



KIMBALL MEMORIAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

101 VANCE ST. KANNAPOLIS, NC 28081

March 10, 2024

Fourth Sunday in Lent

8:30 am

P: Pastor

A: Assisting Minister

C: Congregation

GATHERING MUSIC

Draw Me Close

Kelly Carpenter

BOB 47

WELCOME

PRAYER OF THE DAY

A Let us pray. O God, rich in mercy, by the humiliation of your Son you lifted up this fallen world and rescued us from the hopelessness of death. Lead us into your light, that all our deeds may reflect your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

LET'S TALK

Children's Time

Reading Ephesians 2:1-10

While we were dead in our sinfulness, God acted to make us alive as a gift of grace in Christ Jesus. We are saved not by what we do but by grace through faith. Thus our good works are really a reflection of God's grace at work in our lives.

L A reading from the second chapter of Ephesians.

You were dead through the trespasses and sins ²in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. ³All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else. ⁴But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us ⁵even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—⁶and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, ⁷so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. ⁸For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God—⁹not the result of works, so that no one may boast. ¹⁰For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

L Word of God, word of life.

C Thanks be to God.

L Please stand for the reading of the Gospel.

GOSPEL John 3:14-21

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the third chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

To explain the salvation of God to the religious leader, Nicodemus, Jesus refers to the scripture passage quoted in today's first reading. Just as those who looked upon the bronze serpent were healed, so people will be saved when they behold Christ lifted up on the cross.

Jesus said: ¹⁴“Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. ¹⁶“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. ¹⁷“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. ¹⁸Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. ¹⁹And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. ²⁰For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. ²¹But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God.”

P The Gospel of the Lord

C Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor John Futterer

SONG OF RESPONSE

Redeemer, Savior, Friend

BOB 187

VERSE

1. I know You had me on Your mind when You
(2.) stripe up on Your bat-tered back, ev-'ry
(3.) grace You pour up on my life will re-

3
climbed up on that hill, for You
thorn that pierced Your brow, ev-'ry
turn to You in praise, and I'll

5
saw me with e-ter-nal eyes while
nail drove deep through guilt-less hands said that
glad-ly lay down all my crowns for the

7
I was yet in sin, Re-
Your love by which I'm saved, Re-
name by which I'm saved, Re-

9

1.

deem - er, Sav - ior, Friend.
 deem - er, Sav - ior, Friend.
 deem - er, Sav - ior, Friend.

11

2.3.

2. Ev - 'ry Re -

13 CHORUS

deem - er, re - deem my heart a - gain.

15

Sav - ior, come and shel - ter me from sin. You're fa -

17

mi - liar with my weak - ness, de - vot - ed to the

19 2nd time to Coda ⊕

end, Re - deem - er, Sav - ior, Friend..

21 D.S. al CODA ∞

3. So the

23 ⊕ CODA

deem - er, Sav - ior, Friend. Re -

25

deem - er, Sav - ior, Friend.

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 *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 Trusting in God's promise to reconcile all things, let us pray for the church, the well-being of creation, and a world in need.

Prayer petitions will conclude: "Hear us, O God."

The congregation's response is: "Your mercy is great."

P Accompany us on our journey, God of grace, and receive the prayers of our hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

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. Jesus, you are the bread of life and the host of this meal. Bless these gifts that we have gathered that all people may know your goodness. Feed us not only with this holy food but with hunger for justice and peace. We pray this in your name.
- 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.

1. My Lord, what love is this that pays so dearly;
That I the guilty one may go free.
2. And so they watched Him die, despised,
rejected; But O the blood He shed flowed
for me.
3. And now this love of Christ shall flow like
rivers; Come wash your guilt away, live again.

Chorus

Amazing Love, O what sacrifice, The Son of God,
giv'n for me; My debt He pays and my death He
dies, That I might live, that I might live.

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.

THE DISMISSAL

A Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

SENDING SONG

Friend of God

B 63

VERSE

Unison

Who am I that You are mind - ful of me,

4

that You hear me when I call?

8

Is it true that You are think - ing of

11

me? How You love me,

it's a - maz - ing.

17 *3-part* CHORUS

I am a friend of God, I am a friend of God,

I am a friend of God, He calls me friend.

I am a friend of God,

I am a friend of God, I am a friend of God,

30 (to meas. 44)

He calls me friend.

Detailed description: This system contains measures 30, 31, and 32. The vocal line (treble clef) begins with a quarter rest, followed by a half note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, a quarter note C5, a quarter note B4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note G4, and a quarter note F4. The piano accompaniment (bass clef) consists of a steady eighth-note bass line: G2, A2, B2, C3, D3, E3, F3, G3, A3, B3, C4, D4, E4, F4, G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4, F4, E4, D4, C4, B3, A3, G3, F3, E3, D3, C3, B2, A2, G2.

33

God Al - might - y, Lord of

Detailed description: This system contains measures 33, 34, and 35. The vocal line (treble clef) starts with a quarter rest, followed by a half note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, a quarter note C5, a quarter note B4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note G4, and a quarter note F4. The piano accompaniment (bass clef) continues the eighth-note bass line from the previous system.

36 1, 2

Glo - ry, You have called me friend.

Detailed description: This system contains measures 36, 37, and 38. The vocal line (treble clef) begins with a quarter rest, followed by a half note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, a quarter note C5, a quarter note B4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note G4, and a quarter note F4. The piano accompaniment (bass clef) continues the eighth-note bass line.

39 (to meas. 33) 3

called me friend.

Detailed description: This system contains measures 39, 40, and 41. The vocal line (treble clef) starts with a quarter rest, followed by a half note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, a quarter note C5, a quarter note B4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note G4, and a quarter note F4. The piano accompaniment (bass clef) continues the eighth-note bass line.

42 D.S. al Coda CODA (to meas. 17)

Detailed description: This system contains measures 42, 43, and 44. The vocal line (treble clef) begins with a quarter rest, followed by a half note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, a quarter note C5, a quarter note B4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note G4, and a quarter note F4. The piano accompaniment (bass clef) continues the eighth-note bass line.

45

Detailed description: This system contains measures 45, 46, and 47. The vocal line (treble clef) begins with a quarter rest, followed by a half note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, a quarter note C5, a quarter note B4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note G4, and a quarter note F4. The piano accompaniment (bass clef) continues the eighth-note bass line.