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26 June 2022
Third Sunday After Pentecost
Morning Worship at 10:30 a.m.

(* : Congregation stands)

APPROACH

PREPARATION SONG "Holy Spirit Come" – Music: T.Chan

* **CALL TO WORSHIP**

* **HYMN** "Lord, of All Hopefulness" – Music: Slane; Words: Jan Struther

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ALL RESPOND "God is Forgiveness" – Taize

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

THE WORD OF GOD

Lord, open our lips.

And our mouths shall show forth Your praise.

* **HYMN** "Seek Ye First" – Composer: Karen Lafferty

SCRIPTURE READING

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

A light to our path.

Psalm 16 (O.T.)

Luke 9: 51 - 62 (N.T.)

Lord, may Your Word live in us.

And bear much fruit for Your glory.

* **HYMN** "Brother Sister, Let Me Serve You."

- Music: Betty Pilkington; Words: Richard Gillard

INSTALLATION OF THE NEW COUNCIL AND TRUSTEES

SERMON

* **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – THE APOSTLES' CREED**

THE OFFERTORY

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

MISSION MOMENT – KABAR BUMI

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

LORD’S PRAYER

ALL RESPOND “Ubi Caritas” (Where charity and love are, God is there) – Taizé

OFFERTORY

THE PEACE

* **HYMN** “In Christ Alone” – Composers: Keith and Kirstyn Getty

* **COMMISSION and BLESSING**

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

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

Please remember as you pray. . .

- In Hong Kong, after seeing Covid figures decrease in the last few weeks, we are now seeing the numbers rise again, with many cases coming from schools. So let us be diligent, observant and responsible people, doing what we can to prevent and contain the virus.
- The United States Senate has taken a first step towards passing what has been called the most significant new gun control bill in a generation. There has been a vote to speed up the bipartisan bill, which could see the bill being signed into law by next week. With this first active step, we pray the bill's introduction will help end gun violence.
- Strict new regulations on importing goods from the Xinjiang region of China, introduced by the United States, have now come into effect. Under the new rules, firms must prove that all goods are not produced using forced labour. The United States has accused China of detaining members of the minority Uyghur community and forcing them to work, though China denies all accusations. So the US is taking yet another stance against the Chinese Communist Party's use of slave labour and egregious crimes against humanity. May our eyes and mouths be open to stand and do the same.
- Fears are now rising that Russia may cut off gas supplies to Europe as it seeks to bolster its political leverage during the Ukraine Crisis. The head of the International Energy Agency has warned the countries of Europe to start preparations now.
- We pray for those in Afghanistan as they deal with the aftermath of a devastating 6.1 magnitude earthquake. It is thought over 1000 people have lost their lives and at least 1,500 injured. These are estimated figures as many remain buried in the rubble. Appeals were issued to the international communities for aid and technical help. We pray the political situation to be overlooked in favour of the humanitarian needs

of those in that place. May God strengthen all peoples and comfort those in mourning.

- Nigerian troops have found two former Chibok schoolgirls who were among those abducted by Boko Haram eight years ago. Both are now mothers and are relieved to reunite with family and friends. However, please do not forget those still waiting for that reunion day.
- A new style of music is being produced and flooding the Pop music scene in India. They call it 'Hindutva pop'. It is music that promotes far-right anti-Muslim songs adding to the religious tensions in the country. Pray that more people will use art and culture to promote tolerance and understanding among faiths rather than divisions.
- Tuesday evening saw almost 160,000 homes across New Territories West plunged into darkness after a cable bridge burst into flames. We thank God that there were no fatalities in the fire and that power was restored to almost 90% of the building affected by midnight that same evening. May the authorities look into the cause of this incident and take measures to prevent it from happening again.
- The HKSAR Government has announced that around 50,000 older people will be eligible to receive an increase in their existing Old Age Living Allowance. The new scheme will start in September. The allowance is calculated depending on the individual's monthly income and asset level. We pray that this new scheme will enable those most in need a little more comfort in life.

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, and Ramon Bultron. 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 Kenya and Tanzania.

We give thanks for:

- the abundant wildlife, natural resources and people indigenous to these countries and that they are protected, not exploited
- the literacy rate in Kenya, the highest in Africa, and for the schools that churches and their partners support and sustain in both countries
- the faithful witness of the churches in their communities, and in building positive relationships with those of other faiths
- persons and organizations who meet the needs of the hundreds of thousands of migrants and refugees from other African countries.

We pray for:

- greater tolerance between Christians and Muslims as they work together to improve the lives of all people
- youth, that they not succumb to radicalization but are prepared to sustain their lives and communities
- all victims of violence, especially sexual or gender-based violence, and all who are marginalized or excluded from communities
- those who are most vulnerable to climate change and drought, that they may have clean water to drink and for their crops and animals to flourish
- economic growth and trade that benefits all the people.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today

Welcome to all who join our worship in church and through Facebook live streaming.

Weekly Programs in Church.

Sunday - Council Meeting – Upper Fellowship Hall @ 1 pm – 3 pm

Tuesday – Peacemaking Fellowship at 10 am (No. 2 Jordan Road)

Wednesday – Harambe Choir at 6:30 pm

Friday – Bible Study – online at 10:30 am

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, 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.

	TODAY 26 June	NEXT WEEK 3 July
Liturgist:	Maggie Mathieson	Phyllis Wong
Preacher:	Phyllis Wong	Maggie Mathieson
Pianist:	Jessica Tso	Cheryl Hui
Lector:	Precious	Venus Cheng
Intercessory Prayers:	Judy Chan	Rey Asis
Family Talk:	Mayson Fung	Tong Chong Sze
Greeter:	Stanley Ho plus others	Paul Wong plus others
Offering Rota:	Edwina Antonio Emmanuel Adesina	Cynthia Leung Chan Beng Seng
Sunday School Leaders:	Jailyn Tomitis	Jailyn Tomitis
I.T. Team:	Tong Chong Sze	Chris Wong

Last Sunday's offering: HK\$3,095

Promissory offering last week: HK\$5,100

