

Kowloon Union Church
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Fourth Sunday After Pentecost
25 June 2023
Morning Worship at 10:30 a.m.
World Refugee Sunday
(*: Congregation Stands)

APPROACH

PREPARATION SONG "Come All You People" – Uyai Mose

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

*** HYMN** "This Is the Day" – Composer: Listener Kids

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ALL RESPOND "Kyrie Eleison" (Lord, have mercy) – Trad Orthodox Chant

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

THE WORD OF GOD

Lord, open our lips.

And our mouths shall show forth Your praise.

HARAMBE CHOIR "Wewe ni Mungu" (You are our God, sung in Swahili)

SCRIPTURE READING

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

A light to our path.

1 Kings 17:17-24 (O.T.)

Psalm 146 (O.T.)

Luke 7:11-17 (N.T.)

Lord, may Your Word live in us.

And bear much fruit for Your glory.

*** HYMN** "All In All" – Composer: Nichole Nordeman

TESTIMONY By Emad

SERMON “Restoring Justice”

*** AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

THE OFFERTORY

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD’S PRAYER

ALL RESPOND “Ubi Caritas”

– Taizé Community

OFFERTORY

THE PEACE

*** HYMN “Because He Lives”**

– Composer: Bill & Gloria Gaither

*** COMMISSION AND BLESSING**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today a warm welcome to all who join our worship in church and through Facebook live streaming. Thank you to the Peacemaking Ministry Team and members from the Tuesday Fellowship, Harambe Choir and Named for God Junior Choir to prepare and lead the special service to celebrate World Refugee Day in church. Special thanks to Cecilia to preach and Aimé to lead the liturgy. Please join us for coffee and tea in the Lower Fellowship Hall after worship. Some food was prepared by friends from our refugee community. Enjoy!

This Week’s Programs in Church

Tuesday - Peace Making Fellowship at 10 am in number 2 Jordan Road

Wednesday - Harambe Choir at 6:00 pm

Friday - Junior Choir at 5:00 pm

Taizé Prayer on Tuesday 4 July at 7:30 – 8:30 pm. Come and join for a peaceful time with God in the Holy Sanctuary.

Human Café Events to echo World Refugee Day

Organized by the Peacemaking Ministry, International School of Somatic Education; facilitated by Mayson and Peacemaking Ambassadors

- **Human Cafe X: A time-traveling ritual performance** – A journey to celebrate collective human stories about home & hope.

@ 1 July (Sat) at 3-6 pm in the Church Sanctuary

- **Sunday Human Café** - Games & Stories, Body Relaxation and light refreshments

@ 2 July (Sun) at 11:45 am – 12:45 in the Upper Fellowship Hall. This activity is co-hosted by the Christian Education Committee.

Please contact Mayson for more details and the poster posted in the church bulletin board.

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

Ecumenical Prayer Cycle

We lift up in prayer the churches and people of all faiths in Kenya and Tanzania. We continue to pray for unity of the Church who will embrace diversity regardless of race, gender, nationality, social economic status or religious faith.

For the Congregation

- Please remember Holly Chui who fell and badly hurt her ankle. Pray for her full recovery and that God gives her strength to overcome the pain.
- Pray for Helen Lee as her mother passed away last week. May God's love comfort Helen and her family in this time of loss.
- We pray for Alex Melwani and Sunita Suna's mothers, Mrs Samuel, Hend, James Kim, Jeanette Lee, Ng Kam Lee, Raymond Lau, Chui, Ana and Ramon Bultron, Lucy Lim, Mercy, Joy Babasa, and Jackie Tse. We remember those caring for loved ones at home and in care facilities.

World Refugee Sunday - WRD

World Refugee Day is 20 June. It is an international day to honor refugees around the globe, celebrate the strength and courage of people who have been forced to flee their homes to escape wars, conflict or persecution. May the world community lament the circumstances that led to their forced displacement and harrowing journeys to find refuge.

In Kowloon Union Church, we have observed Refugee Sunday in June for over ten years. The Church echoes the world's concern for refugees. Refugee Sunday reminds the Church that Jesus and his family were once refugees facing persecution and forced to flee from their homeland to save their lives. It is a day to raise awareness about the suffering of millions of refugees and displaced people, and to live out the biblical mandate to care for those seeking refuge.

World Refugee Day offers the faithful an opportunity to develop empathy and understanding for the plight of refugees, to recognize their resilience, to pray for displaced people and their homelands, to take time to discern how God is calling us, to affirm our mission to serve the vulnerable as Christ followers, and to provide compassionate care for refugees and other displaced people.

Every year a theme is developed for the World Refugee Day by the United Nations. In 2023, the theme is “Hope away from home”, emphasizing the significance of mental well-being in the process of refugees rebuilding their lives and striving for a brighter future. Enhancing the psychological welfare of refugees is essential in supporting their journey towards a more promising tomorrow.

Since 2007, we have organized the Peacemaking Ministry to demonstrate our care for and solidarity with the refugees in KUC. Please pray for the ministry and the Church to continue our mission to bring hope, light and peace to this community, and through our humble service we witness to Christ who came to the world to save and set people free.

KUC has collaborated with other NGOs and Churches in the mission to serve refugees and asylum seekers. We pray for all individuals, churches and organizations to serve the refugee community with compassion, courage and wisdom.

We pray for the well-being of all asylum seekers and refugees in Hong Kong and all over the world. May the city of HK embrace strangers and recognize their talents to make contributions to our community as much as they can.

	TODAY 25 June
Liturgist:	Aimé Girimana
Preacher:	Cecilia Yeung
Pianist:	Jensen Wong
Lector:	Lisa, Adil, Anjenette
Intercessory Prayers:	Rose, David, Bright
Testimony:	Emad
Greeter:	Daddy, Rachel
Offering Rota:	Tarie, Stephanie
Counting Rota	Paul Wong, Ramon Bultron
Sunday School Leaders:	Maggie Mathieson, Mary Adesina
I.T. Team:	Bervinder Kaur, Venus Cheng
Freewill offering last week: HK\$1370.10 - Promissory offering last week: HK\$500 - Welfare Fund:HK\$5,000-	