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15 May 2022
Fifth 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** "At the Dawning of Salvation" – Music: Folk Melody; Words: Jock Curle

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** "O Sing to the Lord"

– Music: Folk Melody; Words: Gerhard M Cartford

SCRIPTURE READING

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

A light to our path.

Acts 11: 1 - 18 (N.T)

Psalm 148 (O.T)

Revelation 21: 1 – 6 (N.T.)

Lord, may Your Word live in us.

And bear much fruit for Your glory.

* **HYMN** "Help Us Accept Each Other."

– Music: Samuel J Stone; Words: Fred Kaan

FAMILY TALK

SERMON "A Church in Unity!"

* **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** "Walls That Divide" – Music: Ron Klusmeier; Words: Walter Farquharson

* **COMMISSION and BLESSING**

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

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

Please remember as you pray. . .

- Again, we thank God as we see the numbers of Covid cases drop here in Hong Kong. May those struggling with this illness know healing and those caring for them be strengthened and energised.
- The World Health Organisation (WHO) announced this week that the Covid pandemic had caused the deaths of nearly 15 million people around the world. However, this is an estimated figure as the WHO believes that many countries have undercounted the numbers who died from Covid. May their souls rest in peace, and may the comfort of God fall on families left behind.
- The Scandinavian countries of Finland and Sweden, which have long taken a neutral stance in wartime in Europe, are about to announce a possible change in their perspective as they consider becoming part of NATO. Fears are rising among the peoples of both Sweden and Finland as the conflict in Ukraine continues. Those in Governance will announce the final decision today, Sunday, 15 May.
- As the conflict in Ukraine continues, we thank God for the safe passage of fifty of the 200 civilians thought to be trapped in the city of Mariupol. There have been accusations of the Russian forces not keeping the ceasefire agreement allowing more to be freed.
- Recently, in Malawi, three men have been sentenced by the High Court to 155 years in jail for killing a person with albinism. The victim was killed in the belief his body parts held magical powers. Crimes involving those with albinism are well known and documented in Malawi and other African countries. May this sentencing indeed deter others from even considering this crime. May God protect those people with the condition.
- The Taliban ordered women in Afghanistan to fully cover themselves in public, preferably with the traditional burqa. This is yet another violation of human rights imposed on the women of Afghanistan since the Taliban returned to power.
- We pray for peace on the streets of Sri Lanka. Unfortunately, tensions have grown between those for and against the government during this time of political turmoil. Armoured vehicles and troops have been deployed with the command to

shoot those deemed to be responsible for the violence and arson attacks. As a result, people face shortages of fuel, food and other essentials.

- Pray for the people and Governance of the Philippines as a new President has been elected and named. Ferdinand Marcos Jr will be sworn in as the president of the Philippines amidst many mixed feelings and emotions. In a very different type of election, In Hong Kong, former security chief John Lee Ka-Chiu was elected as Hong Kong's next leader. He was the only candidate for the position. May God bless both in their Governance, opening their ears and hearts to the needs of the people set in their charge.
- Earlier in the week, Cardinal Joseph Zen, ex-legislator Margaret Ng, academic Dr Hui Po-keung and singer Denise Ho were arrested because of their association with the now-defunct 612 Humanitarian aid fund. That raised money to cover the legal and medical fees of anti-government protesters. The four are accused of colluding with foreign forces and, if found guilty, could face life imprisonment. However, unlike others arrested under the NSL, all four were released on bail.
- 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 Bangladesh, Bhutan, and Nepal.

We give thanks for:

- the peoples of these nations – the diversity of their cultures, languages, and art, and their resilience
- the breath-taking beauty of these lands – the mountains in all their grandeur, overflowing rivers and green paddy fields
- all those who work for the churches and their institutions, especially in places where natural disasters strike

We pray for:

- efforts of governments and others to build up these nations' economies
- those who have lost families and homes in earthquakes and other disasters as they struggle to rebuild their lives, homes and infrastructure
- those who contribute to religious harmony and advocate for the minority voice of Christians, especially amid religious and ethnic tensions
- religious and government leaders that they will make it possible for all peoples to live in justice with peace and harmony.

- these small nations which depend on other countries and are often threatened by interests of their bigger neighbours.

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.

Sunday – Annual General Meeting, today at 1 pm in the Church Sanctuary

Tuesday – Peacemaking Fellowship at 10 am.

Friday – Bible Study – online

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.

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 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 15 May	NEXT WEEK 22 May Wai Ji Sunday
Liturgist:	Maggie Mathieson	Michael Chan Phyllis Wong
Preacher:	Cecilia Yeung	Wong Siu Chung Ho Ka Man, Carman Choi Kai Yin
Pianist:	Eric Sin	Cheryl Hui
Lector:	Harry Chan	Cheung Wai Yin Joce, Tory Caplan
Intercessory Prayers:	Amber Tong	Peter Leung
Family Talk:	Chan Beng Seng	No Family Talk
Greeter:	Kevin Ng plus others	Paul Wong plus others
Offering Rota:	Emmanuel Adesina Edwina Antonio	Nam Boo Won Journaliz Badon
Sunday School Leaders:	Jailyn Tomitis	Maggie Mathieson
I.T. Team:	Tong Chong Sze	Lo Yuk Fai

Last Sunday's offering: HK\$ 15,879.30