

Kowloon Union Church
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First Sunday after Easter
11 April 2021
Morning Worship at 10:30 a.m.

(* : Congregation stands)

APPROACH

PREPARATION SONG "My Peace" – Composer: Keith Routledge

* **CALL TO WORSHIP**

* **HYMN** "Thine Be the Glory"

– Music: G F Handel; Lyrics: Edmond Budry

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ALL RESPOND "God is Forgiveness"

– Music: Taize

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

THE WORD OF GOD

Lord, open our lips.

And our mouths shall show forth Your praise.

* **HYMN** "There is a Redeemer"

– Composer: Keith Green

SCRIPTURE READING

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

A light to our path.

Psalm 133

Acts 4: 32 -35

John 20:19-31

Lord, may Your Word live in us.

And bear much fruit for Your glory.

* **HYMN** "Go Tell Everyone"

– Composers: Alan Dale and Hubert Richards

FAMILY TALK

SERMON "Proclamation and Demonstration of the Gospel"

* **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

THE OFFERTORY

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER
ALL RESPOND “Ubi Caritas”
OFFERING

– Composer Br Roger, Taize

OFFERTORY PRAYER
SIGN OF PEACE

* **HYMN** “Community of Christ”

– Music: Hebrew Melody arr Meyer Leoni; Lyrics: Shirley Erena Murray

* **COMMISSION**

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CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

For the World and Hong Kong

- There were two special days this week. On Thursday, all traffic in Israel was stopped to remember the 6 million victims on the Holocaust Remembrance Day. The other (on Monday) was the International Day of Conscience, which is dedicated to promote a culture of Peace with Love and Conscience. The concept dates back to the constitution of the UNESCO some 50 years ago with the belief that sustainable peace must be founded upon the intellectual and moral solidarity of humankind, and requires comprehensive educational, cultural, social and civic action in which everyone has something to contribute for sharing. As international tension mounts in many parts of the world today, we pray that the international community acts in unison to reflect on our past failings and double up on our efforts to build this universal culture of peace for all.
- While the COVID pandemic is still affecting the whole world and in some countries seems to be getting worse despite the roll out of vaccines, we are heartened to hear of an uplifting news of a 104-year old Columbian women who managed to beat the coronavirus, not once, but twice! She first contracted the virus in June last year, and then contracted the virus a second time last month, spending 21 days in hospital. But against all odds, she made a full recovery and was discharged on Monday. We thank God for her healing and may more such stories give us hope and help uplift our spirit.
- A recent survey conducted by the Hong Kong Public Opinion Research Institute showed that public perception of Hong Kong media’s independence and credibility is now at a record low since records began in 1993, with 48% of those surveyed expressing dissatisfaction with the state of press freedom in the city while 41% described local news media as irresponsible in their reporting. We pray that the media agencies and the authorities work in earnest to help protect the Freedom of the Press which is a fundamental human right as well as a balancing platform to ensure that the multiplicity of voices be heard and that public bodies be held accountable.
- The weather last month in Hong Kong has been exceptional, warmer and drier than usual, with monthly mean temperature reaching 22 degrees Celsius, the highest on record for the month of March. This is a stark reminder for all of us of the peril of global warming. We pray that the authorities put environmental issues high on their agenda. We also pray that every one of us do our part in protecting our mother earth, less waste, recycle more, and be the good steward that the Lord had instructed us to be as told through Adam and Eve in the Book of Genesis.

For the Ecumenical Prayer Cycle

- We lift up in prayer today the churches and people of all faiths in Bulgaria, Hungary, Romania.
- **We are thankful for** the blending of Christian traditions and practices, from the West and East. **We pray for** the faithful witness of churches amid political changes; those working for more democratic governance in these countries; those who welcome newcomers.

For the Congregation

- Preparation class for baptism will start on 15 April and finish by 3 June. Please pray for those who have prepared to attend.
- Pray for members and friends and their family members who are sick and walking in the last stage of life due to aging. Remember Jeanette who will undergo surgery next week.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome!

Welcome all who join our Sunday Worship in person and through Facebook live streaming today. Thanks be to God for we are able to resume public worship service in church for the second week. Due to the 30% capacity restriction, we encourage friends to register before the worship to ensure for a seat. We reserve some seats for walk in. Please be on time as God is waiting for us to worship.

Next Sunday - Wai Ji Sunday 18April

Due to Covid-19 Pandemic, staff and service users of Wai Ji Christian Social Service will join the worship service online next Sunday. We will miss the service users physically present in church. But we still give thanks to God as we are able to worship virtually. Wai Ji was established in 1979 here in KUC to serve mentally challenged adults in HK. The annual Wai Ji Sunday is a celebration of God's grace to people of different abilities and a sign of KUC's continuous support to the organization.

Anti-harassment Workshop Next Sunday @2-4 pm | Lower Fellowship Hall

We will share about what is sexual harassment, theological reflection, myths and misunderstanding on sexual harassment, understanding of victims and appropriate way to support. Please contact Pastor Phyllis or Ching for further information. Registration ~ <https://kuc.hk/ash>.

Human Library: Sunday, 25 April @ 2pm | Fellowship Hall

Whenever and wherever human beings build, they build not just with purpose, but also meaning. There is spiritual significance in the geography, city planning, and architecture of a city like Hong Kong. Join us on Sunday, April 25 for a Human Library presentation introducing Dr. Peter Youngblood's project on the visible and invisible "sacred spaces" of Hong Kong. Registration ~ <https://kuc.hk/humanlibrary>

Weekly Bible Study (Online Meeting)

At 10:30 am on Friday. For more details please contact Pastor Maggie.

Congregation Day Retreat : Saturday, 1 May 2021 @ 10am - 4pm

"Abide in My Love and You Shall Bear Much Fruit" (John 15)

You are cordially invited to join the retreat to Tao Fung Shan.

Gathering time at 9:30 am in Tai Wai Train Station. Recommended donation: HK\$50 (include lunch). Registration ~ <https://kuc.hk/retreat>

Mid Week Guided Meditation

KUC will continue our practice of Lectio Divina which we began during the Lenten Season. The time of reflection will take place every first Wednesday of the month starting 5 May from 7:30pm to 8:30pm. Anyone is welcome to join! We'll have options to meet either in-person or online. Visit kuc.hk/lectio for more information and to register.

Annual General Meeting (AGM): Sunday, 16 May @ 1pm

At the AGM, a new treasurer and council members will be elected. May God prepare members to take up various leadership roles in the church. Please contact Pastor Maggie, Pastor Phyllis, or Council Chair Hope Antone, if you are considering, or wish to recommend someone from among our members, to serve the church through the Council or as Treasurer.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity English Service: Tuesday, 18 May @ 8pm

Venue: St Francis of Assisi Church (58 Shek Kip Mei Street, Kowloon)

Theme: "Abide in My Love and You Shall Bear Much Fruit" (Jn 15:5-9)

Speaker: Revd Will Newman, St John's Cathedral /St Stephen's Chapel

Registration: <https://forms.gle/kwyBxBEyL3hth2p58>

Liturgist:	Maggie Mathieson
Preacher:	Tony Chan
Pianist:	Lucy Lim
Family Talk:	Chan Beng Seng
Lector:	Judy Chan
Intercessory Prayers:	Amber Tong
Sunday School	Jaylin Tomitis
I.T. Team:	Carl Cathedral; Monkey

Last Sunday's offering: HK\$2,290- Promissory offering last week: HK\$7,500-
