

Kowloon Union Church

“Where all are one”

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Sixth Sunday After Easter

5 May 2024

Morning Worship at 10:30 a.m.

Holy Communion Service

(*: Congregation stands)

APPROACH

PREPARATION SONG “Bless the Lord my Soul”

– Composer: Taizé

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

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

– Music: Beethoven Words: H. V. Dyke

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ALL RESPOND “Kyrie Eleison”

– Traditional Russian Orthodox Church

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

THE WORD OF GOD

Lord, open our lips.

And our mouths shall show forth Your praise.

KUC SINGERS “In the Sweet By and By”

– Composers: Bennett/Webster

SCRIPTURE READING

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

A light to our path.

Psalm 16 (O.T.)

1 Peter 1:3-12 (N.T.)

Lord, may Your Word live in us.

And bear much fruit for Your glory.

FAMILY TALK

SERMON

*** AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – THE APOSTLES' CREED**

THE OFFERTORY

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

ALL RESPOND “Ubi Caritas”

– Composer: Taizé Community

OFFERTORY

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE PEACE

HYMN “For Everyone Born”

– Music: B. Mann Words: S. Murray

INVITATION

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

SANCTUS

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PRAYER FOR THE HOLY SPIRIT

THE LORD'S PRAYER

DISTRIBUTION

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

* **HYMN** “ I Know Whom I Have Believed”

– Composer: J McGranahan

* **COMMISSION and BLESSING**

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

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

Please remember as you pray. . .

- Tens of thousands of people rallied in Colombia's major cities to support President Gustavo Petro's proposed reforms aimed at addressing inequality. The reforms, however, have faced resistance in Congress. Protesters and supporters demonstrated their opinions on the reforms, with some emphasizing the need to combat corruption and provide benefits for working people. Let us pray for the people of Columbia; may the nation's leaders, policymakers, and citizens work together to create a just and prosperous society for all.
- The Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) is home to most of the world's cobalt reserves, a critical component of modern technology. However, the increasing demand for cobalt has led to the expansion of industrial-scale mines in the country, resulting in forced evictions, human rights abuses, and environmental devastation. Cobalt mining in the DRC has caused toxic dumping, landscape destruction, water pollution, and crop contamination. While green energy aims to combat climate change, let us be mindful there is a dark side of green energy and pray that the world works towards genuine sustainable and ethical practices for all.
- A tragic incident occurred in China's Guangdong province on Wednesday when a section of a mountainside highway collapsed following heavy rain, resulting in multiple deaths and injuries. The collapse occurred on the Meilong expressway. The cause of the incident has yet to be determined. Approximately 20 vehicles fell into the collapsed section of the road. Guangdong province had recently experienced flash floods, causing casualties and displacement of residents. Let us pray for the victims and their grieving families; may they find strength, comfort, and support during this tragic time.
- Amid the pandemic, Kathy Zhuo and others in China have turned to online "saving partners" to share money-saving tips and support one another. Facing financial challenges due to a pay cut and caring for her mother with cancer, Zhuo joined online saving groups where members log budgets, curb impulse purchases, and encourage frugal choices. This trend reflects a lack of confidence in the future economy and is driven by concerns over deepening property crises and job losses. The camaraderie and shared experiences among saving partners have helped

individuals reduce spending and adopt minimalist lifestyles. Let us give thanks for the resilience and creativity of people as they find ways to support one another during difficult times.

- Hong Kong's long-awaited waste charging scheme, aimed at reducing the city's mounting waste problem, is set to begin in August 2024. Under the scheme, residents will be charged according to the amount of waste they generate. The government hopes this will encourage recycling and waste reduction. However, there are concerns about the scheme's effectiveness and potential impact on low-income households. Let us pray for the Hong Kong Government to persist in reducing waste while actively listening to public feedback and ensuring better support and implementation of the waste charging scheme to benefit the environment and the community.

For the Ecumenical Prayer Cycle

We lift up in prayer the churches and people of all faiths in India, Pakistan, and Sri Lanka.

We are **thankful** for:

- the diversity of peoples in these countries: their cultures, values and spirituality
- for the resilience of minority religious groups and those on the margins of society, such as indigenous communities, Dalits, women, youth, the disabled and sexual minorities, amid discrimination and persecution
- for the contributions of Christians and Christian churches in these countries to education and health services and for their innovative attempts in contextualizing their worship, theology and institutional life
- efforts to forge inter-religious solidarity for the sake of the common good.

We **pray** for:

- those who struggle to overcome grinding poverty
- Christians and others who selflessly work in the community, their efforts at ensuring the rights of all citizens, and their collaborative work
- efforts to build understanding and harmony among peoples across religious, caste and ethnic identities
- peoples' movements struggling for the rights of women, Dalits, Indigenous peoples, and the integrity of the earth
- leaders to prioritize the wellbeing of the people and the earth itself amid demands for economic growth.

For the Congregation

- Pray for Paul Wong, Kevin Ng, Jeanette Lee, Hend, Ng Kam Lee, Raymond Lau, Joy Babasa, Julianne Long, Revd. Kwok, Ajmal Samuel, and Jen Pang who are facing health challenges that require body strength restoration.
- We continue to remember our senior members and friends: Mrs. Samuel and the mothers of Alex Melwani and June Tang. May God heal the sick and give strength to those caring for loved ones at home and in care facilities.

Announcements

Today – A warm welcome to all who join our worship this morning. Please stay and join us for a time of fellowship after the service.

‘Discipleship: Then and Now’ - From 12 noon to 2 pm

Join us in our fourth session of the series when we think more about the stories of ‘The Skeptics’, those questioning disciples.

Venue: Lower Fellowship Hall - Scan the QR code to reserve your place at lunch.



Every Sunday Morning

Contemplative Prayer – organised by the Christian Education Committee

When: Sunday from 9:00 to 9:30 am

Where: Upper Fellowship Hall

Dates For Your Diaries:

Sunday, 12 May – EGM at 1 pm and AGM at 2:30 after worship

Friday, 24 May – KUC Centenary Fundraiser

Charitable Fundraising Movie Screening – "All Shall Be Well" by Ray Yeung

Winner of the Teddy Award for Best Feature @ The Berlin Film Festival

Venue: CineArt House, 1/F Kowloon City Plaza (MTR Sung Wong Toi)

Time: 19:15/ 19:40 (post-screening talk with Director)

One complimentary ticket with every donation of HK\$200 or above (while stock lasts); \$500 (VIP). Please help circulate our appeal in your networks besides donating!



Saturday, 1 June: Community Acts of Service

Join us as we volunteer at the warehouse of ‘Humanity Seekers,’ a project run by Justice Centre, Hong Kong. Come and help select and sort through the donations others give to help our community's most needy. See the notice board for more details. **Meeting Point: Kowloon Union Church at 9:30 am**



	TODAY 5 May	Sunday 12 May
Liturgist:	Phyllis Wong	Maggie Mathieson
Preacher:	Maggie Mathieson	Judy Chan
Pianist:	Lucy Lim	Katie Ho
Lector:	Harry Chan	Horace Ma
Intercessory Prayers:	Emmanuel Adesina	Ramon Bultron
Family Talk:	Tong Chong Sze	Maggie Mathieson
Greeter:	Paul Wong, Susan Babasa	Edna Lai, Jacob
Offering Rota:	Kevin Ng, Edith San Juan	Thapa Samjhana, Ching So
Counting Rota	Jennifer Chan, Ramon Bultron	Ramon Bultron, Paul Wong
Sunday School Leaders:	Mary Adesina, Jailyn Tomitis Estella Yeung	Mary Adesina, Estella Yeung Gabi Baumgartner
I.T. Team:	Bervinder Kaur, Venus Cheung Ronald Chui	Bervinder Kaur, Amber Tong Ronald Chui

Freewill offering last week: HK4616.70-
Promissory offering last week: HK\$16,200-