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8 May 2022

Fourth Sunday After Easter

Morning Worship at 10:30 a.m.

(* : Congregation stands)

APPROACH

PREPARATION SONG "Come and Find the Quiet Center"

– Music: BF White; Lyrics: Shirley Erena Murray

* **CALL TO WORSHIP**

* **HYMN** "Great is Thy Faithfulness"

– Music: W Runyan; Lyrics: T Chisholm

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.

* **HYMN** "The Steadfast Love of the Lord" – Composer: Edith McNeill

SCRIPTURE READING

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

A light to our path.

Psalm 23 (O.T)

John 10: 22 – 30 (N.T.)

Lord, may Your Word live in us.

And bear much fruit for Your glory.

* **HYMN** "The Lord's My Shepherd" – Composer : Stuart Townend

FAMILY TALK

SERMON "My Mom & I Are One"

* **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

THE OFFERTORY

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

LORD'S PRAYER

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

OFFERTORY

THE PEACE

* **HYMN** “In Christ Alone” – Composers: Stuart Townend and Keith Getty

* **COMMISSION and BLESSING**

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

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

Please remember as you pray. . .

- Thank God for the dropping number of local Covid -19 cases in Hong Kong and pray for God’s hand of healing to be on those battling this virus.
- Ukraine – Russia conflict continues. Russian Forces pound the city of Mariupol. In the last part of the city held by Ukrainian forces, it is thought at least 200 civilians are trapped.
- Claims and concerns are being raised for the safety of thousands of Ukrainian Special Needs children. Unfortunately, these children are abandoned and forgotten about in institutions which can no longer look after them. General care and provisions for the children are not there. May God have mercy on every one of them.
- The United Nations Secretary-General Antonio Guterres has appealed to international donors not to divert resources from other humanitarian activities worldwide to Ukraine. Instead, he asks that donors consider donating additionally to Ukraine without undermining efforts elsewhere worldwide.
- Almost six months after a massive earthquake hit the people of Bagua, Peru, hundreds of people are still homeless and living in tents. President Castillo promised to provide for the community's needs and have them rehoused, but nothing has been done! Many who supported him and voted him into office no longer feel that they can trust him.
- In an attempt to quell the violent outburst between the Hindu and Muslim communities in an area of Jodhpur, the capital of Northern India's Rajasthan state, Government officials have imposed curfews and cut off internet connections to all people. May God opens the eyes and the hearts of the people for a greater understanding of each other.
- We pray for the people of the Philippines as they go to the ballot boxes tomorrow.
- Hong Kong's record of press freedom has plummeted almost 70 places and is now 148th according to 'The Reporters Without Borders' annual index on press freedom. The sharp descent is a direct result of the introduction of the National Security Law imposed in 2020.
- That the Hong Kong Government will heed the appeals of grassroots mothers in Hong Kong to provide childcare services that would enable them to work and provide for the needs of their children. During this pandemic, many young mothers have given up work to take care of their children at home.
- We give special thanks today to all who mother us.
- Pray for the continued support of NGOs in Hong Kong who are working tirelessly to obtain food supplies and other necessities for those in most profound need. Our Peacemaking Team is among those working to bring some joy to those in need.

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 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 India, Pakistan, and Sri Lanka.

We **give thanks** for:

- the diversity of peoples in these countries: their cultures, values and spirituality
- for the resilience of minority religious groups and those on the margins of society, such as indigenous communities, Dalits, women, youth, the disabled and sexual minorities, amid discrimination and persecution
- for the contributions of Christians and Christian churches in these countries to education and health services and for their innovative attempts in contextualizing their worship, theology and institutional life
- efforts to forge inter-religious solidarity for the sake of the common good.

We **pray** for:

- those who struggle to overcome grinding poverty
- Christians and others who selflessly work in the community, their efforts at ensuring the rights of all citizens, and their collaborative work
- efforts to build understanding and harmony among peoples across religious, caste and ethnic identities
- peoples' movements struggling for the rights of women, Dalits, Indigenous peoples, and the integrity of the earth
- leaders to keep priority on the wellbeing of the people and the earth itself amid demands for economic growth.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome!

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

Weekly Programs in Church.

Tuesday Peacemaking Fellowship at 10 am.

Wednesday – Lectio Divina – online; see link below

Friday – Bible Study – online

Lectio Divina

Join us for our monthly practice of Lectio Divina this Wednesday, 11 May, from 8:00 pm to 9:00 pm. Anyone is welcome to join! We'll be meeting online via Zoom using this link:

<https://zoom.us/j/95580860938?pwd=SmJodDZFcndlNUNOeUhrYVBhUGViQT09>

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.

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.

Annual General Meeting – Sunday 15 May

Please join us for our Annual General meeting next week. If you are a member of the KUC, we would encourage you to be with us on that day. If you cannot join the meeting, you can submit a Proxy Form. If you need a proxy form, please let one of the ministers or a Council member know. If you are not a church member and wish to join the meeting, you are welcome to do so. Please remember this meeting in your prayers as we seek the way forward for KUC!

KUC Movie Sunday – Sunday 29 May

“The Wisdom of Trauma” will be screened by MOE Committee on 29 May at 1:30 pm in the fellowship hall. The movie is 90 minutes & there will be a 30 minutes sharing session afterwards. "Trauma is not what happens to you. Trauma is what happens inside you due to what happens to you."— Gabor Maté, the director of “The Wisdom of Trauma”.

	TODAY	NEXT WEEK 15 May
Liturgist:	Maggie Mathieson	Maggie Mathieson
Preacher:	Phyllis Wong	Cecilia Yeung
Pianist:	Eric Sin	Eric Sin
Lector:	Kurt Law	Harry Chan
Intercessory Prayers:	Aimé Girimana	Amber Tong
Family Talk:	Maggie Mathieson	Chan Beng Seng
Greeter:	Edwina Antonio plus others	Kevin Ng plus others
Offering Rota:	Doris Lee Hope Antone	Emmanuel Adesina Edwina Antonio
Sunday School Leaders:	Jailyn Tomitis	Jailyn Tomitis
I.T. Team:	Carl Cathedral	Tong Chong Sze

Last Sunday's offering: HK\$5,431
Promissory offering last week: HK\$4,800