

Kowloon Union Church
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Seventh Sunday After Pentecost
16 July 2023
Morning Worship at 10:30 a.m.
(*: Congregation Stands)

APPROACH

PREPARATION SONG "Be Still and Know"

– Anon

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

*** HYMN** "God of the Sparrow" – Music: C F Schalk; Words J J Vajda

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ALL RESPOND "Kyrie Eleison" (Lord, have mercy) – Trad Orthodox Chant

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

THE WORD OF GOD

Lord, open our lips.

And our mouths shall show forth Your praise.

*** HYMN** "The Power of Your Love"

– Composer G. Bullock

SCRIPTURE READING

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

A light to our path.

Luke 15: 11 - 32 (N.T.)

Lord, may Your Word live in us.

And bear much fruit for Your glory.

*** HYMN** "The Spirit Song"

– Composer: J. Wimber

FAMILY TALK

SERMON

*** AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

THE OFFERTORY

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

ALL RESPOND "Ubi Caritas" (Where there is charity, there is love) – Taizé

OFFERTORY

THE PEACE

* **HYMN** "I Know Whom I Have Believed"

– Music: J McGranahan; Words: D W Whittle

* **COMMISSION AND BLESSING**

Concerns of the Church

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

- In the first six months of his presidency, Brazil's Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva has kept to his word, and deforestation has dropped by 33.6% in the Amazon rainforest. The president has pledged to end deforestation by 2030. Let us pray he can continue on this challenging road that will benefit the world and all creation.
- Four East African states, led by Kenya, are pushing to deploy a regional force to protect the civilians in Sudan caught in the middle of a warzone. This force's main task is to ensure that humanitarian aid reaches the millions struggling to survive daily. As these talks continue, more and more die without the necessities of food, water and medicine. May God have mercy and open these channels to end this conflict.
- Flooding in many parts of India has brought chaos as the waters of the Yamuna River continue to rise. Roads in Delhi are washed away as the river water level has breached its highest level in more than 45 years. May the hand of God protect those who are most affected.
- In Hong Kong, the Ombudsman urged the Housing Department to reconsider the use of public housing flats for senior citizens after reports have shown the vacancy level to be far higher than the target set by the Department. These flats introduced in the 80s are outdated and unpopular among older people, as the design of these units requires sharing kitchen and bathroom facilities. With so many in Hong Kong needing living space, we pray that units can be converted into places people wish to live.
- As many young people receive their end-of-year grades and national exam results, we pray God be with each one, those who have been successful and those who perhaps did not do as well as they hoped they would.

For the Ecumenical Prayer Cycle

We lift up in prayer the churches and people of all faiths in Djibouti and Somalia.

We are **thankful** for:

- the beauty of Creation and resources from lands and sea
- the stable governance and economic development that Djibouti has experienced in recent years
- the many ways churches and humanitarian organisations have prayed for and responded to the needs in Somalia.

We **pray** for:

- protection of natural resources and coastal land
- an end to hunger, violence, crime and conflict in Somalia
- effective reconciliation and peace-building
- stable governments that further the common good for all the people
- those who have fled this area that they may be welcomed in new homelands.

For the Congregation

- We pray for the mothers of Alex Melwani and Sunita Suna and the father-in-law of Ms. Candy. For 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.

Announcements

Today a warm welcome to all who join our worship in church and through Facebook live streaming. A special welcome to Rev. Dr. John Snelgrove; thank you, Pastor John, for sharing the Word and yourself with us this day. Please join us for coffee and tea in the Lower Fellowship Hall after worship.

Welcome Katie Ho

We are glad to receive Katie as our new Social Ministry Worker to serve in the Peacemaking Ministry. Katie was our former intern, a China Graduate School of Theology graduate. Pray that Katie will work with strength and joy in serving the Church in general and the refugee community in particular.

This Week's Programs in Church

Sunday - Sunday Board Games at 1:30 pm in the Lower Fellowship Hall
Tuesday - Peace Making Fellowship will meet at 10 am in Number 2 Jordan Road
Thursday - NFG Choir at 4:30 pm in KUC

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.



Unique Appeal – The Education Fund

The Peace Making Ministry is appealing for your support in prayers and donation of funds for children within the community. This year, our target is to raise \$40,000. The money raised will be used to buy school books, uniforms, and shoes and covers non-refundable school fees for our children. No matter how large or small your donation, it will make a difference in a child’s life. Please see the insert for more details on how you can donate to this appeal. Thank you, and God bless.

Date for your Diary

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 16 July	NEXT WEEK 23 July
Liturgist:	Maggie Mathieson	Maggie Mathieson
Preacher:	John Snelgrove	Phyllis Wong
Pianist:	Katie Ho	Joshua Pang
Lector:	Amber Tong	Jensen Wong
Intercessory Prayers:	Journaliz Badon	Paul Lucas
Family Talk:	Tong Chong Sze	Maggie Mathieson
Greeter:	Jensen Wong Tory Caplan	Peter Youngblood Journaliz Badon
Offering Rota:	Anjette Bolanos Ching So	Daddy Kulwinder Kaur
Counting Rota	Ramon Bultron Rey Asis	Ramon Bultron Sunita Suna
Sunday School Leaders:	Tong Chong Sze	Tong Chong Sze
I.T. Team:	Bervinder Kaur	Jen Pang Bervinder Kaur

Freewill offering last week: HK\$3499.60-
Promissory offering last week: HK\$100 -