

Kowloon Union Church
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Third Sunday after Pentecost
13 June 2021
Morning Worship at 10:30 a.m.
Radio Broadcast Service
(* : Congregation stands)

APPROACH

PREPARATION SONG “As The Deer” – Composer: Martin J Nystrom

* **CALL TO WORSHIP**

* **HYMN** “Be Still for the Presence of the Lord”

– Composer: David J Evans

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ALL RESPOND “Change My Heart Oh God – Composer: Ed Spinoza

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

THE WORD OF GOD

Lord, open our lips.

And our mouths shall show forth Your praise.

* **HYMN** “Take My Life and Let It Be”

– Lyrics: Francis R Havergal

SCRIPTURE READING

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

A light to our path.

1 Samuel 15:34 - 16:13 (OT)

2 Corinthians 5:6 - 10, 14 - 17 (NT)

Mark 4:26 - 34 (NT)

Lord, may Your Word live in us.

And bear much fruit for Your glory.

* **HYMN** “Look and Learn” – Music: Traditional; Lyrics: Na Yong-Su

FAMILY TALK

SERMON

* **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH - PCUSA**

THE OFFERTORY

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

LORD'S PRAYER (in your own language)

ALL RESPOND "O Lord Hear My Prayer"

– Music: Bro Roger

OFFERING

OFFERTORY PRAYER

THE PEACE

* **HYMN** "Bring Forth the Kin-dom"

– Composer: Marty Haugen

* **COMMISSION and BLESSING**

Off Air

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

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- June is a month to remember Refugees throughout the world. Let us be in solidarity with those striving to find a place of safety for their family and themselves. As the borders of more and more countries are closing, the risks taken by people are becoming greater and greater. Let us pray for our brothers and sisters and let us share in their struggles.
- Children are a gift from God and yet again and again we are abusing our children. According to the United Nations, child labour numbers have risen for the first time in 20 years, one in 10 children are in work worldwide. The Pandemic situation has not helped this matter at all. Into our second year of global lockdowns, school closures and economic disruptions, families are forced to make heartbreaking choices, exposing their children to danger and death. 12 June is World Day Against Child Labour. The UN has made 2021 the International Year for the Elimination of Child Labour, saying urgent action is needed to meet a goal of ending the practice by 2025. May the Lord help us to do our part in making this goal attainable.
- Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi has announced that all adults in India will get free vaccines under the central government programme. We pray that this will truly happen and that other leaders in governance will make such provisions for all the people they are called to serve.
- As the world remains in the shadow of the Covid 19 Pandemic we have received good news from the World Mosquito Programme concerning the relentless slow-burning pandemic of Dengue Fever. In Yogyakarta, Indonesia, cases have been cut by 77% in the recent trial which the WMP team wish to expand the trials in the hope of eradicating the virus. We pray that these scientists will be able to take this hope to those areas of the world in greatest need.
- As civil unrest continues to reign in Myanmar the military authorities have charged deposed leader Aung San Suu Kyi with corruption, the most serious charge laid against her to date. She also faces multiple

charges including inciting unrest in the country. It is estimated that nearly 900 people have been killed since her arrest in February. We pray for the people of Myanmar as they struggle to maintain their livelihood and hold on to the freedom they have known for such a short time.

For the Ecumenical Prayer Cycle

- We lift up in prayer today the churches and people of all faiths in **Lesotho, Namibia, South Africa, 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.

For the Congregation

- We remember those near and far in need of our prayers. We pray for the healing hand of the Lord to rest on our dear Auntie Jenny in Kowloon Hospital, for Asha Melwani the mother of Alex and Mrs Samuel. We continue to remember Jeanette Lee, the sister of Doris in the USA, as she waits for her final round of chemotherapy. We remember Rachel Tan niece of Lucy Lim and Mirasol Bolanos sister of Annjeanette.
- We offer our prayers of thanksgiving for those who were baptized last week, may they be continually blessed and in turn become blessings.
- We give thanks to God for the services of our Brother Harry Chan who has decided to step down from his position as Trustee of the Church. Let us earnestly pray that God will prepare the right person to fill the vacancy.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome!

Welcome, all who join our Sunday Worship in person, through Facebook live streaming today and over the airwaves of RTHK Radio 4. It has been good to have you together with us in this time of worship.

Broadcast Sunday

Our worship service today will be on air through RTHK, Radio 4. You may listen to it on RTHK archives afterwards (www.rthk.hk – search under “Church Service”).

Mid Week Guided Meditation

We will take a summer break from our mid-week guided meditation. Our Lectio Divina session will resume in August. If this interests you and you would like to know more about Lectio Divina, please visit our web page kuc.hk/lectio for more information.

World Refugee Day 2021: Sat, 19 June @ 2-4 pm

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 at 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.
- The Church Council will meet on 20 June, next Sunday after worship. Please remember the Council in your prayers in their service to God that they may be inspired through the power of the Holy Spirit, in leading us as we build the Kingdom in this place.
- Sunday 27 June the Care and Fellowship Committee will host an 'Alternative Workshop in the art of Pastel Nagomi Art'. The session will be led by Grace So.
Please register if you wish to participate in the class as there are limited spaces. Register at <https://forms.gle/ZkPC9YmxAgpe4Lkn8>

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 the church for our ministries, you may go to the link www.kuc.hk/giving for details.

TODAY

Liturgist: Carl Cathedral

Preacher: Maggie Mathieson

Pianist: Lucy Lim

Lector: Dr. Doris Lee

Intercessory Prayers: Rey Asis

Family Talk: Chan Beng Seng

Sunday School: Jaylin Tomitis

I.T. Team: Lo Yuk Fai, Tony Chan

Offering: Sunita Suna, Aimé Girimana, Norma Diaz

Last Sunday's offering: \$2707.00

Promissory offering last week: \$7,490

Donation for Liza's Home: \$1000.00