

Kowloon Union Church

"Where all are one"

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Fourth Sunday of Easter

25 April 2021

Morning Worship at 10:30 a.m.

(* : Congregation stands)

APPROACH

PREPARATION SONG "Bless The Lord"

– Composer: Taize Community

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

*** HYMN "The Love of God"**

– Composer: Frederick M. Lehman

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ALL RESPOND "Kyrie Eleison"

– Music: Russian Orthodox

Church

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

THE WORD OF GOD

Lord, open our lips.

And our mouths shall show forth Your praise.

*** HYMN "The Power of Your Love"**

– Composer: Geoff Bullock

SCRIPTURE READING

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

A light to our path.

Psalm 23 (OT)

1 John 3:16-24 (NT)

John 10:11-18 (NT)

Lord, may Your Word live in us.

And bear much fruit for Your glory.

*** HYMN "A New Commandment"**

– Composer: Roy Crabtree; Music: Andy Silver

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

SERMON "Love Boldly"

*** AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

THE OFFERTORY

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

ALL RESPOND "Ubi Caritas "

– Composer: Taize Community

OFFERING

OFFERTORY PRAYER

SIGN OF PEACE

*** HYMN "All Are Welcome"**

– Composer: Marty Haugen

*** COMMISSION**

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CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

For the World and Hong Kong

- The Tokyo Olympics mascots were unveiled recently to mark the 100 days-to-go milestone amid mounting public opposition to the Games taking place this summer. According to the latest polls, 70% of Japanese don't want the games to go ahead, as many people will not be vaccinated in time for the scheduled start in July. It is not without a touch of irony that an event designed to celebrate human physical triumphs is marred by public concerns for their health. We pray to the Lord that we remember our limitation and retain our humility, knowing that so many of the world's problems are caused by our own arrogance.
- WHO designated this week as the World Immunization Week 2021 (24-30 April), its theme is 'Vaccines bring us closer'. We pray that this international week will help show how vaccination connects us to the people, goals and moments that matter to us most, helping improve the health of everyone, everywhere throughout life.
- Tomorrow (26 April) is the 35th anniversary of the terrible explosion at the Chernobyl Nuclear Power Plant which spread a radioactive cloud over large parts of the then Soviet Union, with over 8 million people exposed to the radiation. We remember the victims and pray that the world learns from the mistake and be ever more mindful to put safety of people above economic progress.
- After four years of inaction under Donald Trump, the new US President Joe Biden has acknowledged the undeniable threat of climate change and is concerting US effort to reclaim credibility and leadership on climate change by committed the US to halving its greenhouse gas emissions by 2030. We pray that world leaders around the world join in the concerted effort to save our planet from human greed and destruction.
- Recent report showed that the unemployment rate in Hong Kong is still high. We remember those who lost their job and source of income. May the government formulate appropriate social and economic policies to address the problems and many families in need of support.

For the Ecumenical Prayer Cycle

- We lift up in prayer today the churches and people of all faiths in Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia.

- **We are thankful for** the long history of Christianity in these lands; Christians and Muslims who have witnessed to their faith during long years of repression and persecution; positive developments these countries have undergone since the end of the Soviet era; those who pursue peace and reconciliation in the face of old suspicions and animosities.
- **We pray for** greater respect for the human rights of all the peoples living in these countries; just changes for those living in situations of poverty and discrimination; the healing of past wrongs and distorted memories of what has occurred; a prophetic witness of the churches in relation to new challenges; the Georgian Orthodox Church, that it may rediscover a rich relationship with the family of churches worldwide.

For the Congregation

- Bruce's mother Irene Van Voorhis passed away last week. We remember and pray for Bruce, Rose and their family in the USA in this time of loss. We are thankful to God for Irene's abundant and long life of 102 years.
- Preparation class for baptism has started and gone well. We pray for June, Louis and Caden who have registered for the class.
- Pray for members and friends and their family members who are not feeling well. Keep praying for Jeanette for her ongoing treatment.

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 fourth 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.

Welcome New Members

Today we joyfully receive Tony Chan, Carl Cathedral and Lydia Cathedral to join KUC as full members. May they continue to grow in faith, to serve together with their gifts to build the church community and God's kingdom on earth.

TODAY - 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>

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.

Know Your Neighbour - KUC Sharing on Refugees

The Working Group on Peace Making Ministry will organize a sharing session about the situation of refugees in Hong Kong. It will be at 1pm on Sunday 9 May. Our brother Aimé Girimana, who has worked in this area for more than ten years will be the speaker.

If you want to know more about refugee issues. Join us!

Weekly Bible Study (Online Meeting)

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

Annual General Meeting (AGM)

Please mark the date of the Annual General Meeting (AGM) on 16 May at 1pm. Apart from the reports and plans for the next year, the AGM will be a time for KUC members to elect new members of the Council. With the resignation of Chris Wong; with Norma Diaz completing a maximum of two terms (four years) in May; with Edwina Santoyo and Sunita Suna finishing their first term but are eligible for re-election, there will be four places to fill in. The AGM will also elect a new treasurer as Jennifer Chan will finish her term in May and has announced she wishes to step down from the role. 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: Tue,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:	Phyllis Wong
Preacher:	Carl Cathedral
Pianist:	Han Inkyu
Lector:	Edwina Antonio
Intercessory Prayers:	Robert Lam
Sunday School	Maggie Mathieson
I.T. Team:	Lo Yuk Fai, Modeste

Last Sunday's offering: HK\$ 2,752.2
Promissory offering last week: HK\$ 3,000