

Kowloon Union Church
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Seventh Sunday of Easter
16 May 2021 at 10:30 a.m.
Morning Worship

(* : Congregation stands)

APPROACH

PREPARATION SONG “Be Still And Know” – Composer: Unknown

* **CALL TO WORSHIP**

* **HYMN** “This is The Day” – Arr: Les Garrett; Tune: Traditional Fijian

“Praise To The Lord, the Almighty”

– Lyrics: Joachim Neander

Translator: Catherine Winkworth; Tune: Stralsund Gesangbuch

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ALL RESPOND “Purify My Heart”

– Composer: Brian Doerksen

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

THE WORD OF GOD

Lord, open our lips.

And our mouths shall show forth Your praise.

* **HYMN** “Gather Us In”

– Composer: Marty Haugen

SCRIPTURE READING

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

A light to our path.

Psalm 1 (OT)

John 17:6-19 (NT)

Lord, may Your Word live in us.

And bear much fruit for Your glory.

* **HYMN** “Bind Us Together”

– Lyrics/Music: Bob Gillman

FAMILY TALK

SERMON “We Are One In God”

* **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

THE OFFERTORY

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

ALL RESPOND “Ubi Caritas et Amor”

– Composer: Br. Roger

OFFERING

OFFERTORY PRAYER

SIGN OF PEACE

* **HYMN** “They’ll Know We Are Christian By Love”

– Composer: Peter Scholtes

* **COMMISSION**

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CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

For the World and Hong Kong

- We pray for the people in Israel and Palestine as tension once again mounts over the Gaza Strip. Our hearts ache at witnessing the conflicts, violence and strife on these lands, and thinking all the civilians who suffer as a result. Believing that only God can untangle the complex web of history, we pray for wisdom and humility on the part of world leaders so that Israelis and Palestinians may see peace one day.
- The International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia will be observed on 17 May, with aims to raise awareness of LGBT rights violations and advocate for fair and equal treatment of LGBT people. We thank the Lord for teaching us how to love and embrace diversity by loving us first in all our differences. We pray for those who are still living in fear of getting punished for who they are or who they love — and may they be set free of discrimination and stigma against LGBT.
- We continue to seek mercy and guidance from God as India battles new surges of the coronavirus and Myanmar protesters face a brutal crackdown from the military. We remember the very real tragedies behind every number and every update, as we lift up the frontline healthcare workers who are fighting day and night to save lives in India and pray for unity among different ethnic and religious groups in Myanmar.
- As the Hong Kong government passes a law requiring district councillors to swear a new oath of allegiance — leading dozens of pan-democrats to resign — we pray for voices of the people to be heard and checks and balances to be upheld. We remember the dissenting politicians who have been jailed.

For the Ecumenical Prayer Cycle

- We lift up in prayer today the churches and people of all faiths in **Bangladesh, Bhutan, Nepal.**
- **We are thankful for** the peoples of these nations – the diversity of their cultures, languages, and art, and their resilience; the breath-taking beauty of these lands – the mountains in all their grandeur, overflowing rivers and green paddy fields; all those who work for the churches and their institutions, especially in places where natural disasters strike
- **We pray for** efforts of governments and others to build up these nations' economies; those who have lost families and homes in earthquakes and other disasters as they struggle to rebuild their lives, homes and infrastructure; those who contribute to religious harmony and advocate for the minority voice of Christians, especially amid religious and ethnic tensions; religious and government leaders that they will make it possible for all peoples to live in justice with peace and harmony; these small nations which depend on other countries and are often threatened by interests of their bigger neighbours.

For the Congregation

- Remember members and friends who are facing health and life challenges.
- Preparation class for baptism are going well. We pray for June, Louis and Caden. The Sacrament of Baptism is planned to be held on 6 June.
- Pray for the church leaders and may God bless the fruits of their labour and give them strength and wisdom to serve.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome!

Welcome all who join our Sunday Worship in person and through Facebook live streaming today.

Annual General Meeting (AGM) Today

The AGM will be held today at 1pm in the sanctuary. Members please reserve time to join. For members who are not free to join, please hand in the proxy form so we are able to have the quorum. Apart from reports and plans for the next year, the AGM will be a time for KUC members to elect new members of the Council. There will be four places to fill in. The AGM will also elect a new treasurer. May God prepare members to take up various leadership roles in the church. Pray for a smooth and fruitful meeting this afternoon.

Exchange of Pulpit during Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Revd Maggie is invited to preach in St John's Cathedral this morning as part of the exchange of pulpit practice amongst different denominations during this special week.

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

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

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>

Mid Week Guided Meditation

The next session of our practice of Lectio Divina will be held online on 2 June (Wednesday) at 8:00 pm - 9:00 pm. Carl will continue to lead and facilitate.

Anyone is welcome to join! Visit kuc.hk/lectio for more information and to register.

World Refugee Day 2021: Sat, 19 June @2-4pm

The Refugee Ministry Group will organize an event to demonstrate solidarity with refugees and asylum seekers.

The theme this year is "**Stand Together In Hope**".

Our Harambe Choir will sing in the event. Come and join us!

Venue: Church of Christ in China - Wanchai Church.

Weekly Programs in Church

- Bible study online at 10:30 am on Friday. Contact person: Pastor Maggie
- Peace Making Fellowship for Refugee Community at 10:30 am on Tuesday. Contact Person: Pastor Phyllis

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.

	TODAY
Liturgist:	Aimé Girimana
Preacher:	Phyllis Wong
Pianist:	Han Inkyu
Lector:	Norma Diaz
Intercessory Prayers:	Edwina Antonio
Family Talk	Chan Beng Seng
Sunday School	Lucy Lim
I.T. Team:	Tony Chan and Louis Leung

Last Sunday's offering: HK\$2,442.40 Promissory offering last week: HK\$9,600 Peace Making: HK\$1,000 Covid-19 Relief Fund: HK\$1,000
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