Kowloon Union Church "Where all are one"

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Minister: Maggie Mathieson

Minister-in-charge: Phyllis Wong

Epiphany 1 9 January 2022 Morning Worship at 10:30 a.m.

(\*: Congregation stands)



**PREPARATION MUSIC** "Be Still and Know I am God" – Anon

\* CALL TO WORSHIP

#### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND CONFESSION

\* **HYMN** "Be Not Afraid" – Composer: Bob Dufford

#### SCRIPTURE READING

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

A light to our path.

Isaiah 43:1–7 (O.T)

Luke 3:15–17, 21-22 (N.T)

Lord, may Your Word live in us.

And bear much fruit for Your glory.

**SERMON** "Be Water"

**MUSIC** "Come To The Water" – Composer: John Foley

\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH** 

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

LORD'S PRAYER

MUSIC "O Lord Hear Our Prayer" - Composer: Taize

\* COMMISSION and BLESSING

THE PEACE

#### **RECESSIONAL** "Peace, Peace Wonderful Peace"

- Music: WG Cooper; Lyrics WD Cornell

### **CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH**

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

### Please remember as you pray...

- For those throughout the world in the developed and the developing world as Covid numbers increase daily. This brings not only lives to an end but industry and economy too. Help us Lord do what we can to prevent the further spread of this virus.
- For those in lockdown facing days without food and medical help when needed. Pray that adequate food supplies can be brought into the homes of those most vulnerable.
- Another case of cyberbullying has forced a young girl in Egypt to take her own life. May we find better ways to protect our young people from such abuse of the internet.
- Once again the cries and needs of the people are quelled by force and violence as protestors in Kazakhstan were pursued and gunned down by a Moscow-led military force. It is thought dozens of people were killed in the 'operation'. May God receive those who have died and shelter those left behind.
- As temperatures continue to drop in our city pray for those who do not have adequate shelter or means to keep warm, those on the streets, those struggling to pay household bills, many looking for work.

# For the Congregation

- We pray for Som, the mother of Sameth in Cambodia, Asha Melwani the mother of Alex, and Mrs Samuel, Jenny Alegre, Hend, Jeanette and Doris Lee, Rachel Perry, Ng Kam Lee, Raymond Lau, Chung Yoke Chin, Ramon Bultron, Bhim Maya Pun, Kathy Chan and Louis Lo. We remember those who are providing care for loved ones at home and in care facilities.
- We pray for members and friends who have travelled overseas for the holidays with all the new measures in place. May the Lord bring them back to Hong Kong safely and within their schedule.

# For the Ecumenical Prayer Cycle

We lift up in prayer the churches and people of all faiths in Iran, Iraq, Syria.

#### We are thankful for:

- the resilience of the people who remain in their homelands even when they face constant threats and ongoing violence
- the relief and assistance that has been provided to so many
- those who have made a new home for refugees fleeing from these countries
- those who have worked continually for peace, justice and reconciliation.

### We **pray** for:

- an end to the violence racking these battlefields of global powers
- political leaders emerging in these countries who will pursue peace, the common good, and human rights of all groups
- the international community to pursue policies that will result in acceptable, just peace for all involved
- greater openness to welcoming those displaced or fleeing from these lands, desperately seeking safety and wellbeing.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### Welcome!

Welcome to all who join our Sunday Worship through Facebook live streaming today. It is good to have you together with us in this time of worship.

## Weekly Programs in Church.

All face to face activities are suspended for the next two weeks in Church.

# Flowers in Worship

You are welcome to make donation for the flowers for the worship services. The minimum amount for each week is \$100. Donations may be given to Pastor Maggie Mathieson.

# **Become a Member of Kowloon Union Church**

New members can be received by transfer, bond of union, restatement of faith, or baptism. Interested in talking about this further? Have a word with our ministers Phyllis Wong or Maggie Mathieson.

## **DATES FOR THE DIARY**

### **Appeal for the Survivors of Typhoon Odette (Rai)**

A day after Christmas, super typhoon Odette (Rai) left many casualties on the lives and livelihood of many Filipinos living in Visayas and Mindanao. An appeal has been launched for help and assistance for the people in this area. Help can be given in kind, medicines, canned food, milk, diapers, and other necessities that will be packed and sent directly to the neediest areas or given in cash.

Please feel free to send your donation to the Church and we will be happy to pass it on to MFMW.

## For cash and cheque donations, please send to:

Please indicate on the transaction – For Typhoon Odette

A/C Name: MFMW LIMITED

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Bank: HSBC

## **KUC Small Grants for 2022**

The Mission, Outreach and Ecumenism Committee, or MOE, invites the congregation to recommend or suggest organizations that the KUC can support this year through Small Grants. Please pass the details of your suggested organisation (name, website or social media link, email) to any of MOE Committee members or church pastors. The deadline for receiving proposals is 28 February 2022.

## **English Unity Service for Week of Prayer for Christian Unity**

Date: 18 January 2022 (Tuesday); Time: 8:00 p.m.

Venue: Methodist International Church; Wesleyan House, 271 Queen's

Road E, Wan Chai

Theme: "We saw the star in the East, and we came to worship Him." (Mt. 2:2)

Methodist International Church has announced that they will have no face to face activities in the church for the next two weeks. The proposed worship service, scheduled for 18 January will be affected by this decision. The worship service will be conducted through Facebook Live Streaming, this may change in the coming days.

	TODAY	NEXT WEEK
		16 January
Liturgist:	Maggie Mathieson	Maggie Mathieson
Preacher:	Phyllis Wong	Joy Prim
Pianist:	Eric Sin	Cheryl Hui
Lector:	Kurt Law	Guy Syrett
Intercessory Prayers:	Amber Tong	Tong Chong Sze
I.T. Team:	Bervinder Kaur	Lo Yuk Fai
	Modeste	Monkey

Last Sunday's offering: HK\$3,608-Promissory offering last week: HK\$11,560-