



# KIMBALL MEMORIAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

101 VANCE ST. KANNAPOLIS, NC 28081

May 5, 2024

Sixth Sunday of Easter

8:30 am

*Congregation responses in **Bold**.*

## GATHERING MUSIC

*Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love*  
*How Great Is Our God*

*Charlie Hall*  
*Chris Tomlin, Ed Cash, Jesse Reeves*

## WELCOME

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**A** Let us pray. O God, you have prepared for those who love you joys beyond understanding. Pour into our hearts such love for you that, loving you above all things, we may obtain your promises, which exceed all we can desire; through Jesus Christ, your Son and our 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 Psalm 98

**L** A reading from Psalm 98.

<sup>1</sup>O sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things.

His right hand and his holy arm have gotten him victory.

<sup>2</sup>The LORD has made known his victory;

he has revealed his vindication in the sight of the nations.

<sup>3</sup>He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel.

All the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

<sup>4</sup>Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth;

break forth into joyous song and sing praises.

<sup>5</sup>Sing praises to the LORD with the lyre,

with the lyre and the sound of melody.

<sup>6</sup>With trumpets and the sound of the horn

make a joyful noise before the King, the LORD.

<sup>7</sup>Let the sea roar, and all that fills it;

the world and those who live in it.

<sup>8</sup>Let the floods clap their hands;

let the hills sing together for joy

<sup>9</sup>at the presence of the LORD, for he is coming to judge the earth.

He will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with equity.

**L** Word of God, word of life.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## ✠ GOSPEL John 15:9-17

*On the night of his arrest, Jesus delivers a final testimony to his disciples to help them in the days ahead. Here, he repeats the most important of all his commands, that they love one another.*

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

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

**J**esus said: <sup>9</sup>“As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. <sup>10</sup>If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. <sup>11</sup>I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. <sup>12</sup>“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. <sup>13</sup>No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. <sup>14</sup>You are my friends if you do what I command you. <sup>15</sup>I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. <sup>16</sup>You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. <sup>17</sup>I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.”

P The Gospel of the Lord

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## SERMON

*Pastor John Futterer*

## SONG OF RESPONSE

*No Greater Love*

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## 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.*

P Steadfast and faithful God,

C **you have revealed the ways of justice, yet we fail to follow you. We are overwhelmed by 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.**

CHORUS 1a, 2 & 3 %

1. There's no great - er love than Je - sus, there's no great - er love than  
 2. There's no great - er joy than Je - sus, there's no great - er joy than  
 (3.) Je - sus, there's no great - er peace than

4 *Last time to Coda* ⊕

He gives. There's no great - er love that frees us so deep with - in.  
 He gives. There's no great - er joy that frees us so deep with - in.  
 He gives. There's no great - er peace that frees us so deep with - in.

8 **1** **2** **VERSE**

All the world's emp - ty pleas - ures will soon pass a - way,

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but His love will last for - ev - er, in my heart it shall re - main.

18 *D.S. al Coda*

3. There's no great - er peace than

19 ⊕ **Coda** **BRIDGE**

We praise Your name, stand in awe of Your

23

nev - er - end - ing love. Love so great that it cov - ers all my sin and shame.

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No great - er pow'r, there is no great - er force in all the earth than the strength of His love.

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There's no great - er love than Je - sus, there's no great - er love than

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He gives. There's no great - er love that frees us so deep with - in.

## AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

### *Nicene Creed*

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

**C** We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true  
God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were  
made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the  
Holy Spirit He became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. For our  
sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On  
the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into  
heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory  
to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father  
and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has  
spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection  
of the dead, and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

## PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

A Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news.

*Prayer petitions will conclude: "God of grace,"  
The congregation's response is: "hear our prayer."*

P Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord.

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. Risen One, you call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine.

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.***

## COMMUNION SONG

*Lord, From Your Hand I Take This Bread*

*Ken Bible*

### Verse 1

Lord from Your hand I take the bread  
And from Your cup I drink the wine  
You serve forgiveness For my need  
You serve Your holy Life for mine

### Verse 2

Now from Your lips I hear the words  
This is My body And My blood  
I see the mercy In Your eyes  
I see the pain I see the love

### Verse 3

I see the cross I see Your face  
My God what agony and grief  
I see You suffer As You die  
I hear You pray It is for Me

### Verse 4

O Jesus Savior Holy God  
I live and breathe In Your embrace  
Lord every moment Draw my heart  
To love and serve You face to face

## 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*

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VERSE

Who am I that You are mind - ful of me? That You hear

me when I call? Is it true that You are think - ing of

me? How You love me, it's a - maz - ing. 1 (Ahead to m. 23) D.S.

ing. It's a - maz - ing! It's a - maz - ing!

§ CHORUS

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

He calls me friend. You call me friend. I am a friend of God.

*Last time to Coda*  $\Phi$

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

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He calls me friend.

**BRIDGE**

God Al - might - y, Lord of Glo - ry, You have called me friend.

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You call me friend.

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