

Kowloon Union Church

“Where all are one”

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Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

5 September 2021 at 10:30 a.m.

Morning Worship & Holy Communion

(*: Congregation stands)

APPROACH

PREPARATION SONG “Holy Spirit, Come” – Composer: Timothy Chan

* **CALL TO WORSHIP**

* **HYMN** “To God Be The Glory”

– Music: William H. Doane; Words: Fanny J. Cosby

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ALL RESPOND “Change My Heart”

– Composer: Eddie Espinosa

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

THE WORD OF GOD

Lord, open our lips.

And our mouths shall show forth Your praise.

* **HYMN** “Bring Many Names”

– Music: Carlton R. Young

SCRIPTURE READING

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

A light to our path.

Psalm 146 (O.T.)

Matthew 15:21-28 (N.T.)

Lord, may Your Word live in us.

And bear much fruit for Your glory.

FAMILY TALK

SERMON “Grandma and the Canaanite Woman”

* **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

THE OFFERTORY

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

ALL RESPOND “O Lord Hear Our Prayer”

– Composer: Taize

OFFERING

OFFERTORY PRAYER

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE PEACE

HYMN “Bread Of Life From Heaven”

– Music: Marty Haugen; Words: Susan R. Briehl

INVITATION

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

SANCTUS

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PRAYER FOR THE HOLY SPIRIT

THE LORD'S PRAYER

DISTRIBUTION

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

* HYMN “Beauty For Brokenness”

– Composer: Graham Kendrick

* COMMISSION and BLESSING

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CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

- The weather and the destruction it brings dominates so many parts of the world – severe drought in all four corners of the globe running parallel with flooding and hurricanes. Hurricane Ida touched ground leaving devastation and destruction in parts of Louisiana and Mississippi. It is thought that in some of the coastal areas hit up to 90% of homes had suffered serious damage. It is estimated that the structural damage caused by Hurricane Ida is far greater than that of Katrina. We thank God that the loss of lives remains in small numbers praying the Lord will strengthen and encourage those trying to retrieve and rebuild what is left of their home and livelihood. For those lands where there is a shortage of water may God send rain and bring life to the parched earth.
- Authorities in Cyprus are monitoring an oil slick that originated from a power plant on Syria's Mediterranean coast and could soon affect the island. The slick has spread to the north along the Syrian coast and is now moving westward closer to the Island, it is estimated it will reach the Karpas Peninsula on Tuesday. The areas affected by the slick is found in the Northern Turkish controlled part of the Island. All preventative measures are being put in place in this time of need and both sides are willing to work as one. We pray for the outcome of this situation for the environment and the people of Cyprus and pray that not only in times of disaster both groups can work together harmoniously.
- All schools in Nigeria's Zamfara state have been closed following the latest mass abduction of students. It is thought that 76 female students and a teacher were taken at gunpoint with fears the numbers may be greater. Even though the Government has deployed thousands of troops to combat this horrific action yet abductions from school is a common occurrence. May God protect all these young people taken and forced into situations against their will and may the families of those who have been taken be comforted as they wait to be reunited with their loved ones.
- As the last soldier left Kabul and the last official airlift of those fleeing to another land took place on the last day of August, the shadow of life under the Taliban becomes a reality once more. British Foreign Secretary Dominic Raab has flown to Doha for talks with Qatari leaders as to how those remaining can be taken from the land in safety. Qatar and her leaders are instrumental in setting up talks with the Taliban and other world leaders. May God guide all who will participate in these talks and keep safe all who wait on the outcome of all conversations.

- It is becoming a regular occurrence that Muslims in India are being targeted by Hindu mobs in unprovoked attacks. These attacks are witnessed, many are uploaded to social media alerting the world of the growing tensions and issues facing the Muslim people in India, with little to no condemnation from the Government. We pray for justice for all people irrespective of religion, gender, colour, ethnicity or orientation.
- On Monday Beijing banned all written exams in school for six and seven-year-olds in an attempt to relieve pressure on pupils and parents caught in China's hyper-competitive school system. This is part of the education reforms being introduced in the country. It is to be hoped that other countries may follow suit and implement similar practices, allowing the children to grow as a child should.
- Local Authorities have extended the registration deadline for the electronic shopping vouchers by two more weeks. Many elderly people in Hong Kong were not successful in making their application, some were not able to work within the confines of modern technology. Now a system has been established to help members of the older generation submit the necessary information. Let us hope that those in Authority realise the needs of all members of society and can find ways to accommodate each one so no one is left behind.
- Pray for our children as they venture back to school. We pray their education will not be disrupted as it has been in the past year.

For the Ecumenical Prayer Cycle

- We lift up in prayer today the churches and people of all faiths in **Benin, Côte d'Ivoire, Togo.**
- **We are thankful for** the beauty, natural resources, wildlife and different cultures in these countries; the produce that small farmers continue to grow amid environmental and other hardships; the spiritual vitality and growth of the churches and how they are cooperating with each other and those of other faiths and practices; the relative peace and stability that prevails after long years of civil war and political struggle.
- **We pray for** more democratic governments that are free of corruption and that prioritize what the people most need; those working to alleviate the poverty, illiteracy and hunger that so many in these countries still experience; churches faithfully bringing the gospel to and serving, all people with greater respect for how those of other faiths express their spirituality; emotional and physical healing, and restoring hope in people who are victims of conflict, disease and human rights abuses.

For the Congregation

- We remember those near and far in need of our prayers. For all who are facing health challenges and undergoing treatment in hospital and at home. We pray for the healing hand of the Lord to rest on Som, the mother of Sameth in Cambodia, Asha Melwani the mother of Alex, and Mrs Samuel. We remember Jenny Alegre in Queen Elizabeth Hospital and give thanks to God that Hend is now recovering at home with her family. We continue to remember Doris and her sister Jeanette Lee, Rachel Perry the niece of Tory Caplan and Mirasol Bolanos sister of Anjenette.
- We pray the Lord will bless our time at Yum Cha today that we will be able not only to share delicious food but also a little something of ourselves with each other.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome!

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

Weekly Programs in Church

- **First Sunday Yum Cha** – Following worship this morning those who will join in the Yum Cha. Please wait in the Church and Kevin and Paul will lead you to Majesty Restaurant.
- **Worship Advisory Group meeting @ 1:30pm** upper fellowship Hall
- **Bible study online Monday at 11:00 a.m.** We are currently studying the New Testament books of 1, 2 & 3 John. Please contact Pastor Maggie if you are interested in joining the study group.
- **Peacemaking Fellowship** on Tuesday @ 10:30 am
- **Wednesday Evening Harambe Choir @ 6 pm**
- **Friday - Junior Choir @ 3 pm**
- **Sunday 12th - Council meeting at 1:30pm in the Upper Fellowship Hall**

KUC Movie Sunday - “Bullet-laced dreams” will be screened by MOE Committee on 26th September at 1:30pm

BBQ by Lung Mei Beach – Tai Po

Kowloon Union Church – Care and Fellowship Committee invites you to join!

When: Sunday 19th September

Leave from KUC: 12 noon; Return to KUC: 5 pm

Fee: Adult \$100, Concession's \$50 Fee includes Food and Transportation

Those joining please note:

- it is not advisable to engage in any watersports activities if you will drink alcoholic beverages with your meal.

- **Parents with children** - children should be attended at all times.

Special Appeal – We have almost reached our Goal!

The Peace-Making Ministry is appealing for your support in prayers and donation of funds, for our children within the community. We are launching the Education Fund Appeal – this year our target is to raise \$40,000. The money raised will be used to buy school books, uniforms, shoes and cover non-refundable school fees for our children. No matter how large or small your donation it will make a difference in a child's life. Thank you and God bless. Please see the insert for more detail on how you can donate to this appeal. And check on the fundraising pencil how much has been given already.



TODAY	NEXT WEEK
Liturgist/Celebrant: Phyllis Wong	Sunita Suna
Preacher: Carl Cathedral	Phyllis Wong
Pianist: Cheryl Hui	Eric Sin
Lector: Doris Lee	Caden Lam
Intercessory Prayers: Judy Chan	Rod Lam
Family Talk: Rey Asis	Maggie Mathieson
Sunday School: Lucy Lim	Lydia Cathedral
I.T. Team: Tony Chan, Modeste	Chris Wong, Monkey Lui
Offering: Nam Boo Won, Susan Babasa	Aimé Girimana, Venus Cheng
Greeter: Paul Wong, Ching So	Edwina Antonio, Cecilia Yeung
Last Sunday's offering: \$ 4,567	Promissory offering: \$7,000
Education Fund: \$400	Retiring Offering: \$820