to meet the needs of this community. May those who have been traumatized be

healed by the love of God. We pray for the countries who take refugees for permanent resettlement. May they offer good integration programs so refugees are able to start a new good life.

- As Church, we remember Jesus was once a refugee and we are called to demonstrate solidarity with the refugee community and take them as our sisters and brothers who are also God's beloved children. We are one family in God's kingdom.

For the Ecumenical Prayer Cycle

We lift in prayer the churches and people of all faiths in Malawi and Zambia.

We give thanks for:

- the biodiversity and natural wonders in these lands
- church leaders who have spoken out and countered sexual violence and human rights abuses
- those who are dealing with challenges of migrations within, and to, these countries
- stable governance and economies, and rising living standards for many people in recent years.

We pray for:

- greater food security for those most vulnerable, especially in times of climate change
- an end to political and economic corruption
- rising standards of living, particularly for those most poor
- an end to exploitation of resources and of the people, especially those who are young and/or female.

For the Congregation

- We pray for Asha Melwani, the mother of Alex, Mrs Samuel, Jenny Alegre, Hend, Jeanette Lee, Rachel Perry, Ng Kam Lee, Raymond Lau, Chung Yoke Chin, Chui, and Ramon Bultron. We remember those providing care for loved ones at home and in care facilities.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today

Welcome to all who join our World Refugee Sunday Worship in church and through Facebook live streaming. Thank you sisters and brothers from the Peacemaking Fellowship to lead the service this morning.

Happy Father's Day

We offer our great appreciation to all fathers all over the world, within their own family or in the community they belong, who have been

nurturing children and the young generation with love, care and wisdom. May God bless them and keep them.

Peacemaking Program – Human Café

A special event to celebrate World Refugee Day will be organized by the Peacemaking Ministry on Saturday 25 June from 6-9 pm in KUCspace. Human Café is a participatory event interwoven with somatic-focus activities and Human Library. Come and join us. Here is the link for your registration.

<https://forms.gle/aVcxfaBfs7VvJuyj6>

Weekly Programs in Church.

Tuesday – Peacemaking Fellowship at 10 am (No. 2 Jordan Road)

Wednesday – Harambe Choir at 6:30 pm

Friday – Bible Study – online at 10:30 am

Friday Morning Bible Study – Online

Join us in Bible Study on Friday morning at 10:30 as we explore ‘Becoming Church’. If you are interested, don't hesitate to contact Pastor Maggie.

Become a Member of Kowloon Union Church

New members can be received by transfer, bond of union, a restatement of faith, or baptism. Interested in talking about this further? Have a word with our ministers, Phyllis Wong or Maggie Mathieson.

	TODAY 19 June – World Refugee Sunday	NEXT WEEK 26 June
Liturgist:	Phyllis Wong	Maggie Mathieson
Preacher/Testimony:	Aimé Girimana & Annjenette & Habib	Phyllis Wong
Pianist:	Lucy Lim	Jessica Tso
Lector:	Aline	Precious
Inter cessory Prayers:	Joseph, Safaa, Salvinder, Jenet	Judy Chan
Family Talk:	Rey Asis	Mayson Fung
Greeter:	Kevin Ng & Peacemaking Fellowship	Stanley Ho plus others
Offering Rota:	Mayson & Peacemaking Fellowship	Edwina Antonio Emmanuel Adesina
Sunday School Leaders:	Jailyn Tomitis	Jailyn Tomitis
I.T. Team:	Chris Wong	Tong Chong Sze

Last Sunday's offering: HK\$6,329
Promissory offering last week: HK\$2,100

