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Easter Sunday
17 April 2022
Morning Worship at 10:30 a.m.

APPROACH

CHRIST IS RISEN INDEED – ALLELUIA!

OPENING PRAISE “Thine Be the Glory” – Music: Handel; Words: Edmond Budry

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

*** HYMN** “Lord of the Dance”- Music: Trad; Words: Sydney Carter

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ALL RESPOND “Halle Halle Halle” – Music Trad

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

GREETING OF PEACE FROM UCCPHK

THE WORD OF GOD

Lord, open our lips.

And our mouths shall show forth Your praise.

SCRIPTURE READING

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

A light to our path.

Isaiah 65: 17 – 25 (OT)

Luke24: 1 - 12 (NT)

This is the Gospel of the Lord. Alleluia!

SERMON

*** AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

THE OFFERTORY

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

ALL RESPOND “In The Lord” – Taize

THE HOLY COMMUNION

GREETINGS OF PEACE - OBIC

* **HYMN** “Lord How Can I Repay” – Composer: John Glynn

INVITATION

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

SANCTUS

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PRAYER FOR THE HOLY SPIRIT

THE LORD'S PRAYER

DISTRIBUTION

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

GREETINGS OF PEACE - KUC

* **HYMN** “Because He Lives” – Composer: Bill & Gloria Gaither

*** COMMISSION**

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

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

Please remember as you pray. . .

- We continue to give thanks that the local numbers of Covid cases are dropping. We give thanks for the news shared of the possibilities of the easing of many of the Covid rules that are in place.
- Let us not be complacent to the rule changes but strive to do the best we can to protect others and ourselves from the virus. The World Health Organisation has already issued warnings concerning this.
- News coming from the Russia-Ukraine war continues to be full of stories of so many human rights violations. The fatalities and casualties of the ongoing conflict are growing though an exact number is not yet known. Millions have fled Ukraine and many more are internal refugees seeking safety.
- The United States Government has pledged to support the Ukraine campaign with \$800 million in military aid.
- Let us pray for equity within Global organisations responding to emergencies. The head of the World Health Organisation has recently drawn attention to this, stating that “he did not know if the world gives equal attention to emergencies affecting black and white people.” He went on to state that places like Tigray, Yemen, Afghanistan, and Syria have not received even a fraction of the funds directed to Ukraine.
- The British Government is set to unveil plans that would forcibly remove asylum seekers from the UK to Rwanda to be processed in their asylum claim. Opposition parties have criticized the plans as cruel, unworkable, unethical, and extortionate. Others pointed out that this will not stop the dangerous Channel crossings nor combat human trafficking.

- The weather throughout the world is claiming many lives and destroying livelihoods. We pray particularly this morning for the people in the coastal provinces in Eastern Philippines after typhoon Megi made landfall. Thousands have been displaced. We remember also those in the South African province of KwaZulu-Natal trying to recover after devastating floods.
- We pray that our children will be able to adapt to the new regulations for returning to school. The insistence for families taking RAT tests every morning is one expense that many can ill afford. May the government find a way to ease some of these additional burdens on parents and their children.
- Pray for the continued support of NGOs in Hong Kong who are working tirelessly to obtain food supplies and other necessities for those in deepest 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, and Tong Chong Sze. We remember those who are providing care for loved ones at home and in care facilities.
- We thank God for the news received from Korea that Nam's mother is now in stable condition.

For the Ecumenical Prayer Cycle

We lift in prayer the churches and people of all faiths in Belarus, Moldova, Russia, and Ukraine.

We give thanks for:

- the distinctive icons, art, literature, and music that have come from this area
- the faithful witness of churches under the reign of Communism, and their revitalization since then, after decades of official atheism
- all those who help to alleviate the suffering of people due to the conflict in Ukraine and who try to counteract and overcome divisions
- those who work for democracy and openness in government.

We pray for:

- guidance, as these nations work to reconfigure political and economic structures
- compassion and integrity for all peoples in these nations with such diverse ethnic histories
- those who suffer from alcoholism, HIV and AIDS, tuberculosis, and other life-threatening diseases
- the large numbers of people who now live in poverty and are unemployed
- those in Belarus and Ukraine who suffer from the continued effects of the Chernobyl nuclear disaster
- those who struggle for democracy and truthfulness in the media.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome! Christ is Risen Indeed – ALLELUIA!

Welcome to all who join our Sunday Worship online today. It is good to have you together with us in this time of worship. An extra special welcome this morning to brothers and sisters from One Body in Christ Church and United Church of Christ in the Philippines, Hong Kong.

Weekly Programs in Church.

It is our greatest hope and prayer that we will be able to meet face to face next week in Church.

Friday Morning Bible Study – Online

We will not meet together this week online.

Season of Lent – Holy Week

Christ is Risen indeed! During the season of Lent, we would like to thank all of our sisters and brothers who shared their reflections with us. Thank you all so very much for accompanying us through Lent until this day of celebration.

Donation/Offering to the Church

If you wish to make a donation/offering to the church and support our ministries, you may send us a cheque payable to “Kowloon Union Church” and send it to 4 Jordan Road, KLN, or by direct deposit to our church account: HSBC Account 018-1-080268. Please mail/email the bank receipt to us for our records.

We Seek Your Prayers

Please pray for our church community as we prepare for our Annual General Meeting (AGM) in May. Apart from the reports and plans for the next year, the AGM will be a time for KUC members to elect new members to serve on both the Council and the Trustees. As several members have completed their terms, others have stepped down, and others have left Hong Kong, we have several vacancies to fill. We seek your prayers that God will prepare the right people to take up various leadership roles in the church. Please contact Pastor Maggie, Pastor Phyllis, or a Council member, if you are considering such a position, or wish to recommend someone from among our members, to serve through one of these governing bodies of the Church.

Date for your diaries – KUC Annual General Meeting, 15 May 2022