



# KIMBALL MEMORIAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

101 VANCE ST. KANNAPOLIS, NC 28081

August 17, 2025

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

8:30 am

*Congregation responses in **Bold**.*

## WELCOME

## BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P In the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.  
Most merciful God,

C **we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. 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.**

## GATHERING SONG

*Be Unto Your Name*

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## GREETING

P The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **And also with you. Amen.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

A Let us pray. O God, judge eternal, you love justice and hate oppression, and you call us to share your zeal for truth. Give us courage to take our stand with all victims of bloodshed and greed, and, following your servants and prophets, to look to the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen.**

## LET'S TALK

*Children's Time*

## VERSE



1. We are a mo - ment, You are for - ev - er, Lord of the a - ges,  
 2. We are the bro - ken, You are the heal - er, Je - sus, Re - deem - er,



God be - fore time; We are a va - por, You are e - ter - nal,  
 might - y to save; You are the love song we'll sing for - ev - er,



Love ev - er - last - ing, reign - ing on high. Ho - ly, ho - ly  
 bow - ing be - fore You, bless - ing Your name.



Lord God Al - might - y, wor - thy is the Lamb Who was slain; High - est



prais - es hon - or and glo - ry be un - to Your name,



be un - to Your name. name, be un -



to Your name.

repeat as desired

## ENDING

## READING HEBREWS 11:29—12:2

**L** A reading from the 11th and 12th chapters of Hebrews.

*The author of Hebrews presents us with rich stories of faith. In a long list of biblical heroes, we find examples of trust in God that enabled them to face the trials of life faithfully. In addition to this "cloud of witnesses," we have Jesus, the perfect model of faithful endurance.*

**B**y faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned.<sup>30</sup> By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. *continued...*

<sup>31</sup> By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace. <sup>32</sup> And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets, <sup>33</sup> who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, <sup>34</sup> quenched the power of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, were made strong out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. <sup>35</sup> Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. <sup>36</sup> Others suffered mocking and flogging and even chains and imprisonment. <sup>37</sup> They were stoned to death; they were sawn in two; they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented <sup>38</sup> of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains and in caves and holes in the ground. <sup>39</sup> Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, <sup>40</sup> since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect.

**12:**<sup>1</sup> Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, <sup>2</sup> looking to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

### **GOSPEL Luke 12:49-56**

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twelfth chapter.

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

*Jesus delivers harsh words about the purifying and potentially divisive effects of obedience to God's call. The way of the cross often leads followers to encounter hostility and rejection, even from those they love.*

**J**esus said: <sup>49</sup> "I have come to cast fire upon the earth, and how I wish it were already ablaze! <sup>50</sup> I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what constraint I am under until it is completed! <sup>51</sup> Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! <sup>52</sup> From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; <sup>53</sup> they will be divided: father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law." <sup>54</sup> He also said to the crowds, "When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, 'It is going to rain,' and so it happens. <sup>55</sup> And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, 'There will be scorching heat,' and it happens. <sup>56</sup> You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?"

**P** The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**SERMON**

*Pastor John Futterer*

# SONG OF RESPONSE

## Refiner's Fire

Brian Doerksen

**VERSE**

1. Pu ri - fy my heart, let me be as gold and  
 2. Pu ri - fy my heart, cleanse me from with - in and

4 pre - cious sil - ver. Pu - ri - fy my heart, let me be as gold,  
 make me ho - ly. Pu - ri - fy my heart, cleanse me from my sin,

**CHORUS**

pure gold. Re - fin - er's fire: My heart's one de - sire is to be  
 deep with - in.

14 ho - ly, set a - part for You, Lord. I choose to be ho - ly,

19 *Last time to Coda* set a - part for You, my Mas - ter; Read - y to do Your will.

24 (1) (2) *D.S. al Coda*

29 *Coda* Read - y to do Your will.

## 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 INTERCESSION

**A** Let us pray for the church, the creation, and the whole people of God, for God is near.

*As able, you are invited to kneel or be seated for the prayers.*

*Petitions conclude: "Hear us, O God." Congregation's response: "Your mercy is great."*

**P** Confident in God's presence and promise, we entrust our prayers to the one who always receives them; through Jesus Christ, our wisdom and companion. **C Amen.**

## SHARING OF GOD'S PEACE

A The peace of Christ be with you.

C And also with you.

A Please greet those around you with words of peace.

## OFFERING

*The offering plates are in the narthex for your use. You may also place your offering in the plate at the communion rail when you come to the altar for communion. Please ask an usher if you have any questions.*

## OFFERTORY

### Dwell in Me

Marty Parks

*Unison*

1. Dwell in me,  
(2. Breathe on) me,  
dwell in me;  
breathe on me;  
Word of  
Ho - ly

Je - sus, dwell in me.  
Spir - it, breathe on me.  
Till Your face is all I  
Be my pas - sion, set me

see. free.  
Word of Je - sus, dwell in me.  
Ho - ly Spir - it, breathe on  
2. Breathe on

me.  
Ho - ly Spir - it, breathe on me.

Repeat ending

Song ending

## OFFERING PRAYER

**P** Let us pray. Creator God, in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good and the harvest is plentiful. Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth and our labor, that we may work for the good of all; through 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** The kingdom of God is set before you. Eat and rejoice.

**You may receive the Elements as the words are said:**

***The Body of Christ given for you; The Blood of Christ shed for you.***

*Healing Prayer is available under the balcony during Communion if you desire prayer.*

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# COMMUNION SONG

*What is This Bread?*

*Frederick & Jean Baue*

1. What is this bread? Christ's bod - y  
 2. What is this wine? the blood of  
 3. So who am I, That I should  
 4. Yet is God here? Oh, yes! By  
 5. Is this for me? I am for -

2  
 ris - en from the dead: This bread we break,  
 Je - sus shed for mine; The cup of grace  
 live and He should die Un - der the rod.  
 Word and prom - ise clear. In mouth and soul  
 giv - en and set free! I do be - lieve

4  
 This life we take,  
 Brings His em - brace  
 My God, my God,  
 He makes us whole -  
 That I re - ceive

5  
 Was crushed to pay for our re - lease. Oh, taste and  
 Of life and love un - til I sing! Oh, taste and  
 Why have you not for - sak - en me? Oh, taste and  
 Christ, tru - ly pres - ent in this meal. Oh, taste and  
 His ver - y bod - y and His blood. Oh, taste and

7  
 see- the Lord is peace.  
 see- the Lord is King.  
 see- the Lord is free.  
 see- the Lord is real.  
 the Lord is good.

## 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 love of God abound in you; the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts;  
and the life of the Spirit ✠ bless you and give you peace.

C Amen.

## SENDING SONG

*Blessed Be Your Name*

*Beth & Matt Redmond*

**VERSE**

1. Bless - ed be Your name in the land that is plen -  
2. Bless - ed be Your name when I'm found in the des -  
3. Bless - ed be Your name when the sun's shin - ing down  
4. Bless - ed be Your name on the road marked with suf -

ti - ful, where Your streams of a - bun - dance flow, bless - ed  
ert place, though I walk through the wil - der - ness, bless - ed  
on me, when the world's "all as it should be." bless - ed  
fer - ing, though there's pain in the of - fer - ing, bless - ed

**PRE-CHORUS**

be Your name. Ev - 'ry bless - ing You pour out I'll  
be Your name.  
be Your name.  
be Your name.

**CHORUS**

say, "Bless - ed be the name of the Lord, bless - ed be Your name. Bless - ed be the

*Last time to Coda* **1** *D.C.*

name of the Lord, bless - ed be Your glo - ri - ous name."

**2**

You give and take a - way, You give and take a - way. My

**1** **2** *D.S. al Coda*

heart will choose to say, "Lord, Bless - ed be Your name." You name." Bless - ed be the

**37** *Coda*