

Kowloon Union Church
“Where all are one”
4 Jordan Road, Kowloon
Tel. 2367-2585 • kuc@kuc.hk • www.kuc.hk
Secretary: Heddy Ha
Ministry Worker: Timothy Chan
Minister: Maggie Mathieson
Minister-in-charge: Phyllis Wong



“Where all are one”

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost 18 October 2020 at 10:30 a.m.

(* : Congregation Stands)

APPROACH

SONG OF PREPARATION “Bless The Lord” – Music: Taizé Community

CALL TO WORSHIP

* **HYMN** “Be Still For The Presence of the Lord” – Composer: David Evans

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ALL RESPOND “Kyrie Eleison” (Lord Have Mercy)

– Tune: Traditional Ukrainian

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

THE WORD OF GOD

Lord, open our lips.

And our mouths shall show forth Your praise.

***HYMN** “Shout To The Lord” – Composer: Darlene Zschech

SCRIPTURE READING

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

A light to our path.

Psalm 96:1-13 (O.T.)

Matthew 22:15-22 (N.T.)

Lord, may Your Word live in us.

And bear much fruit for Your glory.

***HYMN** “Knowing You Jesus” – Composer: Graham Kendrick

FAMILY TALK

SERMON “Christian Freedom and the National Security Law”

* **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

*** SIGN OF PEACE**

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

*** COMMISSION and BLESSING**

*** **

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.”

(Matthew 5:3)

For the World and Hong Kong

- For human rights & democracy: 1) there have been massive pro-democracy protests in Thailand. On Thursday, the government had attempted to curtail the student-led protest movement by issuing an emergency decree banning gatherings of more than five people and arresting about 20 activists. 2) Protesters have been rallying across Nigeria to demand police reform and hold police accountable for their brutal acts. We pray that the voice of the people is heard and people’s human rights on freedom of assembly and expression would be respected and upheld.
- Remember the activists who have been arrested and put in jail. May God’s justice prevail and God’s mercy be with the righteous.
- The number of cases of Covid-19 has increased rapidly in UK and France. A stricter control of measures to prevent the spread of coronavirus and to protect the people have been implemented. We remember people working in high-risk settings and those who have less resources to cope with the crisis. Pray for the scientists who have been working on developing the vaccines to prevent the spread of Covid-19 virus and save lives.
- We remember and pray for people who have lost their jobs and families that suffer from big drop of income that is adversely affecting their livelihood because of the Covid-19 pandemic. Pray that appropriate social policies and welfare systems are introduced and working well to address the needs of the poor and the vulnerable.
- Singapore and Hong Kong have agreed in principle to form a travel bubble exempting residents of both cities from any form of quarantine. May the government keep the public informed of its impact to the city in the midst of the global Covid-19 pandemic crisis. May human lives be taken as priority in enacting any social and economic policies.
- Carrie Lam, the Chief Executive, announced that the Policy Address will be postponed this year, which was quite an unusual move. May God bless Hong Kong and its people with hope and peace in the midst of uncertainty and suppression against the civil society that limit people’s human rights.

For the Ecumenical Prayer Cycle

- We lift up in prayer today the churches and people of all faiths of The Caribbean: Antigua and Barbuda, Aruba, Bahamas, Barbados, Cuba, Curaçao, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Grenada, Guyana, Haiti, Jamaica, Puerto Rico, Sint Maarten, St Kitts-Nevis, St Lucia, St Vincent and the Grenadines, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago. We are **thankful** for the natural beauty, climate, and distinctive cultural practices of these islands; how churches have responded to disasters and served all in need; how liberation from colonialism and oppression has been pursued through music, words and actions; the leaders of the ecumenical movement who have come from this region. **We pray for** those devastated by disasters, that their lives, communities and eco-systems might be rebuilt; all those affected by crime and addictions; and good governance and smooth transitions between political leaders.

For the Congregation

- Remember members and friends who are working in medical settings and taking care of households with senior and sick family members.
- Pray for the ministers and church leaders as they are planning for the church ministries and preparing the budget for 2021. May God guide them with clear vision and wisdom by the love and power of the Holy Spirit.
- Pray for our children for their health and learning after resuming school. May God bless them to learn with enthusiasm and curiosity and may they grow in knowledge and maturity.
- Pray for healing for: Lucy, Paul Wong, Drew (Tory's brother in law), and Sai Fung (Phyllis's sister) Wasanthi (Mercy's sister), Connie's grandmother and Oscar Marquez (Thelma's brother).
- Bruce will travel to the United States next week, visiting his mother and family. He will stay there for a few months. We pray for his safe journey and a blessed time with his mother.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today

Welcome all who are physically present in church and all who join the Sunday Worship through Facebook live streaming today. We have resumed church service with a limit of 50% capacity according to the rule issued by the government for three weeks. We suggest friends to arrive before 10:30 am to ensure a seat and prepare our heart to be with God. We advise everyone to observe the precaution measures in church to ensure public health safety.

A Note Of Thank

A note of thanks is extended to Dr. Kung Lap Yan for his message today. Dr. Kung is a professor at the Divinity School of Chung Chi College, CUHK, and Council Chair of One Body In Christ Church.

Gentle Reminders

With consideration of the current public health crisis on the spread of coronavirus in the community, the church has taken special arrangement to ensure public hygiene and safety within the church community.

- Temperature check for everyone who joins the Sunday Worship
- Wash your hands before entering into the sanctuary for worship.
- Hand sanitizer is provided for cleaning hands.
- No tea and coffee fellowship after the Worship until further notice
- If you are suffering from respiratory symptoms such as coughing and fever, please remain at home and seek medical treatment if symptoms persist.

KUC's Third National Security Law Forum Next Sunday

The church's third forum on the recently enacted National Security Law will be held after the worship service next Sunday on Oct. 25. The first two forums shared the perspectives of resource people about the law. This forum will involve the participation of the congregation to discuss our thoughts and feelings after the passage of the law and how as a community of faith to respond. The forum is organized by the Mission, Outreach and Ecumenism Committee (MOE). At 1:30 – 3:30pm @ Upper Fellowship Hall.

Bible Study will now be on Fridays at 10:30 am

The Bible study is conducted online due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Please be in touch with Pastor Maggie if you would like to join.

Extra-ordinary General Meeting (EGM)

The EGM will take place on Sunday 15 November after worship. The purpose is to present and pass the budget for 2021.

Donation/Offering to the Church

If you wish to make a donation/offering to the special appeal for Covid-19 Emergency Fund and to the church for our ministries, you may go to the link www.kuc.hk/giving for details.

	TODAY
Liturgist:	Phyllis Wong
Preacher:	Kung Lap Yan
Pianist:	Jessica Tso
Lector:	Harry Chan
Intercessory Prayers:	Muriel Orevillo Montenegro
Family Talk:	Maggie Mathieson
Sunday School:	Jaylin Tomitis, Peter Zia
Greeter/ Offering:	Norma Diaz, Kevin Ng
I.T. Team:	Lo Yuk Fai, Timothy Chan, Bervinder Kaur

Last Sunday's offering: HK\$2,289-
Promissory offering last week: HK\$4,300-
COVID-19: HK\$1,000-