



KIMBALL MEMORIAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
101 VANCE AVE. KANNAPOLIS, NC 28081

January 28, 2024

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

8:30 am

P: Pastor

A: Assisting Minister

C: Congregation

GATHERING MUSIC

Way Maker

Refiner's Fire

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WELCOME

PRAYER OF THE DAY

A Let us pray. Compassionate God, you gather the whole universe into your radiant presence and continually reveal your Son as our Savior. Bring wholeness to all that is broken and speak truth to us in our confusion, that all creation will see and know your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

LET'S TALK

Children's Time

READING

1 Corinthians 8:1-13

Paul is concerned about the way some Corinthian Christians use their freedom in Christ as license to engage in non-Christian behavior that sets a damaging example to other, impressionable believers. Christians have a responsibility to each other that their behavior does not cause another to sin.

L A reading from the eighth chapter of 1st Corinthians.

Now concerning food sacrificed to idols: we know that “all of us possess knowledge.” Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. ²Anyone who claims to know something does not yet have the necessary knowledge; ³but anyone who loves God is known by him. ⁴Hence, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that “no idol in the world really exists,” and that “there is no God but one.” ⁵Indeed, even though there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as in fact there are many gods and many lords—⁶yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist. ⁷It is not everyone, however, who has this knowledge. Since some have become so accustomed to idols until now, they still think of the food they eat as food offered to an idol; and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. ⁸“Food will not bring us close to God.” We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. ⁹But take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. ¹⁰For if others see you, who possess knowledge, eating in the temple of an idol, might they not, since their conscience is weak, be encouraged to the point of eating food sacrificed to idols? *continued...*

¹¹So by your knowledge those weak believers for whom Christ died are destroyed. ¹²But when you thus sin against members of your family, and wound their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. ¹³Therefore, if food is a cause of their falling, I will never eat meat, so that I may not cause one of them to fall.

L Word of God, word of life.

C Thanks be to God.

L Please stand for the reading of the Gospel.

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the first chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

✠ GOSPEL

Mark 1:21-28

Forces that would bring death and disease have taken hold of a man, yet they recognize Jesus and know what his power means for them. Jesus commands these forces to leave and people are amazed at his authority.

Jesus and his disciples went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught.²²They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. ²³Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, ²⁴and he cried out, “What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God.” ²⁵But Jesus rebuked him, saying, “Be silent, and come out of him!” ²⁶And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. ²⁷They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, “What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him.” ²⁸At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

P The Gospel of the Lord

C Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

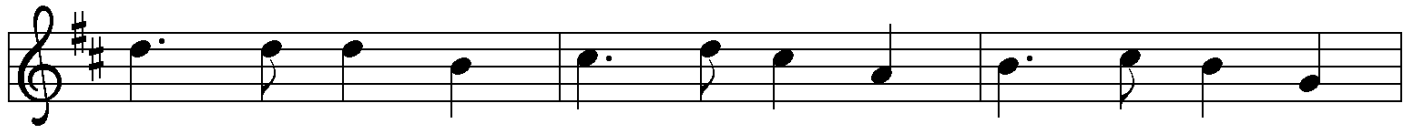
Deacon Liz Fisher

Refrain

Heal - er of our ev - 'ry ill, light of each to - mor - row,



give us peace be - yond our fear, and hope be - yond our sor - row.



- 1 You who know our fears and sad - ness, grace us with your
- 2 In the pain and joy be - hold - ing how your grace is
- 3 Give us strength to love each oth - er, ev - 'ry sis - ter,
- 4 You who know each thought and feel - ing, teach us all your



peace and glad - ness; Spir - it of all com - fort, fill our hearts.
 still un - fold - ing, give us all your vi - sion, God of love.
 ev - 'ry broth - er; Spir - it of all kind - ness, be our guide.
 way of heal - ing; Spir - it of com - pas - sion, fill each heart.

Refrain

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be God, the one who forms us, ✚ Jesus who bears the cross, the Spirit who makes our joy complete.

C Amen.

P Let us bow before God in humility, confessing our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Steadfast and faithful God,

C you have revealed the ways of justice, yet we fail to follow you. We are overwhelmed by the world's violence and suffering. We are afraid to risk what we have for the sake of others. For the harm we have caused, known and unknown, forgive us. For the unjust demands we place on others and your creation, forgive us. For the ways we turn away from you and our neighbor, forgive us. Lead us back to you and set us on the right path; in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

P In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the ✚ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

A With the people of God in Christ now and in every time, let us confess our faith.

C I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit,
and born of the Virgin Mary, He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Amen.

PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

A As we celebrate Christ embodied in human form, we pray for God's blessing on the church, the world, and all of creation.

*Each prayer petition will conclude: "God of grace,"
The congregation's response is: "receive our prayer."*

P Knowing the Holy Spirit intercedes for us, we offer these prayers and the silent prayers of our hearts in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

C Amen.

SHARING OF GOD'S PEACE

A Following his resurrection, the Lord Jesus breathed peace upon his disciples. We share in this peace of Christ in the Church today. The peace of the Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

OFFERING PRAYER

P Let us pray. God of power, God of plenty, all things belong to you. We bring your gifts to the table, that all might be fed. Form us into the body of your Beloved, Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION

We have two options for Communion during this time. You are free to come forward to receive the bread and pre-filled cups of wine from our clergy and lay assistants, returning to your seats after you've deposited the empty cup and following the guidance of our ushers; or you may continue to use the pre-packaged communion elements which are available from the ushers at the entrance to the Sanctuary. However you choose to receive Communion this morning, know that we are glad you're here for this Sacrament!

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

LORD'S PRAYER

P Gathered as one by the Holy Spirit let us pray, as Jesus taught.

C Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

INVITATION

P Jesus invites you to this table. Come, eat and live.

You may receive the Elements as the words are said:

The Body of Christ given for You; The Blood of Christ shed for You.



VERSE

1. Who could im - ag - ine a mel - o - dy true e - nough to tell of Your mer-
 2. Who could im - ag - ine a sym - pho - ny grand e - nough to tell of Your glo-

cy? Who could im - ag - ine a har - mo - ny
 ry? Our high - est praise but a fee - ble breath, a

PRE-CHORUS

sweet e - nough to tell of Your love? I see the heav - ens pro - claim - ing You day
 whis - per of Your thun - der - ous worth.

af - ter day, and I know in my heart that there must be a way. To sing a great-

CHORUS

er song, a great - er song to You on the earth; To sing a great - er song,

a great - er song to You on the earth.

To sing a great Hal - le - lu - jah, we wan - na lift You high - er;

27 *repeat as desired*

Hal - le - lu - jah, we wan - na lift You high - er. High - er, high - er.

32 **PRE-CHORUS**

I see the heav - ens pro - claim - ing You day af - ter day, and I know

35

in my heart that there must be a way.

40

Hal - le - lu - jah, we wan - na lift You high - er; Hal - le - lu - jah,

45

we wan - na lift You high - er. we wan - na lift You high - er. Hal - le - lu - jah,

48 *repeat as desired*

we wan - na lift You high - er; Hal - le - lu - jah, we wan - na lift You high - er.

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

P The Body and Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His Grace.

C Amen.

BENEDICTION

P The God of glory, † Jesus Christ, name above all names, and the Spirit who lives in you, bless you now and forever.

C Amen.

SENDING SONG

Revelation Song

Jennie Lee Riddle

0-53

VERSE

Unison

1. Wor - thy is the Lamb Who was slain;

3 Ho - ly, ho - ly is He. Sing a new song

6 to Him who sits on heav-en's mer - cy

9 CHORUS

3-part

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord God Al-might - y;

11 Who was and is and is to come.

13 With all cre - a - tion I sing praise to the King of kings;

15

You are my ev-'ry-thing and I will a-dore You.

17

2nd time to Coda ⊕

21

VERSE *Unison*

2. Clothed in rain - bows of liv - ing col - or,

23

flash - es of light - ning, rolls of thun - der...

25

Bless - ing and hon - or, strength and glo - ry and pow - er be

27

D.S. al Coda ⊕

to You the on - ly wise King.

⊕ CODA
VERSE

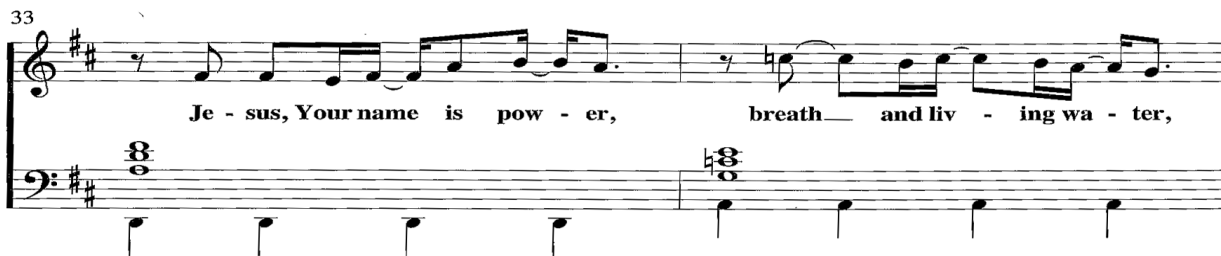
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3. Filled with won - der, awe - struck won - der,

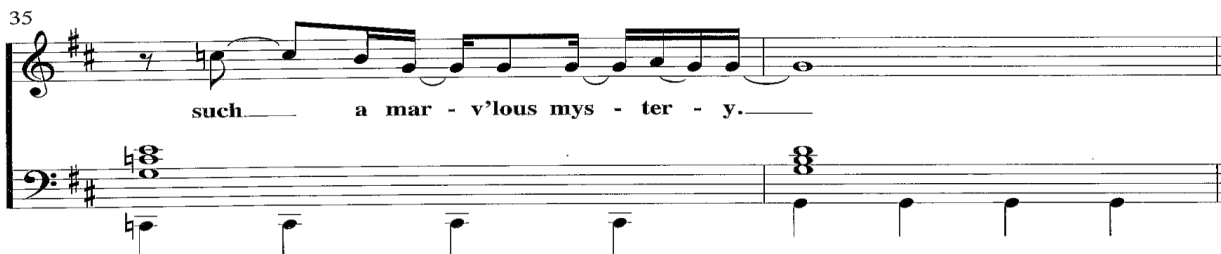
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at the men - tion of Your name;

Musical notation for measures 31-32, featuring a treble and bass staff in G major. The melody is in the treble staff, and the bass line is in the bass staff.

33
Je - sus, Your name is pow - er, breath and liv - ing wa - ter,

Musical notation for measures 33-34, continuing the melody and bass line from the previous system.

35
such a mar - v'lous mys - ter - y.

Musical notation for measures 35-36, continuing the melody and bass line.

37 CHORUS
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord God Al-might - y;

Musical notation for measures 37-38, starting the chorus with a treble staff featuring chords and a bass staff.

39
Who was and is and is to come.

Musical notation for measures 39-40, continuing the chorus melody and bass line.

41
With all cre - a - tion I sing praise to the King of kings;

Musical notation for measures 41-42, continuing the chorus melody and bass line.

43
You are my ev-'ry-thing and I will a-dore You.

Musical notation for measures 43-44, concluding the chorus with a treble staff featuring a long note and a bass staff.

THE DISMISSAL

A Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

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