

Kowloon Union Church

"Where all are one"

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10 June 2022

Fifth Sunday After Pentecost

Morning Worship at 10:30 a.m.

Radio Broadcast Service

(* : Congregation stands)

APPROACH

PREPARATION SONG "Holy Spirit Come" – Composer: T Chan

* **CALL TO WORSHIP**

* **HYMN** "Stand Up and Bless The Lord."

– Music: Charles Lockhart; Lyrics: James Montgomery

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ALL RESPOND "Kyrie Eleison" (Lord, have mercy) – Trad Orthodox

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

THE WORD OF GOD

Lord, open our lips.

And our mouths shall show forth Your praise.

* **HYMN** "Give Thanks"

– Composer: Henry Smith; adapted Chan Beng Seng

SCRIPTURE READING

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

A light to our path.

Deuteronomy 30: 9 – 14 (OT)

Luke 10: 25 – 37 (NT)

Lord, may Your Word live in us.

And bear much fruit for Your glory.

* **HYMN** "When I Needed a Neighbour" – Composer : Sydney Carter

FAMILY TALK

SERMON "Who is the Good Samaritan?"

* **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH -**

THE OFFERTORY

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

LORD'S PRAYER

ALL RESPOND "O Lord, Hear Our Prayer"

– Music: Taize

OFFERING

OFFERTORY PRAYER

THE PEACE

* COMMISSION and BLESSING

* HYMN "Jesus Christ Is Waiting" – Music: Trad; Lyrics: John Bell

Off Air

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

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

Please remember as you pray. . .

- There has been yet another mass shooting in the U.S. at an Independence Day parade, claiming the lives of seven people and leaving dozens wounded. In the wake of the recent movement to tighten gun control, the shooter was still able to buy five guns. His actions raised the alarm, but it seems the authorities did nothing to stop him. We remember families who are victims of crime and pray that the government will enforce stricter gun controls.
- Ukraine says it is investigating more than 21,000 war crimes allegedly committed by Russia since its invasion. Over 200 - 300 reports are received daily, which is only on the Ukrainian side. In all situations, we pray for Justice to be done.
- An attack by gunmen on a Nigerian prison has enabled more than 1000 inmates to escape. Around half of those have since returned to prison. Islamic militants are suspected of carrying out the attack, and dozens of jihadists are thought to be among the escapees. This latest breakout only adds to the growing fears among the Nigerian people. We pray for all living in such fear where neighbour suspects neighbour.
- As the situation in Sri Lanka grows dire, president Gotabaya Rajapaksa has reached out to Russia's President Vladimir Putin, creating more debt for the country, after the energy minister announced the country might soon run out of petrol. Daily the people protest on the streets as they struggle to survive this crisis. May they be strengthened and their voices heard.
- Floods have hit Sydney for the third time this year. Parts of the city have received and recorded about eight months of rain in four days. As a result, more than 100 evacuation orders have been issued across Greater Sydney. As folks go into the recovery process, may they be strengthened and encouraged to push on through this again.
- Health officials shared on Wednesday their concerns that the COVID epidemic situation in Hong Kong is getting worse, warning that the hospital services might have

to be adjusted if things continue to deteriorate further. We pray for those working in the front-line positions and that we all will be encouraged to do our part.

- The Transport Department will initiate a pilot scheme using additional lights at traffic crossings. Following similar systems used on the mainland and overseas, a shining red light will shine onto waiting areas at the crossings to alert people that the "red man" signal is on and they should not cross the road. The scheme aims to help prevent accidents and make those engrossed in their mobile phones more aware of the traffic.
- We are grateful for all the Lord has provided and wonder at all discoveries. The Royal Botanical Gardens have finally identified a new species of giant Water Lily though it has been around for nearly 200 years and mistakenly identified as another species. The newly identified species is native to Bolivia and is named *Victoria boliviana*. While here in Hong Kong, scientists have discovered three previously-unidentified coral species in the eastern waters of Hong Kong, including one that could be exclusive to the SAR. Our God is so good to us. Let us all do our part to protect and retain what we have been given.

For the Ecumenical Prayer Cycle

We lift up in prayer today the churches and people of all faiths in **Eritrea and Ethiopia**.

We are **thankful** for:

- the long centuries of Christian history in Ethiopia and Eritrea
- the current witness and work of Orthodox, Catholic and Evangelical churches amid difficult circumstances
- those who have provided humanitarian aid, especially during times of drought and hunger
- those who have worked for peaceful relations between Eritrea and Ethiopia.

We **pray** for:

- victims of human rights abuses
- greater understanding and respect among the many ethnic groups
- lasting peace and reconciliation between Ethiopia and Eritrea
- the emergence of more democratic governance that respects human rights and furthers justice for all ethnic groups and minorities.

For the Congregation

- We pray for Asha Melwani, the mother of Alex, we pray for Woo May Yung , the mother of Helen Lee, Mrs Samuel, Jenny Alegre, Hend, Jeanette Lee, Rachel Perry, Ng Kam Lee, Raymond Lau, Chung Yoke Chin, Chui, Ramon Bultron and Kevin Ng. We remember those caring for loved ones at home and in care facilities.
- Pray for members of our community who are now travelling for work or finally able to travel to be with family and friends.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today

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

Broadcast Sunday

Our worship service today will be on air through RTHK, Radio 4. You may listen to it on RTHK archives afterwards (www.rthk.hk – search under “Church Service”).

Weekly Programs in Church.

Sunday – Council Meeting, Upper Fellowship Hall, 1 pm – 3pm
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
Junior Choir in KUC @ 4pm

KUC Junior Choir

If you or your child is interested in joining the Junior Choir, please speak with Pastor Maggie for more information.

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 Recruitment of a Half-time Wedding and Administrative Assistant

Kowloon Union Church (KUC) is recruiting a half-time Wedding and Administrative Assistant to support church weddings, assist with Sunday worship, and assist with other church programs.

How to apply

Please send your CV and letter of application to the Recruitment Committee of Kowloon Union Church, at kuc@kuc.hk with the subject line “Application for Wedding and Administrative Assistant” before 10 July 2022.

For more details, see the full job description on the main notice board.

	TODAY 10 July	NEXT WEEK 17 July
Liturgist:	Maggie Mathieson	Phyllis Wong
Preacher:	Phyllis Wong	Justine Wong
Pianist:	Lucy Lim	Eric Sin
Lector:	Anjenette Bolanos	Emmanuel Adesina
Intercessory Prayers:	Peter Youngblood	Aimé Girimana
Family Talk:	Chan Beng Seng	Maggie Mathieson
Greeter:	Edwina Antonio plus others	Kevin Ng plus others
Offering Rota:	Harry Chan Susana Babasa	Doris Lee Chris Wong
Sunday School Leaders:	Jailyn Tomitis	Jailyn Tomitis
I.T. Team:	Lo Yuk Fai	Carl Cathedral

Last Sunday's offering: HK\$3,352.10
Promissory offering last week: HK\$6,860.00