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Lent 2

13 March 2022

Morning Worship at 10:30 a.m.

PREPARATION HYMN “The Lord is My Light” – Composer: Taize

CALL TO WORSHIP

OPENING PRAYER

CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

HYMN “Stand Up and Bless the Lord” – Composer: James Montgomery

SCRIPTURE READING

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

A light to our path.

Psalm 27 (OT)

Phillippians 3: 17 – 4: 1 (NT)

Luke 13: 31 – 35 (NT)

Lord, may Your Word live in us.

And bear much fruit for Your glory.

SERMON “Stand Firm In The Lord”

MUSIC MEDITATION “Be Not Afraid” – Composer: Bob Dufford

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

RESPONSE “O Lord Hear Our Prayer” – Composer: Taize

THE PEACE

HYMN “Be Thou My Vision” – Music: Trad Folk; Lyrics: trans. Mary Byrne

*** COMMISSION and BLESSING**

RECESSIONAL “O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go”

– Music: Albert L Peace; Lyrics George Matheson

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

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

Please remember as you pray. . .

- The Covid-19 pandemic continues to dominate our thoughts and our local news. We pray that the move to designate Queen Elizabeth Hospital as a COVID hospital will alleviate the needs of those in need of treatment and hospitalization. May the Lord strengthen our health care system and for all front-line workers.
- The foreign ministers of Russia and Ukraine agreed to talks in Turkey concerning a ceasefire in the ongoing conflict. Going into the talks the expectations were very low – coming out of the talks there are no new developments. The invasion of the Russian forces is now in its third week. Already many lives have been claimed and the country's infrastructure has been greatly affected. An estimated two million have fled Ukraine and are seeking asylum in the surrounding countries.
- As many Governances throughout the world are opening up to legalize same-sex marriage, the Guatemalan Congress has voted in favour of a law that prohibits the act. Not only this but the same law will prohibit the teaching of sexual diversity in schools and will raise the prison sentences for women seeking an abortion.
- Earlier this week the South Korean opposition candidate Yoon Suk-yeol was elected president of the country. Let us pray for this new governing body and a smooth transition from one set of governance to the other.
- Indonesia's Mount Merapi has erupted multiple times in the last few days forcing over 250 people to flee the area. Those fleeing have been warned to maintain a base radius clearance of the area of seven kilometers.
- A new Isolation unit is about to open its doors to the people of Hong Kong in San Tin. May the healing hand of God be on all who will need these facilities in the coming days.

For the Congregation

- We pray for, Asha Melwani the mother of Alex, for Tony Leung the father of Peter, Mrs. Samuel, Jenny Alegre, Hend, Jeanette Lee, Rachel Perry, Ng Kam Lee, Raymond Lau, Chung Yoke Chin, Ramon Bultron, Bhim Maya Pun, Kathy Chan, Louis Lo, Tong Chong Sze. We remember those who are providing care for loved ones at home and in care facilities. We particularly pray for Nam and Inkyu who are currently in Korea attending Nam's mother who remains in a critical condition.

For the Ecumenical Prayer Cycle

We lift in prayer the churches and people of all faiths in Denmark, Faroe Islands, Finland, Greenland, Iceland, Norway, and Sweden.

We are **thankful** for:

- the spectacular beauty of the changing landscape of forests, lakes, mountains, and glaciers
- churches that are advocating and implementing measures to redress climate change that is dramatic here and throughout the world
- those who have opened their doors and hearts to people migrating to these lands
- the support for justice, peace, and interfaith work that comes from these countries.

We **pray** for:

- the poor and marginalized who struggle in these rich countries
- personal and investment practices that support environmental sustainability
- growing openness to becoming more multi-ethnic, multi-faith societies
- those who are affluent that they will contribute to making the world and their societies more just for all.
- a Church that is prepared to be a voice in the struggle for indigenous people's rights.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome!

Welcome to all who join our Sunday Worship online today. It is good to have you together with us in this time of worship.

Weekly Programs in Church.

All face-to-face activities are suspended in Church until 20 April 2022 due to the Government's expanded Covid-19 restrictions. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

Season of Lent

Lenten Season is an important time of the year for Christians to reflect on our faith and our life with God in our daily life. We pray that together we undertake the spiritual journey and discover a deeper meaning of life in Christ, our redeemer, who lived, died, and was resurrected to save the world and all humanity. Lenten Devotionals on the theme of "Grace Through the Darkness" will be shared through KUC's Facebook – three devotions per week – Monday/Wednesday/Friday - during the Lenten season.

We give thanks to God for the worship held on Ash Wednesday which helped participants to prepare hearts for the Lenten season. In case you have missed the

Ash Wednesday Service, you may go to the link and watch - <https://tinyurl.com/48x5bwjj>

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.

KUC Small Grants for 2022 - Deadline for submission extended to 14 March

The Mission, Outreach, and Ecumenism Committee, or MOE, invites the congregation to recommend or suggest organizations that the KUC can support this year through Small Grants. Please pass the details of your suggested organisation (name, website or social media link, email) to any of the MOE Committee members or church pastors. **The deadline for receiving proposals has been extended to 14 March 2022 (Monday).**

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.

	TODAY
Liturgist:	Maggie Mathieson
Preacher:	Phyllis Wong
Music:	Various sources
Lector:	Guy Syrett
Intercessory Prayers:	Amber Tong
I.T. Team:	Chris Wong, Bervinder Kaur