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Pentecost Sunday
23 May 2021 at 10:30 a.m.
Morning Worship & Holy Communion
(*: Congregation stands)

APPROACH

PREPARATION SONG “Wa Wa Wa Emimimo”

– Composer: Trad Nigerian

* **CALL TO WORSHIP**

* **HYMN “Spirit of Truth and Grace”**

– Music: Ralph Vaughan Williams; Lyrics: Ian D

Cunningham

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ALL RESPOND “Kyrie Eleison”

– Music: Orthodox Trad.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

THE WORD OF GOD

Lord, open our lips.

And our mouths shall show forth Your praise.

* **HYMN “Spirit of Gentleness”**

– Composer: James Keith

Manley

SCRIPTURE READING

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

A light to our path.

Psalm 104: 24 – 34, 35b

Acts 2: 1 – 21

John 15: 26 – 27; 16: 4b – 15

Lord, may Your Word live in us.

And bear much fruit for Your glory.

FAMILY TALK

SERMON “Do It Again, Lord!”

* **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** – Presbyterian Church USA

THE OFFERTORY

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

ALL RESPOND “Ubi Caritas et Amor”

– Composer: Bro Roger

OFFERING

OFFERTORY PRAYER

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE PEACE

HYMN “You Are Holy”

– Composer: Per Harling

INVITATION

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

SANCTUS

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PRAYER FOR THE HOLY SPIRIT

THE LORD’S PRAYER

DISTRIBUTION

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

* **HYMN** “Go Tell Everyone”

– Composer: Alan Dale & Hubert Richards

* **COMMISSION and BLESSING**

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CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

For the World and Hong Kong

- A ceasefire between Israel and Palestinian militant group Hamas came into effect early Friday. During the 11 days of bombardment, more than 240 people were killed, among them over 100 women and children in Gaza and 12 people, including 2 children, in Israel.
We pray for wisdom and humility on the part of the leaders in this land and all world leaders so that Israelis and Palestinians may work together for peace. May those in position take human lives above power and pride.
- At least 6,000 people, including around 1,500 minors, swam from Morocco to the bordering Spanish enclave of Ceuta on Monday in the largest influx of illegal migration there in a single day. Pray for lives and security for all these people. May God give wisdom to the government of Spain and neighbouring countries to work together to address this crisis. May the minors and the weak in particular be protected.
- We continue to seek mercy and guidance from God as India, Taiwan and other countries in Asia battle new surges of the coronavirus.
- We give thanks to God for the decreasing number of Covid-19 cases in the HK. We are glad that the refugees and asylum seekers community will be given free Covid-19 vaccination. Pray that the community will be well informed of the vaccination arrangement and their health will be safeguarded.

For the Ecumenical Prayer Cycle

- We lift up in prayer today the churches and people of all faiths in **Indian Ocean Islands: Comoros, Madagascar, Maldives, Mauritius, Seychelles.**
- **We are thankful for** how people who are ethnically and religiously diverse have long lived together; the economic developments that have lifted some out of poverty; the vital evangelism, social and public witness of churches, and how the churches relate to people of other faiths.
- **We pray for** tourism and other economic developments, that they will not threaten, but enhance life for all the people in these countries; churches, that they will grow through evangelistic efforts and in their work with those of other faiths; Christians to be bolder in their public witness for justice and reconciliation, especially in times of political turmoil.

For the Congregation

- We thank God for the smooth AGM last Sunday. Cynthia Leung was elected as the new treasurer. Edwina Antonio, Sunita Suna, Aimé Girimana and Rey Asis were elected as council members. Pray for the new Council for strength and wisdom in the coming year to serve God and for the church. We are thankful to the outgoing treasurer Jennifer Chan and council member Norma Diaz for their dedicated service in the past years.
- Preparation class for baptism is going well. We pray for June, Louis and Caden who have registered for the class. We plan to have the sacrament of baptism arranged on 6 June.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome!

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

Council Meeting

The new Council will meet for the first time to elect office bearers after the worship service. Please pray for them and seek the Holy Spirit to guide.

Movie Sunday Next Sunday – “A Taxi Driver”

The MOE Committee will screen “A Taxi Driver” next Sunday at 1-4 pm in the Upper Fellowship Hall. The film is about a Korean taxi driver bringing a German reporter to Gwangju during the height of uprising there in 1980.

Nam Boo Won and Han Inkyu will share after the movie. You are most welcome to join us. Please register with this link: <https://forms.gle/W6aJbWWHtfuCiQA>

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.

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.

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

Emergency Relief Fund Support to India

With the funding support from the HK Christian Council and KUC's own budget on Emergency Fund, the MOE Committee has endorsed to send funds to the organizations and churches named below in India for emergency relief programs. May the people who are in desperate situation receive the basic necessities and God's love reveal through churches' actions of kindness. House Church of Migrant Labourers of Odisha, Bangalore; Village Church of West Bengal; MAHIMA INDIA (West Bengal); Positive Way Welfare Society; Jeypore Evangelical Lutheran Church, Odisha; Love India Organization, Odisha.

Donation/Offering to the Church

We have continued to receive funding requests from our Mission Partners in India. We are also aware that other countries in Asia are in great need to address the Covid-19 Pandemic crisis. More funds will be needed to support our sisters and brothers. If you wish to make a donation/offering to the special appeal for Covid-19 Emergency Fund and to the church for our ministries, you may go to the link www.kuc.hk/giving for details.

	TODAY - Holy Communion
Liturgist/Celebrant:	Maggie Mathieson
Preacher:	Judy Chan
Pianist:	Eric Sin
Lector:	Kurt Law
Intercessory Prayers:	Aimé Girimana
Family Talk	Rey Asis
Sunday School	Peter Zia
I.T. Team:	Carl Cathedral and Modeste

Last Sunday's offering: \$1,888.50
Promissory offering last week: \$3,300