

Kowloon Union Church

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WHERE ALL ARE ONE

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30 October 2022

Reformation Sunday

Morning Worship at 10:30 a.m.

Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost

(* : Congregation stands)

APPROACH

PREPARATION SONG “Holy Spirit Come To Us” – Music: Taize Community

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

*** HYMN** “All Are Welcome” – Music: Two Oaks; Words: Marty Haugen

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ALL RESPOND “Kyrie Eleison” (Lord have Mercy) – Music: Trad. Orthodox

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

THE WORD OF GOD

Lord, open our lips.

And our mouths shall show forth Your praise.

HYMN “Lord, I Come To You”

– Composer: Geoff Bullock

SCRIPTURE READING

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

A light to our path.

Psalm 119:137-144 (O.T.)

Luke 19:1-10 (N.T.)

Lord, may Your Word live in us.

And bear much fruit for Your glory.

N4G! “All In All”

SERMON “Today, Salvation Has Come to This House.”

*** 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')

– Music: Taize Community

OFFERTORY

THE PEACE

* **HYMN** "Community of Christ" – Music: Leoni; Words: Shirley Erena Murray

* **COMMISSION and BLESSING**

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

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

Please remember as you pray. . .

- Scientists in Ecuador have discovered six new species of rain frogs, all were found on the eastern slopes of the Andes. The discovery of all species made within an area of deforestation prompted the scientists to request they be added to the red list of threatened species. As humans devour our earth's resources for our greed, how much are we destroying in the process? May we learn from our mistakes and take time to recover what we have damaged.
- The United Nations Secretary-General Antonio Guterres has reminded the world that we must re-prioritise climate change or the world faces catastrophe. But unfortunately, as world leaders prepare for COP27, attention that should be given to the issues of climate change has been overlooked as other issues dominate the news. As a result, many issues raised at COP26 have yet to be addressed and realised.
- With more attacks last week on the power sources in Ukraine by the Russian forces, Deputy Prime Minister Iryna Vereshchuk advised those who had left the country to wait until the spring before returning to Ukraine, noting that the situation will only become worse. Pray for peace in that land and the protection of all involved.
- Ethiopian Government officials and Tigrayan forces delegates are meeting in South Africa to discuss ending a civil war that has been raging these last two years. We pray for the success of these talks and for the liberation of all the innocent people caught up in the fighting.
- The Hong Kong government announced earlier this week that anti-epidemic measures would again be put in place in the Lunar New Year fairs in January, with no dry goods stalls or food stalls allowed. This has been the case since 2021. We remember all the small businessmen and women who have lost their businesses during these years and pray for the day when they can once again serve the people of Hong Kong.
- Electricity supplier CLP on Wednesday cautioned that increases in electricity charges are "unavoidable" next year amid surging fuel prices. This will profoundly impact the economic status of Hong Kong people who now struggle with utility

bills. As the winter approaches, we pray for the well-being of the most vulnerable in our society.

- To help phase out the use of sub-divided flats, Housing Secretary Winnie Ho further introduced to the public the Chief Executive's pledge to build 30,000 "light public housing". The first of these units is scheduled to be available in 2024. May God bless this project and make it a reality for those currently living in sub-divided units in our city.

For the Congregation

- We pray for the mothers of Alex Melwani, Helen Lee, Florence Tse and Chris Wong, for Mrs Samuel, Anjenette, Jenny Alegre, Habib, Hend, Jeanette Lee, Ng Kam Lee, Raymond Lau, Chui, Ramon Bultron, Lyn, Lucy Lim, Mercy, Poulish Zaki, Saafa, Selvia and Stella Chan. We remember those caring 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 **Canada and the United States of America.**

We are **thankful** for:

- the vast expanse of North America with its resources and varied landscapes; may they be preserved, enjoyed and used wisely
- those who were its original inhabitants – First Nations and Native Americans
- church-related organizations that strongly advocate for justice, and those that provide for new immigrants and refugees today, as well as for others who are poor and vulnerable
- ecumenical and interfaith engagements occurring in many communities that previously were mainly white and Christian.

We **pray** for:

- churches facing new challenges that they may continue to witness boldly to the gospel in evolving multicultural, multireligious and secular contexts
- indigenous peoples in their long struggles for survival, land and rights; and for ongoing healing and reconciliation with those who have come after them
- new immigrants, that they will continue to be welcomed in these countries, and that policies will serve the common good
- effectively countering systemic greed that exploits communities and natural resources
- government leaders that they would advance justice, human rights, and peace for all within these countries and in the rest of the world.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today

Welcome to all who join our worship in church and through Facebook live streaming. A special welcome today to our preacher Revd. Grace Bok from One Body in Christ Church. It is good to have you with us again in Kowloon Union Church.

This Week's Programs in Church

- Sunday - Council meeting at 1pm – Upper Fellowship Hall
Visit the Temple of Wong Tai Sin following the worship service
- Tuesday - Peace Making Fellowship in Number 2 Jordan Road at 10:00 am.
- Wednesday - Harambe Choir at 6:00 pm

Friday - Bible Study – online at 10:30 am
Junior Choir in KUC at 4:00 pm

Today – Interfaith Walk Around Wong Tai Sin

The KUC Care and Fellowship Committee invites you to join us for a trip to Wong Tai Sin Temple. Together, we will learn about different Chinese deities and forms of worship. Participants will also be invited to do a "scavenger hunt," finding less well-known locations and objects throughout the massive complex. We will meet at KUC at 1 PM and take the MTR. The visit will finish at about 3 PM. Please register online! Register here: <https://forms.gle/sVKJ3YboCRmpA3Ky7>

Taize Prayer here in KUC

Join in a time of prayer here in Kowloon Union Church on Tuesday at 7:30 pm.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

EGM – Sunday, 20 November

For the presentation of the budget for the upcoming year in KUC

KUC Movie Sunday – Sunday, 27 November

The Mission, Outreach and Ecumenism Committee (MOE) will screen “Walk With Me” on 27 November 2022 (Sunday) at 1:30 pm to 3:30pm.

Narrated by Benedict Cumberbatch, the film is about the late Thich Nhat Hahn, a Zen Buddhist master, and his monastery on their journey into mindfulness. The documentary follows them in their daily routine and practice of mindfulness throughout the four seasons, and observe how this supports them in facing the ups and downs of life. Among his many books, Thich Nhat Hahn is the author of “The Miracle of Mindfulness”, a beginner’s handbook on mindfulness, and “Living Buddha, Living Christ”, which explores the crossroads of compassion and holiness at which the two spiritual traditions meet. His life and practice may bring us new inspiration and reflection on our life and faith in Jesus Christ.

	TODAY 30 October
Liturgist:	Phyllis Wong
Preacher:	Grace Bok
Pianist:	Katie Ho
Lector:	Paul Wong
Intercessory Prayers:	Chan Beng Seng
Family Talk:	No Family Talk
Greeter:	Mary Adesina plus others
Offering Rota:	Anjenette Bolanos Journaliz Badon
Counting Rota	Chan Beng Seng Harry Chan
Sunday School Leaders:	Maggie Mathieson
I.T. Team:	Tong Chong Sze

Last Sunday’s offering: HK\$3,579.90-
Promissory offering previous week: HK\$700-
Retiring Offering: HK\$1,200-