Kowloon Union Church

"Where all are one"

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First Sunday After Pentecost 30 May 2021 at 10:30 a.m. Morning Worship

(*: Congregation stands)

APPROACH

PREPARATION SONG "Holy Spirit Come"

Composer: Timothy Chan

* CALL TO WORSHIP

* **HYMN** "Holy Holy" — Composer: John Bacchus Dykes

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ALL RESPOND "Kyrie Eleison" — Music: Russian Orthodox Church **ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

THE WORD OF GOD

Lord, open our lips.

And our mouths shall show forth Your praise.

* **HYMN** "All Heaven Declares" — Composer: Noel & Tricia Richards **SCRIPTURE READING**

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

A light to our path.

Isaiah. 6:1-8 (OT) Psalm 29 (OT) John 3:1-17 (NT)

Lord, may Your Word live in us.

And bear much fruit for Your glory.

ANTHEM "I Will Offer Up My Life" by KUC Singers

Lyrics: Matt Redman

FAMILY TALK

SERMON "For God So Loved: Life of Jesus - Life with Jesus"

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH



THE OFFERTORY

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH MISSION MOMENT – LISA'S HOME PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE THE LORD'S PRAYER

ALL RESPOND "Ubi Caritas" — Composer: Taize Community

OFFERING

OFFERTORY PRAYER

SIGN OF PEACE

* **HYMN** "I, the Lord of Sea and Sky" — Composer: Daniel L. Schutte

* COMMISSION

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CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

For the World and Hong Kong

- Australia's second most populous state Victoria has entered a seven-day lockdown to counter a fast-spreading outbreak in its capital, Melbourne. Pray for the people in Australia and also Taiwan where the number of Covid-19 cases increased rapidly last week. Japan is another country that had relatively low numbers of Covid-19 cases, but a new wave of infections began in April. The development is a warning that the global pandemic is still not fully under control. Precautions are still very much needed.
- We give thanks to God for the decreasing number of Covid cases in 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.
- Tens of thousands of people have been evacuated from the city of Goma in the Democratic Republic of Congo over fears of another volcanic eruption. Pray for safety and peace of the people.
- June 4th marks the 32nd anniversary of the student-led democratic movement in China in 1989. Let us continue to remember the victims and pray for their families. Pray for a free and democratic China that the government puts people's interest as priority. Remember those who have sacrificed their lives and lost their freedom in pursuit of the common good and justice in China and Hong Kong.

For the Ecumenical Prayer Cycle

- We lift up in prayer today the churches and people of all faiths in **Angola** and **Mozambique**.
- We are thankful for the rich natural resources in these countries, which God intends for the good of all; the positive developments experienced since years of civil war; village committees that seek to protect livelihoods and food security of the poor; how the Lutheran World Federation and partners have pursued land rights for the community in Mozambique.

• We pray for better sanitation, health services, and protection of the environment in these lands; a healing of the lingering scars and memories from colonization and civil wars; protection of the land rights of the people; governments that are transparent and further the good of all the people, rather than being captive to foreign and business interests.

For the Congregation

- We thank God for the smooth AGM on 16 May. Cynthia Leung was elected as the new treasurer. Edwina Antonio, Sunita Suna, Aimé Girimana and Rey Asis were elected as council members. Election of the Council office bearers was held last week. Doris Lee is the new Council Chair, Sunita the vice Council Chair and Rey Asis is the secretary. 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.
- Sacrament of baptism for June, Louis, Caden, David Onwufuju and Angeline Onwufuju will be conducted on 6 June.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome!

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

A Note of Thanks

We are grateful to Bodil Skjott to share God's message with us in today's Trinity Sunday. Bodil is currently a volunteer at Tao Fong Shan and before that missionary in Liberia, West Africa and in Jerusalem and then as CEO of a small missionary organization in Denmark with work in Israel.

Movie Sunday Today - "A Taxi Driver"

The MOE Committee will screen "A Taxi Driver" today 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 Next Wednesday

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
- We will do circle painting in our Peace Making Fellowship for Refugee Community next Tuesday at 10:30 am. 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.

Retiring Offering

The offering received today will go to the Emergency Covid-19 Fund for supporting emergency and relief programs.

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
Liturgist:	Phyllis Wong
Preacher:	Bodil Skjott
Pianist:	Jessica Tso
Lector:	Cynthia Leung
Intercessory Prayers:	Nam Boo Won
Family Talk	Maggie Mathieson
Sunday School	Maggie Mathieson
I.T. Team:	Chris Wong, Monkey Lui

Last Sunday's offering: \$1430.7	
Promissory offering last week: \$600	