

Kowloon Union Church
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“Where all are one”

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

8 August 2021

Morning Worship at 10:30 a.m.

Radio Broadcast Service

(* : Congregation stands)

APPROACH

PREPARATION SONG “Bless the Lord”

– Composer: Taize

* **CALL TO WORSHIP**

* **HYMN** “I Know Not Why” – Music: J. McGonaghan Lyrics: D W Whittle

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ALL RESPOND “Change Our Heart O God”

– Composer: E. Spinoza

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

THE WORD OF GOD

Lord, open our lips.

And our mouths shall show forth Your praise.

* **HYMN** “Spirit Song”

– Composer: J Wimber

SCRIPTURE READING

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

A light to our path.

1 Kings 19: 4 – 8 (OT)

Ephesians 4: 25; 5: 2 (NT)

John 6: 35; 41 – 51 (NT)

Lord, may Your Word live in us.

And bear much fruit for Your glory.

* **HYMN** “Christ Be Our Light”

– Composer: B Farrell

FAMILY TALK

SERMON

* **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

THE OFFERTORY

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

LORD’S PRAYER (in your own language)

ALL RESPOND “O Lord Hear Our Prayer”

– Composer: Taize

OFFERING

OFFERTORY PRAYER

THE PEACE

* **HYMN** “God in Your Grace” – Music: P Harling Lyrics: S. E. Murray

* **COMMISSION and BLESSING**

OFF-AIR

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

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- The World Health Organization (WHO) has called for a suspension on booster vaccines for Covid-19 until at least the end of September. The WHO has called for this action as poorer nations are falling behind in vaccination implementations. Such a pause would allow for at least 10% of the population to be vaccinated. The greater issue at hand is of course the availability of the vaccine for those in greatest need. Let us pray that the WHO will make provisions to provide for their needs.
- Finally, more than 150 trucks have arrived in Ethiopia’s war-torn southern Tigray region. Millions in the region are in dire need of this much-awaited aid. A spokesman for the United Nations stated that to restore the needs of the people this amount of aid is needed daily. We thank God for the safety of this convoy of trucks entering the region and pray that God will bless all who receive aid and provisions.
- It has been reported that over six weeks the Taliban has executed 900 people in their bid to retake the country after the withdrawal of US troops. Many of the deaths occurred in the town of Spin Boldak, on the border with Pakistan. Though Taliban leaders have presented themselves as a moderate force, reports of the brutality of the treatment of people and that of women are being registered daily. May God protect all in that land.
- Australia's Prime Minister Scott Morrison has announced on Thursday one-off payments to many indigenous Australians who were forcibly removed from their homes as children. Thousands of children were taken from their homes and put into the care of white foster families under the assimilation policy that persisted into the '70s. Though this money cannot repay the loss and damage suffered by these individuals, it is a step towards recognising and reconciling amidst the communities. We pray that the Lord may bring healing and forgiveness into this community that they know their voices have been heard and may this action bring about positive progress.
- As the weather throughout the world continues to threaten lives and livelihoods we think this week on those in China Central where it is estimated that 302 people have lost their lives and dozens of people are still unaccounted for. May the Lord comfort those who have lost a loved one bringing them peace and strengthen all in their recovery.
- Earlier this week the Hong Kong University banned from campus all students who attended a recent controversial Students’ Union Meeting. Even though the

motion made by the student body was withdrawn and an official apology was given to the Governing Council with several office-bearers stepping down they still went ahead with the action. Law lecturer Eric Cheung has resigned from his position as a member of the governing body expressing great sadness that the students were “stripped of their rights to be students”. He also pointed out that with this action the students were not given a chance to offer a defence or to appeal their case. We pray for all involved in this that they may see a way through this that will enable all to be heard and have their say. We pray for the future of these young people and their next steps.

- Congratulations Team Hong Kong! Yes, we continue to revel in the success of Team Hong Kong in the Tokyo Olympics where we have seen so much more than just the competition. We have seen comradery amidst the competition, the gift of sharing and the acknowledgement of the other.

For the Ecumenical Prayer Cycle

We lift up in prayer today the churches and people of all faiths in **Cameroon, Central African Republic, Equatorial Guinea.**

- **We are thankful for** the natural resources and diverse gifts that come from these countries, such as the distinctive music and dance of Cameroon; those who minister to victims of sexual violence, trafficking and other human rights abuses; Christians and people of other faiths who courageously have pursued reconciliation and peace among those in conflict; individuals and organizations who have provided for health clinics and schools in Cameroon and the Central African Republic.
- **We pray for** just resolutions to the conflicts and violence among diverse groups and their leaders; refugees who flee to other countries, and for those who host them; economic developments that make it possible for all to rise out of poverty; stable democratic governments that effectively serve the common good.

For the Congregation

- We remember those near and far in need of our prayers. For all who are facing health challenges and undergoing treatment in hospital and at home. We pray for the healing hand of the Lord to rest on Som, the mother of Sameth in Cambodia, Asha Melwani the mother of Alex, and Mrs Samuel. We remember Jenny Alegre in Queen Elizabeth hospital. We continue to remember Doris and her sister Jeanette Lee, Rachel Perry the niece of Tory Caplan and Mirasol Bolanos sister of Anjenette.
- Please remember and pray for our brother Peter Zia here in Hong Kong and his family in Uganda as they mourn the loss of their Mother. May she rest in eternal peace, may the family be comforted and covered in God’s peace.
- Pray for the programmes taking place next week within KUC.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome!

Welcome, all who join our Sunday Worship in person, through Facebook live streaming today. It is good to have you together with us in this time of worship.

Weekly Programs in Church

- **Bible study online Monday at 10:00 a.m. Please note we will meet a little earlier this week.** We are currently studying the New Testament books of 1, 2 & 3 John. Please contact Pastor Maggie if you are interested in joining the study group.
- **Monday - Friday Afternoon 'Castles of the North – Jordan'**
- **Tuesday Peacemaking Fellowship – 10:30 am @ KUC.**
- **Wednesday Evening Harambe Choir @ 6 pm**
- **Friday - Junior Choir @ 4 pm**

Calling for Volunteers - VBS (9 Aug – 13 Aug from 13:30 - 16:00)

We have come to that time of the year again when we are getting ready for our VBS – Vacation Bible School – This year we will venture to the Castles of the North – Jordan. Volunteers are needed for the preparation of materials as well as helping out during the programme. Your prayers and donations are gratefully received – please talk to Pastor Maggie if you have some time to spare or would like to donate. ☺

Special Appeal

The Peace-Making Ministry is appealing for your support in prayers and donation of funds, for our children within the community. We are launching the Education Fund Appeal – this year our target is to raise \$40,000. The money raised will be used to buy school books, uniforms, shoes and cover non-refundable school fees for our children. No matter how large or small your donation it will make a difference in a child's life. Thank you and God bless. Please see the insert for more detail on how you can donate to this appeal. And check on the fundraising pencil how much has been given already.



TODAY	NEXT WEEK
Liturgist: Maggie Mathieson	Phyllis Wong
Preacher: Peter Youngblood	Justine Wong
Pianist: Eric Sin	Cheryl Hui
Lector: Venus Cheng	Joel Chaukura
Intercessory Prayers: Robert Lam	Sunita Suna
Family Talk: Rey Asis	Maggie Mathieson
Sunday School: Jaylin Tomitis	Maggie Mathieson
I.T. Team: Lo Yuk Fai, Monkey Lui	Lo Yuk Fai, Modeste
Offering: Sunita Suna, Harry Chan	Rey Asis, Susan Babasa,
Greeter: Lucy Lim, Kurt Law	Edwina Antonio, Harry Chan

Last Sunday's offering: \$7958.50	Promissory offering: \$16540
Education Fund: \$2000	Welfare Fund: \$60000
	Vouchers: \$500