

Kowloon Union Church
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Sixth Sunday After Pentecost
9 July 2023
Morning Worship at 10:30 a.m.
Wai Ji Sunday



(*: Congregation stands)

THE APPROACH

WELCOME

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

*** HYMN** “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

– Music: Beethoven; Words: Henry Van Dyke

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ALL RESPONSE “God Is Forgiveness”

– Taizé Community

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

THE WORD OF GOD

ANTHEM “The Crown of the Cross” – Wai Ji’s Service Users & Staff

SHARING by Miu Ling – A family member of a service user

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Psalm 145:8 - 14 (O.T.)

Matthew 11: 25 - 30 (N.T.)

ANTHEM “May Peace Be with You” – Wai Ji’s Service Users & Staff

SERMON “Joy Through the Adversities”

THE OFFERTORY

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERTORY 'Amazing Grace' played by Caden and Jensen

OFFERTORY PRAYER

* **HYMN** "Lord, How Can I Repay"

– Music: John Glynn; Words: Kevin Anderson

* **COMMISSION/BLESSING**

(Photos session after the Service)

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CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

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

For Wai Ji Christian Service & people with disabilities

- We are thankful for God's protection and blessings to all service users and staff to overcome all challenges. Thank you for the staff's commitment and dedication to providing quality and loving services for clients.
- We remember the parents of the mentally challenged who still bear caretaking responsibilities every day. May the Lord lift their burdens and grant them peace and hope. Pray that the services provided by the organization are helpful to them.
- We pray to God for the service and development of Wai Ji Christian Service in a time of uncertainty. May God continue guiding the directors, workers, and volunteers at Wai Ji Christian Service, caring for their body, mind, and soul. Give them strength and wisdom to serve. May Wai Ji continue to be light and salt in the world, revealing God's mercy and kindness to people with intellectual and other disabilities and their families.
- We also remember people with disabilities all around the world. The Bible speaks about diversity; it is a gift of God, a gift from God. (Gen. 11:1-9) Therefore people with disabilities are also part of God's creation. Their presence shows the plurality of human beings and God's creation. Churches without disabled people are the disabled Churches. We are called to build friendly, inclusive and accessible communities of all God's people. May the Wai Ji Sunday remind our church at KUC of our mission to welcome and serve those in need and those who are neglected by the community.

For the Ecumenical Prayer Cycle

We lift up in prayer the churches and people of all faiths in Eritrea and Ethiopia.

We are **thankful** for:

- the long centuries of Christian history in Ethiopia and Eritrea
- the current witness and work of Orthodox, Catholic and Evangelical churches amid difficult circumstances
- those who have provided humanitarian aid, especially during times of drought and hunger
- those who have worked for peaceful relations between Eritrea and Ethiopia.

We **pray** for:

- victims of human rights abuses
- greater understanding and respect among the many ethnic groups
- lasting peace and reconciliation between Ethiopia and Eritrea
- the emergence of more democratic governance that respects human rights and furthers justice for all ethnic groups and minorities.

For the Congregation

- We pray for Alex Melwani and Sunita Suna's mothers, Mrs. Samuel, Holly Chui, Hend, James Kim, Jeanette Lee, Ng Kam Lee, Raymond Lau, Chui, Ana and Ramon Bultron, Lucy Lim, Mercy, Poulis Zaki, Joy Babasa, and Jackie Tse. We remember those caring for loved ones at home and in care facilities. Let us remember, too, the father-in-law of Candy, our Church secretary, and pray for his full recovery after surgery.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome!

Welcome to all who join our worship service. A special welcome to friends from Wai Ji Christian Service in church and through live streaming. Thank you, Michael Chan for leading the liturgy and Professor Cecilia Li and Wai Ji's staff and service users for leading different parts of the worship service. Thank you also, Miu Ling, for your sharing and the technical support from the Staff team.

Wai Ji Christian Service

Vision: Kowloon Union Church set up Wai Ji Christian Service in 1979. The organization strives for excellence and creativity in serving people with intellectual and other disabilities, promoting their well-being and advocating their social inclusion.

Mission: The mission of Wai Ji Christian Service is to reflect God's love for people with intellectual and other disabilities by offering them support, advocating their social inclusion, defending their rights and liberties, and empowering them to make contributions to the community.

** You may know more about the Agency from their leaflet available at the church entrance or from this link <https://www.wjcs.org.hk/en/>*

This Week's Programs in Church

Sunday- Lunch provided by Wai Ji after Worship in the Lower Fellowship Hall

Tuesday - Peace Making Fellowship will meet at 10 am in Number 2 Jordan Road. A Health check and consultation session for refugees and asylum seekers by medical students from the University of Hong Kong
Tuesday, 11 July, 2-5:30pm.

Dates for your Diary

Sunday 16 July – Sunday Board Games!

The Care and Fellowship Committee invites you to join in playing Board Games. There will be a selection of games to choose from, and you are welcome to come and go as you please in the fun. The session will begin at 1:30 pm in the Lower Fellowship Hall.



VBS – VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

CONCRETE AND CRANES – BUILDING ON THE FOUNDATION OF JESUS!

What we need from you – first and foremost, we need your prayers for both those who will lead and the children who will join us. We would love to have you join the volunteers' team, be it for 1 hour, one day or the whole week 😊 We will also be looking for snacks and drinks for the children for the entire week – all donations are welcome 😊

Speak to Pastor Maggie if you want to know more.

VBS Dates: 7 August through 11 August Time: 1:30 pm - 4:00 pm

Venue: Lower Fellowship Hall - Ages: 6 – 11 years old



To register your child, please click on the QR code :

	TODAY 9 July	NEXT WEEK 16 July
Liturgist:	Michael Chan/Phyllis Wong	Maggie Mathieson
Preacher:	Phyllis Wong	John Snelgrove
Pianist:	Esther Cheung	Katie Ho
Lector:	Kevin Pang, Sin Kin Yan	Amber Tong
Intercessory Prayers:	Cecilia Li	Journaliz Badon
Family Talk:	NO FAMILY TALK	Tong Chong Sze
Greeter:	Peter Youngblood Wai Ji	Jensen Wong Tory Caplan
Offering Rota:	Samjhana Thapa Wings Choi, Chan Cheuk On	Anjette Bolanos Ching So
Counting Rota	Jennifer Chan Sunita Suna	Ramon Bultron Rey Asis
Sunday School Leaders:	Mary Adesina Maggie Mathieson	Tong Chong Sze
I.T. Team:	Wai Ji Bervinder Kaur	Bervinder Kaur

Freewill offering last week: HK\$4,790.10

Promissory offering last week: HK\$13,710

Welfare Fund: HK\$60,000