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Pentecost Sunday
5 June 2022 at 10:30 a.m.
Communion Sunday
(*: Congregation stands)

APPROACH

PREPARATION SONG "Wa, Wa, Wa, Emimimo"

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

*** HYMN** "Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness" – Composer: James K. Manley

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ALL RESPOND "God Is Forgiveness" – Music: Taizé Community

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

THE WORD OF GOD

Lord, open our lips.

And our mouths shall show forth Your praise.

*** HYMN** "Spirit Song" – Composer: John Wimber

SCRIPTURE READING

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

A light to our path.

Acts 2: 1 – 21 (N.T)

John 14: 8 – 27 (N.T)

Lord, may Your Word live in us.

And bear much fruit for Your glory.

FAMILY TALK

SERMON

*** AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

THE OFFERTORY

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

ALL RESPOND "Ubi Caritas" (Where there is love and charity, God is there)

– Music: Taizé Community

OFFERING

OFFERTORY PRAYER

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE PEACE

HYMN “Bread of Life from Heaven”

– Composer: Susan Briehl & Marty Haugen

INVITATION

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

SANCTUS

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PRAYER FOR THE HOLY SPIRIT

THE LORD'S PRAYER

DISTRIBUTION

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

* **HYMN** “Community of Christ.”

– Music: Leoni; Lyrics: Shirley Erena Murray

* **COMMISSION and BLESSING**

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

God does nothing except in response to believing prayer. – John Wesley

Please remember as you pray. . .

- As Covid numbers drop in Hong Kong stabilise, there has been a marked increase in recent days. People are suspected of reporting past cases to obtain an exemption from the Government's vaccine pass scheme. May people realise that such actions only complicate the situation.
- Torrential rain has again caused havoc and claimed many lives in Brazil. At least 100 people have lost their lives in this recent downpour; many were residents in poor neighbourhoods and shantytowns. May God's peace strengthen those left behind as they strive to rebuild their lives.
- In an attempt to attract the top graduates from the world's leading universities, the United Kingdom is offering working visas. The scheme has received praise and much criticism, the most significant criticism being it excludes universities from the Global South.
- The lack of medicine and medical supplies and a lack of fuel has forced the largest referral hospital in Ethiopia's Tigray region to suspend its services to the people. After 18 months of war, hospital staff can no longer sustain this essential service. Let us not forget the people of Tigray and the need for peace in that land.
- Lawmakers in the Central African Republic have joined 23 other African countries as they have decided to abolish capital punishment in the CAR. There have been no executions in CAR since 1981. In addition, approximately 170 countries have already abolished the death penalty from their laws.

- Russia edges closer to overtaking the city of Severodonetsk. If the Russian troops were victorious and captured its smaller twin city Lysychansk, Russian forces would control all of Luhansk. Unfortunately, many civilians remain in the city and now are in great danger. May God protect all.
- In Myanmar, the United Nations has cited that the number of displaced people in the country has exceeded more than a million. As the monsoon season approaches and the fighting continues, the UN warns of the dire conditions ahead.
- In North Korea, more than a million people have now been sickened by what Pyongyang is calling a 'fever'. There have been fatalities, but it is unclear how many and if the deaths were due to Covid. North Korea has a limited testing capacity, so few cases are confirmed. So let us pray that the needs of the people will shake the leadership to take affirmative action.
- Chief Executive Carrie Lam has said on Tuesday that the Government will not further relax social distancing measures at this time. Let us all strive to do our best to be mindful of our neighbours and ourselves.

For the Congregation

- We pray for Asha Melwani, the mother of Alex, Mrs Samuel, Jenny Alegre, Hend, Jeanette Lee, Rachel Perry, Ng Kam Lee, Raymond Lau, Chung Yoke Chin, Chui, Tong Chong Sze, Joseph Muluswela, Constance Chaukura and Ramon Bultron. We remember those providing care for loved ones at home and in care facilities.

For the Ecumenical Prayer Cycle

We lift in prayer the churches and people of all faiths in Lesotho, Namibia, South Africa and Eswatini.

We are **thankful** for:

- the rich biodiversity of plants and animals and of mineral resources in this region
- the faithful witness of churches throughout the world during apartheid and how people of different races and lifestyles have come together since then
- the work of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission and others to bring healing from the atrocities committed
- how South Africa has made antiretroviral drugs accessible to all with HIV and AIDS.

We **pray** for:

- protection of resources for the good of all rather than their exploitation for economic gain
- more democratic and transparent governance in these countries, at all levels
- effectively countering rape, sexual violence, and other crime
- adequate resources and changed attitudes for welcoming refugees in these countries.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome!

Welcome to Worship – it is so good to be worshipping together and with those joining us through Facebook live streaming.

Welcome Stanley Ho

Stanley, an MDiv student from Chung Chi Divinity College, will join KUC as an intern from 13 June to 11 August through the summer ecumenical internship program coordinated by the HK Christian Council. We pray that he will have a fruitful learning experience with us all in KUC.

Weekly Programs in Church.

Tuesday – Peacemaking Fellowship at 10 am

Tuesday – Taize Prayer at 7:30 pm (Cantonese)

Wednesday – Harambe Choir at 6:30 pm

Friday – Bible Study – online at 10:30 am

Friday Morning Bible Study – Online

Join us in Bible Study on Friday morning at 10:30 as we explore ‘Becoming Church’. If you are interested in joining the group, don't hesitate to contact Pastor Maggie.

Next Sunday

We will be a broadcast worship service; please try to be a little earlier in Church so we can practice the hymns for the Worship.

Become a Member of Kowloon Union Church

New members can be received by transfer, bond of union, a restatement of faith, or baptism and interested in talking about this further? Have a word with our ministers, Phyllis Wong or Maggie Mathieson.

	TODAY 5 June	NEXT WEEK 12 June
Liturgist:	Phyllis Wong	Maggie Mathieson
Preacher:	Maggie Mathieson	Judy Chan
Pianist:	Eric Sin	Cheryl Hui
Lector:	Guy Syrett	Jennifer Chan
Intercessory Prayers:	Robert Lam	Tory Caplan
Family Talk:	Chan Beng Seng	Tong Chong Sze
Greeter:	Paul Wong plus others	Edwina Antonio plus others
Offering Rota:	Cynthia Leung Harry Chan	Chan Beng Seng Vivian Lee
Sunday School Leaders:	Jailyn Tomitis	Jailyn Tomitis
I.T. Team:	Chris Wong	Lo Yuk Fai

Last Sunday's offering: HK\$9216.50

Promissory offering last week: HK\$-