



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

October 5, 2025

17th 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.**

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 **Amen.**

OPENING SONGS

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

A Let us pray. Benevolent, merciful God: When we are empty, fill us. When we are weak in faith, strengthen us. When we are cold in love, warm us, that with fervor we may love our neighbors and serve them for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen.**

LET'S TALK

Children's Time

OPENING SONG

They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love

Peter Scholtes

VERSE



1. We are one in the Spir - it, we are one in the Lord; We are
 2. We will walk with each oth - er, we will walk hand in hand; We will
 3. We will work with each oth - er, we will work side by side; We will
 4. All praise to the Fa - ther, from whom all things come; And all

5
 one in the Spir - it, we are one in the Lord. And we pray that all
 walk with each oth - er, we will walk hand in hand. And to - geth - er we'll
 work with each oth - er, we will work side by side. And we'll guard each man's
 praise to Christ Je - sus, His on - ly Son. And all praise to the

CHORUS

10
 u - ni - ty may one day be re - stored. And they'll know we are Chris - tians by our
 spread the news that God is in our land.
 dig - ni - ty and save each man's pride.
 Spir - it, who makes us one.

15
 love, by our love, yes they'll know we are Chris - tians by our love.

OPENING SONG

Come As You Are

David Crowder

VERSE 1



1. Come out of sad - ness from wher -
 6
 ev - er you've been. Come, bro - ken - heart - ed, let res - cue be - gin.

9
 Come find your mer - cy. O sin - ner, come kneel; Earth has no sor - row that Heav - en can't heal,

CHORUS

13
 earth has no sor - row that Heav - en can't heal. Lay down your bur - dens,
 18
 lay down your shame. All who are bro - ken lift up your face.

24
 O wan - der - er, come home; You're not too far. So lay down your
 29
 hurt, lay down your heart, come as you are.

35 **VERSE 2**

2. There's hope for the hope - less and all those who've strayed: Come sit at the ta - ble,

39

come taste the grace. There's rest for the wea - ry, rest that en - dures. Earth has no sor - row that

43 **CHORUS**

Heav - en can't cure.

So, lay down your bur - dens,

47

lay down your shame.

All who are bro - ken

lift up your face.

53

O wan - der - er, come home;

You're not too far.

So lay down your

58 *2nd time to Coda* Φ

hurt, lay down your heart: Come as you are.

Come as you are.

63

Fall in His arms.

Come as you are.

3. There's

VERSE 3

joy for the morn - ing. O sin - ner, be still. Earth has no sor - row that Heav - en can't heal.

72 *D.S. al Coda*

Earth has no sor - row that Heav - en can't heal.

So, lay down your

76 Φ *Coda* **ENDING**

heart, come as you are.

Come as you are.

82

Come as you are.

Come as you are.

PSALM 37:1-9

L A reading from the Psalm 37.

- ¹Do not fret because of the wicked;
do not be envious of wrongdoers,
²for they will soon fade like the grass
and wither like the green herb.
³Trust in the Lord and do good;
live in the land and enjoy security.
⁴Take delight in the Lord,
and he will give you the desires of your heart.
⁵Commit your way to the Lord;
trust in him, and he will act.
⁶He will make your vindication shine like the light
and the justice of your cause like the noonday.
⁷Be still before the Lord, and wait patiently for him;
do not fret over those who prosper in their way,
over those who carry out evil devices.
⁸Refrain from anger and forsake wrath.
Do not fret—it leads only to evil.
⁹For the wicked shall be cut off,
but those who wait for the Lord shall inherit the land.

L Word of God, word of life.

C Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL Luke 17:5-10

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

C Glory to you, O Lord.

On the way to Jerusalem, Jesus instructs his followers about the power of faith and the duties of discipleship. He calls his disciples to adopt the attitude of servants whose actions are responses to their identity rather than works seeking reward.

The apostles said to the Lord, “Increase our faith!” ⁶ The Lord replied, “If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, ‘Be uprooted and planted in the sea,’ and it would obey you. ⁷ “Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, ‘Come here at once and take your place at the table’? ⁸ Would you not rather say to him, ‘Prepare supper for me; put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink’? ⁹ Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? ¹⁰ So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, ‘We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!’ ”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor John Futterer



It is the cry of my heart to fol - low You. It is the cry of my heart to be close to You.



It is the cry of my heart to fol - low all of the days of my life.

CHORUS 1a



It is the cry of my heart to fol - low You. It is the cry of my heart to be close to You.



It is the cry of my heart to fol - low all of the days of my life.

VERSE



Teach me Your ho - ly ways, oh Lord, so I can walk in Your truth.
O - pen my eyes so I can see the won - der - ful things that You do.



Teach me Your ho - ly ways, oh Lord, and make me whol - ly de - vot - ed to You.
O - pen my heart up more and more and make it whol - ly de - vot - ed to You.



Oh! Oh! Whoa!

Oh! Oh! Whoa!_____



CHORUS 1b



It is the cry of my heart to fol - low You. It is the cry of my heart



to be close to You. It is the cry of my heart to fol - low all of the days of my life.



All of the days of my life.



All of the days of my life._____

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 Renewed in God's everlasting grace, let us pray for the church, the world, and all creation.

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

Prayer petitions will conclude: "God of grace."

The congregation's response is: "receive our prayer."

P We offer our prayers, O God, trusting in your everlasting grace and mercy, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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.

OFFERTORY

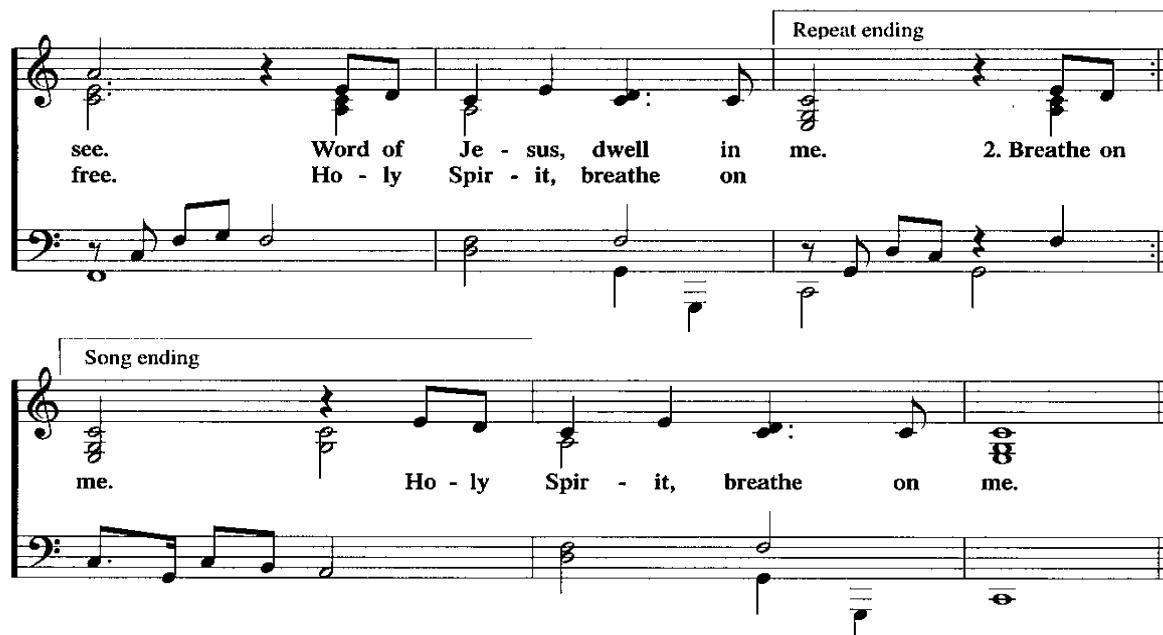
Dwell in Me

Marty Parks

Unison

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

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



OFFERING PRAYER

P Let us pray. Lord of the harvest, we return to you a portion of what you have given to us. Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches, but on you, who richly provides for us. Multiply what we have gathered to bless all who are suffering and in need, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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 welcomes sinners and eats with them. Come to this meal of mercy.

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.

COMMUNION SONG

Breathe

Marie Barnett

VERSE

This is the air I breathe, this is the air I breathe:
5 Your Ho - ly pres - ence liv - ing in me. This is my dai -
10 ly bread, This is my dai - ly bread: Your ver - y Word

CHORUS

15 spo - ken to me. And I, I'm des - p'rate for You.

Last time to Coda Φ 1

20 And I, I'm lost with - out You.

INSTRUMENTAL

(1) 2 D.S. al Coda
And I,

ENDING

30 Φ Coda I'm lost with - out You. This is the air I breathe,
35 this is the air I breathe.

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 righteousness, who gives justice to the oppressed,
who gives food to the hungry, who sets the prisoners free, ✠ bless you now and forever.
C Amen.

SENDING SONG

God Is Here

Darlene Zschech

Play 3 times

Oh, oh, oh. Oh, oh, oh.

7 oh.

1. O pen our eyes, Lord, we want to see You;
2. O pen the gates, Lord, re - veal Your glo - ry;

13 O - pen our hearts, Lord, we want to know You;
O - pen the na - tions, es - tab - lish Your King - dom;

17 O - pen our ears, Lord, we need to hear You; Je - sus, be re - vealed;
O - pen the Heav - ens, pour out Your Spir - it; Je - sus, be re - vealed;

22 1 INTERLUDE 1a
Je - sus, be re - vealed. Oh, oh, oh.

28 (1) (repeat Verse 1) 2, 3
oh, oh. Je - sus, be re - vealed. God is

39 % CHORUS
here, God is here, God is here; He is a - ble; We draw near to see Je -
sus face to face; God is here, God is here, God is

Last time to Coda Φ



here, He is faith - ful; We draw near to see Je - sus; Oh Je - sus, be re - vealed.



Oh, oh, oh. Oh,



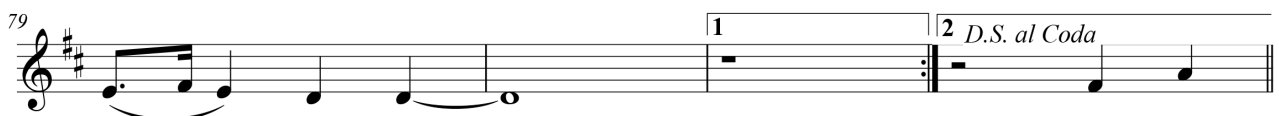
oh, oh.



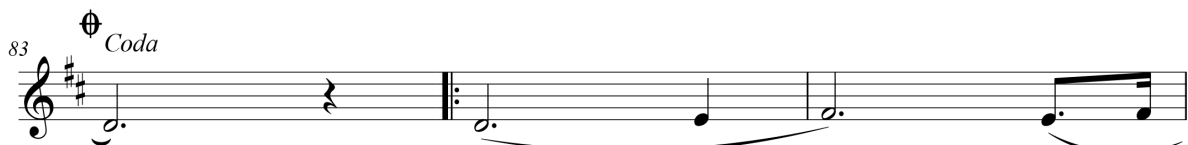
Ho - ly, we cry ho - ly; Hal - le - lu - jah, God is here;



Ho - ly, we cry ho - ly; Hal - le - lu - jah,



God is here. God is



Oh, oh,



oh. Oh, oh, oh.

DISMISSAL

A Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

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