



# KIMBALL MEMORIAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

101 VANCE ST. KANNAPOLIS, NC 28081

May 24, 2026

Day of Pentecost

8:30 am

*Congregation responses in **Bold**.*

## GATHERING MUSIC

*Kindle In Us Your Love*

*Deanna Witkowski*

Come, Holy Spirit, Kindle in us the fire of your love. Come, Holy Spirit, Kindle in us your love.

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## GATHERING MUSIC

*Holy Spirit*

*Francesca Battistelli*

There's nothing worth more  
That will ever come close  
No thing can compare  
You're our living hope, your presence  
I've tasted and seen of the sweetest of loves  
Where my heart becomes free and  
My shame is undone In your presence, Lord  
Holy Spirit, you are welcome here  
Come flood this place and fill the atmosphere  
Your glory, God, is what our hearts long for  
To be overcome by your presence, Lord  
Your presence, Lord

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Your glory, God, is what our hearts long for  
To be overcome by your presence,  
Lord Your presence, Lord

Let us become more aware of Your presence  
Let us experience the glory of your goodness  
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Of the sweetest of loves  
Where my heart becomes free  
And my shame is undone  
In your presence, Lord

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**A** O God, on this day you open the hearts of your faithful people by sending into us your Holy Spirit. Direct us by the light of that Spirit, that we may have a right judgment in all things and rejoice at all times in your peace, 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 Acts 2:1-21

*Pentecost was a Jewish harvest festival that marked the fiftieth day after Passover. Luke portrays the Holy Spirit being poured out upon the disciples before the gathered and astonished people assembled in Jerusalem for the festival. Filled with the Spirit, the disciples were able to witness to the power of Christ's resurrection.*

L A reading from second chapter of Acts.

**W**hen the day of Pentecost had come, [the apostles] were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup> And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup> Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. <sup>4</sup> All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. <sup>5</sup> Now there were devout Jews from every people under heaven living in Jerusalem. <sup>6</sup> And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. <sup>7</sup> Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?" <sup>8</sup> And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? <sup>9</sup> Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, <sup>10</sup> Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, <sup>11</sup> Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." <sup>12</sup> All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" <sup>13</sup> But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine." <sup>14</sup> But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Fellow Jews and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. <sup>15</sup> Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. <sup>16</sup> No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: <sup>17</sup> 'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. <sup>18</sup> Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy. <sup>19</sup> And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. <sup>20</sup> The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. <sup>21</sup> Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.' "

L Word of God, word of life. **C Thanks be to God.**

## ✠ GOSPEL John 20:19-23

*The risen Jesus appears to his disciples, offering them a benediction, a commission, and the gift of the Holy Spirit.*

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

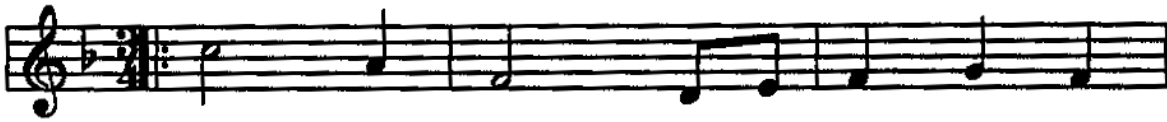
**C Glory to you, O Lord.**

**W**hen it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." <sup>20</sup> After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup> Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." <sup>22</sup> When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup> If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

P The Gospel of the Lord. **C Praise to you, O Christ.**

## SERMON

*Pastor John Futterer*



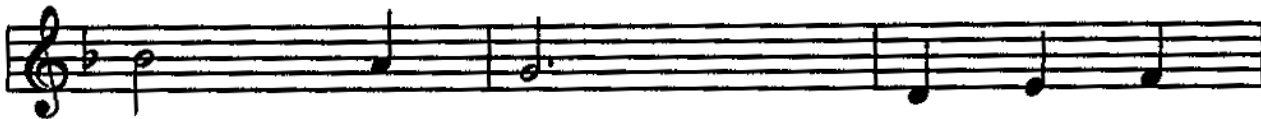
1. Peace be yours. May the Lord be with  
 2. Peace be yours as you scat - ter from  
 3. Seek your strength where the Lord does a -  
 4. Al - ways know He has con - quered the

4



you here. as we gath - er now and your  
 here. An - y - where you go, God is  
 bide when the great - est e - vil is  
 one who de - fies your life in God's

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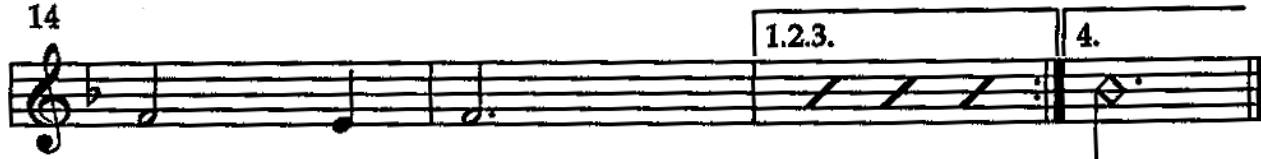
whole life through, bless - ing and  
 al - ways near, lov - ing and  
 at your side. In Word and  
 on - ly Son. Yours is the

10



mer - cy and whole - ness, too. May God's  
 calm - ing your deep - est fear.  
 Sac - ra - ment, Christ re - sides.  
 strug - gle that Christ has won.

14



peace be yours.

### 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 SONG***Create in Me a Clean Heart*

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right  
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your  
pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me.  
Re - store to me the joy of your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me  
with your free Spir - it. Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God,  
and re - new a right spir - it with - in me.

**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 Trusting in the power of Christ's resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation.

*Prayer petitions will conclude: "Merciful God,"  
The congregation's response is: "receive our prayer."*

P God of resurrection power, use us and these prayers to proclaim the good news of new life to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

**C Amen.**

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

**C Amen.**

P God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C Amen.**

**C Most merciful God we confess that we are captive 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.**

## 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 forward for communion. Please ask an usher if you have any questions.*

## OFFERING PRAYER

P Merciful God, accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory. You have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day when we will hunger and thirst no more. Nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus, that goodness and mercy may follow us and bless the world you love. In the name of Jesus,

**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. Gluten-free is available on request. 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.**

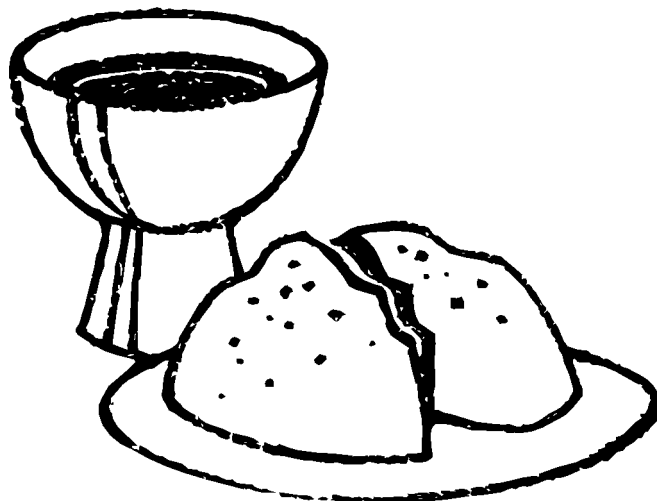
## INVITATION

**P** Come to the table of new life. Receive the risen Lord.

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

**INSTRUMENTAL**

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

**ENDING**

30 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.

## BLESSING

**P** God Almighty, who is the beginning and the end, Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead, and the Spirit, our advocate and peace, ✠ bless you now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## VERSE 1



1. Who breaks the pow - er of sin and dark - ness, whose love is might - y



and so much strong - er? The King of glo - ry, the King a - bove all kings.

## VERSE 2

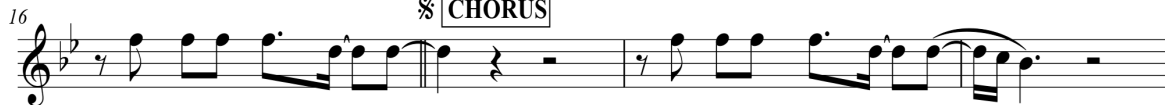


2. Who shakes the whole earth with ho - ly thun - der and leaves us breath - less

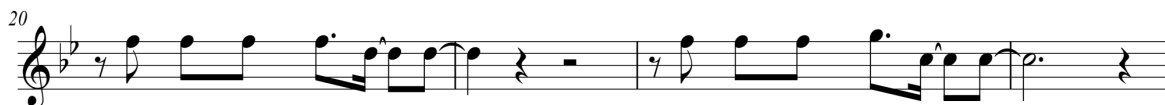


in awe and won - der? The King of glo - ry, the King a - bove all kings.

## CHORUS



This is a - maz - ing grace, this is un - fail - ing love,



that You would take my place, that You would bear my cross.



You laid down Your life that I would be set free. Oh,



Je - sus, I sing for all that You've done for me.

## INSTRUMENTAL

2nd time to Coda  $\text{F}$  N.C.



3. Who brings our cha - os back in - to ord - er,



who makes the or - phan a son and daugh - ter? The King of glo - ry, the King of glo - ry.

## VERSE 4



4. Who rules the na - tions with truth and jus - tice, shines like the sun in

44  

 all of its bril - liance? The King of glo - ry, the King a - bove all kings. Yeah,

48  

 this is a - maz - ing grace, *D.S. al Coda*

49  

 all that You've done for me. *Coda*

**BRIDGE**

55  

 Wor - thy is the Lamb who was slain! Wor - thy is the King who con -

59  

 quered the grave! Wor - thy is the Lamb who was slain! Wor - thy is the King who con -

63  

 quered the grave! Wor - thy is the Lamb who was slain! Wor - thy, wor -

66  

 thy, wor - thy! Oh, this is a - maz - ing grace, this is un - fail - ing love,

**CHORUS**

71  

 that You would take my place, that You would bear my cross.

75  

 You laid down Your life that I would be set free. Oh,

**ENDING**

80  

 Je - sus, I sing for all that You've done for me,

85  

 all that You've done for me.

90  


## DISMISSAL

A Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

## Upcoming Commemorations

### **Sunday, May 24, 2026-Nicolaus Copernicus, died 1543; Leonhard Euler, died 1783; scientists**

*These two men were both scientists who helped to explain the wonders of God's universe. Copernicus is best known for promoting the idea that the sun, not the earth, is at the center of our solar system. Euler was one of the founders of pure mathematics, and contributed to many other fields.*

### **Wednesday, May 27, 2026-John Calvin, renewer of the church, died 1564**

*Gifted both as a systematic theologian and as an interpreter of scriptures, Calvin embraced the Reformation, and as a preacher in Geneva, Switzerland, brought a theocratic government to it. He is regarded as the father of the Reformed churches.*

### **Friday, May 29, 2026-Jiri Tranovský, hymnwriter, died 1637**

*Tranovský is considered to be the father of Slovak hymnody as well as an important reformer of the Slavic church. He translated the Augsburg Confession (the basis of Lutheran teachings) and published a collection of Slovak hymns.*

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