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Seventh Sunday After Easter
12 May 2024
Morning Worship at 10:30 a.m.

(*: Congregation stands)

APPROACH

PREPARATION SONG "As the Deer" – Composer : M. J. Nystrom

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

*** HYMN** "The Church's One Foundation" – Music: S. J. Stone Lyrics: S.S. Wesley

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ALL RESPOND "Change Our Heart O God" – Composer: E. Espinoza

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

THE WORD OF GOD

Lord, open our lips.

And our mouths shall show forth Your praise.

*** HYMN** "He is Exalted"

– Composer: T. Paris

SCRIPTURE READING

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

A light to our path.

Psalm 1 (O.T.)

Acts 1: 12 - 17, 21 - 26 (N.T.)

Lord, may Your Word live in us.

And bear much fruit for Your glory.

*** HYMN** "We are One in the Spirit"

– Composer : P Scholtes

FAMILY TALK

SERMON "One Church, One Faith, One Lord"

*** AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

THE OFFERTORY

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERTORY

THE PEACE

* **HYMN** “Christ Be Our Light”

– Composer: B Farrell

* **COMMISSION and BLESSING**

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

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

Please remember as you pray. . .

- Adverse weather conditions have affected many places worldwide, claiming multiple lives and livelihoods. Severe flooding has occurred in Brazil, Kenya, and China, and extreme heat is affecting the Philippines and India, to name but a few. May the Lord comfort those who have lost loved ones and all that they have. And strengthen those whose task is to rebuild and replant.
- Let us remember the many lands and people living under the shadow of War and violence and pray for lasting peace for all people.
- Ghana’s Supreme Court has begun hearing a challenge to the anti-LGBTQ+ bill passed by parliament in February. The bill prescribes a three-year jail term for people who identify as gay and five to ten years for LGBT advocates. Several challenges have been made to the bill, all of which will be heard before the Supreme Court. President Akufo Addo has said he will await the court's verdict before deciding whether to sign the bill into law. May this be a time for the Ghanaian people to listen to the voices of the LGBTQ+ community so that there may be a greater understanding that all will be able to live in harmony.
- Thousands of Palestinians are forced to be on the move once again, this time from Rafah, in the southern areas of Gaza. Many fled to the area, believing it to be a place of safety from the hostilities of the last 7 months. Despite some border crossings opening, no humanitarian aid has passed into the territory. Hospitals still standing may soon need to close due to a lack of fuel, medical supplies, and necessities. Let us remember these people in our prayers as they struggle once again to find a place of safety. May God protect the most vulnerable and enable the desperately needed aid to reach the people.
- Here in Hong Kong, the government will be able to proceed with making a protest song illegal under national security laws. The high court rejected the government's request last year but overruled that decision this week. The song was created during the 2019 Protest movement and is already banned in local schools and other public places. This is yet another senseless attack on our freedom of expression and violates the International Human Rights Law. This song was a song of hope and encouragement for the people of Hong Kong. Let us pray that its message will continue to be sung in our hearts.

For the Ecumenical Prayer Cycle

We lift up in prayer the churches and people of all faiths in Bangladesh, Bhutan, and Nepal.

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 to contextualise 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 prioritise the well-being 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.
- Let us remember our EGM and AGM in our prayers today that the Holy Spirit will be with us in our deliberations and decision-making.

Announcements

Today—A warm welcome to all who join our worship this morning. Thank you to Revd Judy Chan for sharing the Word of God with us this morning. Happy Mother's Day to all who mother us! Please stay and join us for a time of fellowship after the service.

EGM and AGM 2024

Following Worship today, we will have our EGM and our AGM. The EGM is scheduled to begin at 1pm, and the AGM will start after the business of the EGM is complete.

Every Sunday Morning

Contemplative Prayer – organised by the Christian Education Committee

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

Where: Upper Fellowship Hall

Friday Morning Bible Study

Join us in our Online Bible Study every Friday Morning. For more details, please speak to Pastor Maggie.

Dates For Your Diaries:

The Peacemaking Team invite you to join in a visit to Doulos Hope.

Date: Thursday, 16 May

Gathering time : 4:30 pm Gathering Place: KUC

Please scan the QR code to register. Registration will close May 14.



Friday, 24 May - Migrant Worker Lives Matter Symposium

Venue: The Hong Kong Polytechnic University, Room N002

Time: 2:00 – 6:15 pm

This half-day symposium focuses on the structural issues facing migrant domestic workers in Hong Kong. Through short talks by academics, policy makers and people from migrant worker NGOs, we will discuss how Hong Kong can become a more inclusive society for all. The event is free of charge, and all are welcome! Scan the code to register and see the notice board for more information.



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 12 May	Sunday 19 May
Liturgist:	Maggie Mathieson	Maggie Mathieson
Preacher:	Judy Chan	Phyllis Wong
Pianist:	Katie Ho	Ray Ma
Lector:	Horace Ma	Tong Chong Sze
Intercessory Prayers:	Ramon Bultron	Paul Lucas
Family Talk:	Maggie Mathieson	No Family Talk
Greeter:	Edna Lai, Jacob	Anjenette Bolanos, Estella Yeung
Offering Rota:	Thapa Samjhana, Susan Babasa	Mercy Matilda Emmanuel Adesina
Counting Rota	Ramon Bultron, Paul Wong	Robert Lam, Hope Antone
Sunday School Leaders:	Mary Adesina, Estella Yeung Gabi Baumgartner	Jailyn Tomitis, Tong Chong Sze, Gabi Baumgartner
I.T. Team:	Bervinder Kaur, Amber Tong Ronald Chui	Bervinder Kaur, Venus Cheng

Freewill offering last week: HK3324.30-
Promissory offering last week: HK\$8,700-