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## **Sixth Sunday after Epiphany** **14 February 2021 at 10:30 a.m.**

(\*: Congregation Stands)

### **APPROACH**

**SONG OF PREPARATION** "Holy Spirit Come" – Composer: Ka Chan  
**CALL TO WORSHIP**

\* **HYMN** "Be Still for the Presence of the Lord"  
– Composers: D J Evans / Noel & Tricia Richards

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**ALL RESPOND** "Kyrie Eleison" – Music: Russian Orthodox

**ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

### **THE WORD OF GOD**

Lord, open our lips.

**And our mouths shall show forth Your praise.**

\* **HYMN** "Here I Am to Worship" – Composer: Tim Hughes

**SCRIPTURE READING**

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

**A light to our path.**

2 Kings 2:1-12 (O.T.)

Mark 9:2-9 (N.T.)

Lord, may Your word live in us.

**And bear much fruit for Your glory.**

\* **HYMN** "Shine Jesus Shine" – Music: Graham Kendrick

**SERMON** "Transcendent Experience"

\* **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

### **THE OFFERTORY**

**CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**ALL RESPOND** "Ubi Caritas" – Music: Fr. Roger, Taize

**OFFERTORY**

\* **SIGN OF PEACE**

\* **HYMN** “God In Your Grace” – Music: Per Harling; Words :Shirley Erena Murray

\* **COMMISSION and BLESSING**

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## **CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH**

### **For the World and Hong Kong**

- The fourth wave of the pandemic has recently begun to subside in Hong Kong, and the government has said that measures to combat the spread of the coronavirus may be relaxed after Chinese New Year. However, in the past week, Pastor Phyllis and her elder sister staying with her were placed in quarantine for 14 days after being exposed to her brother-in-law who tested positive. We pray that Phyllis’s brother-in-law will recover soon and be released from the hospital and that the quarantine of Phyllis and her sister will go smoothly and that they will continue to receive negative test results. We give thanks for the thousands of healthcare workers caring for COVID patients in our community and for others treating them around the world and ask for protection for them against this very infectious disease that has caused so much anxiety and suffering in the world.
- Mya Thwe Thwe Khaing, a 19-year-old woman, was fatally shot in the head during demonstrations against the military coup in Burma. Since 1 Feb coup, hundreds of thousands of people have protested on the country’s streets, and healthcare workers have gone on strike except for emergency services. Meanwhile, the U.S. government has implemented sanctions against the military regime, and other governments and the United Nations are considering similar responses. We pray that the actions of the people and the international community will be successful in pressuring the military to relinquish the power they have seized and that the people of Burma will enjoy the freedoms and democratic political system that they deserve.
- On Tuesday, the U.S. Senate began impeachment hearings for the second time against former president Donald Trump. He is charged by the House of Representatives with “incitement of insurrection” for the attack on the U.S. Capitol on 6 Jan by Trump supporters. May the proceedings produce a just outcome for the nation and its people.
- More than 30 people have died and more than 160 people have been reported missing several days after a disaster on 7 Feb in the northern Indian state of Uttarakhand. It is believed that the deluge of water and debris was caused by a receding glacier that resulted in a landslide and/or avalanches down a near-vertical mountain slope of two kilometres. Some scientists contend that climate change may be responsible for the receding glacier and fear that more disasters of this nature will occur in the future as glaciers in the

Himalayas are predicted to melt and recede. We lift up prayers for those killed in this disaster and ask for comfort for those mourning the loss of their family members and that those missing will be found alive. We also pray that climate change will be taken seriously by the world's leaders and people to mitigate its destructive effects.

### **For the Ecumenical Prayer Cycle**

- We lift up in prayer today the churches and people of all faiths in Austria, Liechtenstein, Switzerland.
- We are thankful for the quality of life that many in these countries enjoy and their commitment to providing for those in the world who are in need; the organizations located here that seek to increase ecumenical and interfaith understanding and work together for the common good of all people and creation; political and economic transparency in these countries; those who reach out to migrants and counter attitudes and practices that oppose them.
- We pray for environmental practices that preserve the natural environment, especially the Alps' melting glaciers; the work for justice, reconciliation and peace pursued by the people and organizations here, seeking to shape globalization so that it benefits all; religious freedom, also for those from non-Christian traditions; overcoming the fear of, and welcoming the embrace of, those who are outsiders to the countries' historic, ethnic traditions.

### **For the Congregation**

- Pray for sisters and brothers who are facing health challenges recently. May God heal and keep their body and faith strong when they are feeling weak. We give thanks to God for Victoria's good recovery after her surgery and remember her sister Karen as she too faces some medical challenges. We keep praying for Jenny's rehabilitation and for her two daughters who are worried about her condition.
- We uphold our senior members in our hearts: Mrs Samuel, Peter Chan and Judy Yui, Mrs Chang. May God's peace be with them. Remember our children who are facing challenges in learning online. Chinese has been a challenging subject for many non-Chinese speaking children. Please pray for them and seek God's wisdom to inspire us on how we should support them in this unusual time.
- Pray for Carl as he has started his internship in KUC in January. May the Lord guide him and open ways for him to learn and equip to be God's faithful servant. Pray for the Young Adult Group as they meet with renewed energy and some new plans ahead.
- Pray for our pastors and church leaders in their service to God through KUC. May the Holy Spirit unite them as one in Christ to serve with love and wisdom. In the new year, we pray for spiritual growth for all members and

the whole congregation. May the community of KUC continue to witness for Christ to bring light, hope, and love to the world of darkness. We pray for a stronger and unified community in KUC. We pray that more members and friends are willing to participate in the various ministries of the church and that together we serve God with joy.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Welcome

Welcome to all who join the Sunday worship through Facebook live streaming today. Please stay safe and healthy. Be in touch with our pastors and church leaders if you need prayers and any support from us. We pray that we will meet again soon by God's grace.

### KUC Mission Support for 2021

The MOE is seeking suggestions from the congregation regarding organizations that the church should support this year with its mission funds. Please pass any suggestions that you have to members of the MOE Committee or the church pastors. The deadline for receiving proposals is 28 Feb.

### Donation or Offering to the Church

If you wish to make a donation or offering to the church and support our mission partners and ministries, you may visit the church website <https://kuc.hk/giving>.

### Flowers in Worship

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

### 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 Pastor Phyllis Wong or Pastor Maggie Mathieson.

<b>TODAY</b>	
Liturgist:	Maggie Mathieson
Preacher:	Phyllis Wong
Pianist:	Eric Sin
Lector:	Thomas Luther Cleisthenes
Intercessory Prayers:	Lydia Cathedral, Peter Youngblood, Thomas Luther Cleisthenes
I.T. Team:	Lo Yuk Fai, Carl Cathedral