Kowloon Union Church

"Where all are one"

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Sixth Sunday of Easter 22 May 2022 Morning Worship at 10:30 a.m. Wai Ji Sunday

(\* : Congregation stands)



# THE APPROACH

#### WELCOME

\* CALL TO WORSHIP

\* **HYMN** "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

– Music: William M. Runyan Words: Thomas O. Chisholm

#### **CALL TO CONFESSION**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**ALL RESPONSE** "God Is Forgiveness"

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#### ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

# **THE WORD OF GOD**

ANTHEM "God's Grace Is Beautiful" - Wai Ji's Service Users

SHARING Carmen Ho Ka Man, Choi Kai Yin, Wong Sau Chung

#### SCRIPTURE READINGS

Psalm 67 (O.T.)

John 14: 23 – 29 (N.T.)

ANTHEM "Afraid No More" - WJ's Service Users & Staff

**SERMON** "Grace Through The Adversities"

# **THE OFFERTORY**

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE THE LORD'S PRAYER OFFERTORY OFFERTORY PRAYER

\* **HYMN** "He Lives"

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- Composer: Alfred H. Ackley

\* COMMISSION

# **CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH**

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

## Please remember as you pray...

#### Wai Ji Christian Service & people with disabilities

- We are thankful for God's protection and blessings to all service users and staff to overcome all challenges brought by the Covid 19 pandemic in the past year.
   Thank you for the commitment and dedication of staff who provide quality and loving services for the clients.
- We remember the parents of the mentally challenged who still bear caretaking responsibilities every day. May the Lord lift their burdens and grant them peace and hope. Pray that the services provided by the organization are helpful to them.
- We pray to God for the service and development of Wai Ji Christian Service in a time of uncertainty. Since the outbreak of the Coronavirus, there have been many fears, challenges and changes to cope with. We are grateful for the dedicated staff who provide quality service every day and maintain the well-being of the service users. May God continue to guide the directors, workers and volunteers at Wai Ji Christian Service, taking care of their bodies, minds and souls. Give them strength and wisdom to serve. May Wai Ji continue to be the light and salt of the world to reveal God's mercy and kindness to people with intellectual and other disabilities and their families.
- We also remember people with disabilities all around the world. The Bible speaks about diversity; it is a gift of God, a gift from God. Therefore people with disabilities are also part of God's creation. Their presence shows the plurality of human beings and God's creation. Churches without disabled people are the disabled Churches. We are called to build friendly, inclusive and accessible communities of all God's people. May the Wai Ji Sunday remind our church at KUC of our mission to welcome and serve those in need and those neglected by the community.

• 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.
- We thank God for a smooth and productive Annual General Meeting. We are grateful to those who have finished their service on the Council or Trustees. Thank you, Hope Antone, Harry Chan, Paul Cheung and Pearl Wong.

# For the Ecumenical Prayer Cycle

We lift in prayer the churches and people of all faiths in the Indian Ocean Islands: Comoros, Madagascar, Maldives, Mauritius, Seychelles

#### We are thankful for:

- the spectacular scenery, exotic plants, rare animals and abundant sea life that flourish in the region
- how people who are ethnically and religiously diverse have long lived together
- the economic developments that have lifted some out of poverty
- the vital evangelism, social and public witness of churches, and how the churches relate to people of other faiths.

### We pray for:

- the fragile environment and the unique plants, animals and lands, that they will be protected, especially as the sea rises
- tourism and other economic developments that they will not threaten but enhance life for all the people in these countries
- churches, that they will grow through evangelistic efforts and in their work with those of other faiths
- Christians to be bolder in their public witness for justice and reconciliation, especially in times of political turmoil.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

# Welcome!

Welcome to all who join our worship service. A special welcome to friends from Wai Ji Christian Service in church and through live streaming. Because of the Pandemic, this is another year service users, and most staff are not physically present in church to worship together. But they are still actively participating in another way. Thank you for the pre-recorded singing and testimonies. Thank you, Michael, for co-leading the worship service and for staff for the technical support.

# Wai Ji Christian Service

**Vision:** Wai Ji Christian Service was set up by Kowloon Union Church in 1979. The organization strives for excellence and creativity in serving people with intellectual and other disabilities, promoting their well-being and advocating social inclusion.

**Mission:** The mission of Wai Ji Christian Service is to reflect God's love to people with intellectual and other disabilities by offering them support, advocating their social inclusion, defending their rights and liberties, and empowering them to make contributions to the community.

\* You may know more about the Agency from their leaflet available at the church entrance or this link https://www.wjcs.org.hk/en/

#### **Council and Trustees 2022 - 2023**

For the year 2022-2023, three members have been elected to Council: Doris Lee (for a 2nd term), Jennifer Chan and Harry Chan. The members still serving their terms are: Sunita Suna, Rey Asis, Edwina Antonio and Aimé Girimana. Three members have also been elected to the Trustees: Gabi Baumgartner, Ramon Bultron and Chan Beng Seng. The members still serving their terms are: Paul Wong and Nam Boo Won. Join us to pray for their wise and loving guidance and decision-making in the year ahead!

#### **Weekly Programs in Church**

Tuesday – Peacemaking Fellowship at 10 am.

Wednesday – Harambe Choir practice at6:30 pm.

Friday – Bible Study at 10:30 am – online - contact Pastor Maggie if you want to know more.

#### **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 22 May Wai Ji Sunday	NEXT WEEK 29 May
Liturgist:	Michael Chan Phyllis Wong	Maggie Mathieson
Preacher:	Wong Siu Chung Ho Ka Man, Carmen Choi Kai Yin	Peter Youngblood
Pianist:	Jessica Tso	Cheryl Hui
Lector:	Cheung Wai Yin, Joce Tory Caplan	Paul Wong
Intercessory Prayers:	Peter Leung	Hope Antone
Family Talk:	No Family Talk	Maggie Mathieson
Greeter:	Paul Wong plus others	Kevin Ng plus others
Offering Rota:	Nam Boo Won Journaliz Badon	Chan Beng Seng Cynthia Leung
Sunday School Leaders:	Maggie Mathieson	Jailyn Tomitis
I.T. Team:	Lo Yuk Fai	Chris Wong

Last Sunday's offering: HK\$7967-