



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

February 16, 2025

Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

8:30 am

GATHERING MUSIC

Beautiful One

Tim Hughes

VERSE



1. Won - der - ful, so won - der - ful, is Your un - fail - ing love. Your
 2. Pow - er - ful, so pow - er - ful, Your glo - ry fills the skies, Your



cross has spo - ken mer - cy o - ver me. No eye has seen, no
 might - y works dis - played for all to see. The beau - ty of Your



ear has heard, no heart could ful - ly know how glo - ri - ous, how beau - ti - ful You
 maj - es - ty a - wakes my heart to sing. How mar - vel - ous, how won - der - ful You

CHORUS



are. Beau - ti - ful One, I love You, beau - ti - ful One, I a - dore, beau - ti - ful
 are.

Last time to Coda Φ

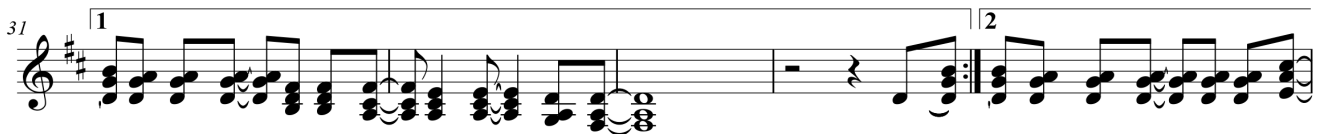


One, my soul must sing. Beau - ti - ful You o -

BRIDGE 1



pened my eyes to Your won - ders a - new. You cap - tured my heart with this love, 'cause noth



ing on earth is as beau - ti - ful as You. You o thing on earth is as beau



ti - ful as You. Beau - ti - ful

39 *Coda* **BRIDGE 2**

My soul, my soul must sing.

41 My soul, my soul must sing. My soul, my soul must sing, beau - ti - ful

46 **CHORUS**

One. My soul, Beau - ti - ful One, I love You, beau - ti - ful One, I a -

52

dore, beau - ti - ful One, my soul must sing.

WELCOME

*Congregation responses in **Bold**.*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

A Let us pray. Living God, in Christ you make all things new. Transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your glory, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

LET'S TALK

Children's Time

READING 1 Corinthians 15:12-20

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

For Paul, the resurrection of Christ is the basis for Christian hope. Because Christ has been raised, those who are in Christ know that they too will be raised to a new life beyond death.

Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? ¹³ If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; ¹⁴ and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. ¹⁵ We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ—whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. ¹⁶ For if the dead are not raised, ¹⁷ then Christ has not been raised. ¹⁷ If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. ¹⁸ Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. ¹⁹ If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. ²⁰ But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

L Word of God, word of life.

C Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL Luke 6:17-26

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

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

After choosing his twelve apostles, Jesus teaches a crowd of followers about the nature and demands of discipleship. He begins his great sermon with surprising statements about who is truly blessed in the eyes of God.

Jesus came down with the twelve and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon.¹⁸ They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured.¹⁹ And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.²⁰ Then he looked up at his disciples and said: “Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.²¹ “Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. “Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh.²² “Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man.²³ Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.²⁴ “But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation.²⁵ “Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry. “Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep.²⁶ “Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON

Pastor John Futterer

SCRIPTURE SONG

Be Still

Ed Cash

Darla Steinert, soloist

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.

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 With the Spirit of Christ shining upon us, let us boldly pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A Please kneel or be seated for the Prayers.

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

P We entrust our prayers to you, O God, in the sure and certain hope that your promise is revealed among the people.

C Amen.

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 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.

OFFERING PRAYER

P Let us pray. God of grace, your love reaches to the heavens, and your abundance to the depths of the seas. Bless what we offer to your service: our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts. Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity, now and always.

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 joy of the Lord is our strength.
Come, eat this meal of gladness.

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.



COMMUNION SONG*In This Feast of Love*

Russell Fragar

1 In this feast of love,
in this feast of love,
Lord, you share your blood and your body,
Jesus, Lamb of God.

3 Grant us peace, O Lord,
grant us peace, O Lord;
fill us with the joy of your Spirit,
ever-living Word.

2 In this bread and wine,
in this bread and wine,
you have promised, Lord, to be with us,
Lamb of God divine.

COMMUNION SONG*One Bread, One Body*

John Foley

REFRAIN

One bread, one body, one Lord of all; one
cup of blessing which we bless, and we,
though many throughout the earth, we are
one body in this one Lord.

VERSE 1

Gentile or Jew, servant or free, woman or
man, no more. **Refrain**

VERSE 2

Many the gifts, many the works, one in the
Lord of all. **Refrain**

VERSE 3

Grain for the fields, scattered and grown,
gathered to one for all. **Refrain**

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

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

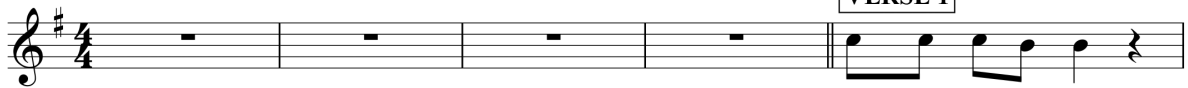
C Amen.

BENEDICTION

P The Spirit of the triune God ✠ bless you with joy,
anoint you with compassion, and send you in love.

C Amen.

VERSE 1



1. You are not a - lone



if you are lone - ly. When you feel a - fraid, you're not the on - ly. We are all the same,



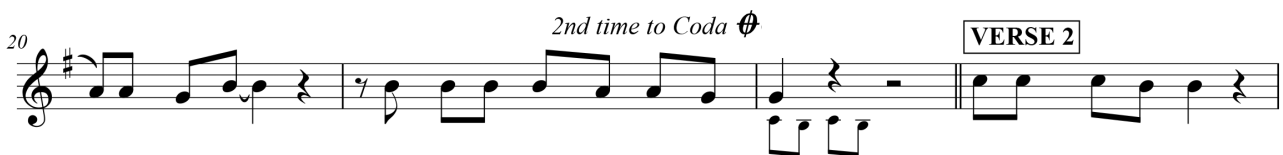
in need of mer - cy, to be for - giv - en and be free. It's



all you got to lean on, but thank God, it's all you need. And all the peo - ple said, "A -



men." Whoa. And all the peo - ple said, "A - men." Give thanks to the Lord, for His love



nev - er ends. And all the peo - ple said, "A - men." 2. If you're rich or poor,



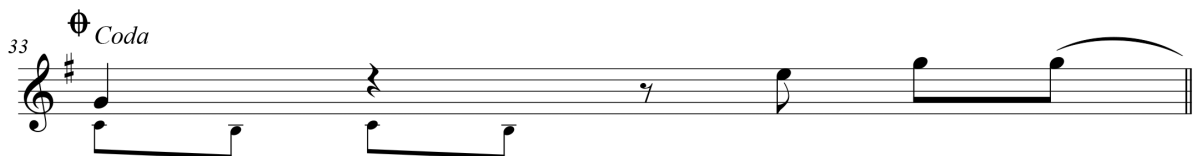
well, it don't mat - ter. Weak or strong, you know love is what we're af - ter.



We're all bro - ken, but we're all in this to - geth - er. God knows we stum - ble and fall,



and He so loved the world, He sent His Son to save us all.



men." Bless - ed are

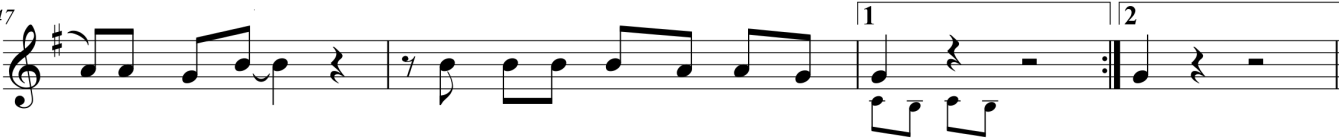



the poor in spir - it who are torn a - part. Bless - ed are the per - se - cut - ed and the

37  pure in heart. Bless - ed are the peo - ple hun - gry for an - oth - er start, for

40  **CHORUS** theirs is the king - dom, the king - dom of God. And all the peo - ple said, "A - men." Whoa.

44  And all the peo - ple said, "A - men." Give thanks to the Lord, for His love

47  nev - er ends. And all the peo - ple said, "A - men." men." 1 2

ENDING  And all the peo - ple said, "A - men."

THE DISMISSAL

- A Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

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