



# KIMBALL MEMORIAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

101 VANCE ST. KANNAPOLIS, NC 28081

May 25, 2025

Sixth Sunday of Easter

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 SONG

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## PRAYER OF DAY

A Let us pray. Bountiful God, you gather your people into your realm, and you promise us food from your tree of life. Nourish us with your word, that empowered by your Spirit we may love one another and the world you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

**INTRO**

**VERSE**

1. Are you thirst - y? Are you emp - ty?  
 2. Christ is call - ing, find re - fresh - ing  
 3. Spir it mov - ing, mer - cy wash - ing;  
 4. Are you thirst - y? Are you emp - ty?

5  
 Come and drink these liv - ing wat - ers. Tired and bro - ken, peace un - spo - ken,  
 at the cross of liv - ing wat - ers. Lay your life down, all the old gone,  
 Heal - ing in these liv - ing wat - ers. Lead your chil - dren to the shore - line,  
 Come and drink these liv - ing wat - ers. Love, for - give - ness, vast and bound - less,

9  
 1  
 2, 3, 4  
 rest be - side these liv - ing wat - ers. wat - ers. There's a  
 rise up in these liv - ing wat - ers.  
 life is in these liv - ing wat - ers.  
 Christ, He is our liv - ing

**CHORUS**

17  
 Last time to Coda  $\Phi$  1  
**TURNAROUND**  
 hope is se - cure, do not fear an - y - more, praise the Lord of liv - ing wat - ers.

22  
 2  
**BRIDGE**  
 praise the Lord of liv - ing wat - ers. Ooh. Ooh.

27  
 D.S. al Coda  
 Ooh. Ooh. Ooh. Ooh.

33  
 $\Phi$  Coda  
**ENDING**  
 praise the Lord of liv - ing wat - ers. There our hope is se - cure, do not fear an - y -

37  
 more, praise the Lord of liv - ing wat - ers. \_\_\_\_\_

**READING REVELATION 21:10, 22—22:5**

**L** A reading from the twenty-first and twenty-second chapters of Revelation.

*John's vision of a new Jerusalem coming out of heaven provides continuity with God's past actions. Yet in this new city, God's presence replaces the temple, and the glory of God and the Lamb supplants sun and moon.*

**A**nd in the spirit one of the angels carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God. <sup>22</sup> I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. <sup>23</sup> And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. <sup>24</sup>

The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. <sup>25</sup> Its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. <sup>26</sup> People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. <sup>27</sup> But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life. <sup>22:1</sup> Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb <sup>2</sup> through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. <sup>3</sup> Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; <sup>4</sup> they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. <sup>5</sup> And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

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

**✠ GOSPEL John 14:23-29**

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

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

*As Jesus talks of returning to the Father, he promises to send the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, who will teach Jesus' followers and remind them of all that Jesus taught. Even more, those in whom God makes a home will experience a peace that overcomes fear.*

**J**esus answered [Judas (not Iscariot),] “Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. <sup>24</sup> Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me. <sup>25</sup> “I have said these things to you while I am still with you. <sup>26</sup> But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. <sup>27</sup> Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. <sup>28</sup> You heard me say to you, ‘I am going away, and I am coming to you.’ If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. <sup>29</sup> And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe.”

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

SONG OF RESPONSE

All Who Are Thirsty

Brown/Robertson

VERSE

6 All who are thirst - y, all who are weak, come to the foun - tain.

11 Dip your heart in the stream of life. Let the pain and the sor - row be wash'd a - way in the waves of His mer - cy as deep cries out to deep. (We sing)

CHORUS 1

24 Come, Lord Je - sus, come. Come, Lord Je - sus, come.

Come, Lord Je - sus, come. Come, Lord Je - sus,

31 Last time to Coda  $\Phi$  1 2 CHORUS 2

come. All who are thirst Ho - ly Spir - it, come.

38 Ho - ly Spir - it, come. Ho - ly Spir - it, come.

INTERLUDE 1, 2

45 Ho - ly Spir - it, come. As deep cries out to deep.

52 (1, 2) 3 D.S. al Coda

As deep cries deep, we sing

ENDING

54 Coda

Come, Lord Je - sus, come.

58

## 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 INTERCESSION

A God of resurrection and new life, we come before you in prayer for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

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

*Prayer petitions will conclude: "Hear us, O God."*

*The congregation's response is: "Your mercy is great."*

P We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting that you are always with us; in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

**C Amen.**

## SHARING OF GOD'S PEACE

A The peace of Christ be with you.

**C And also with you.**

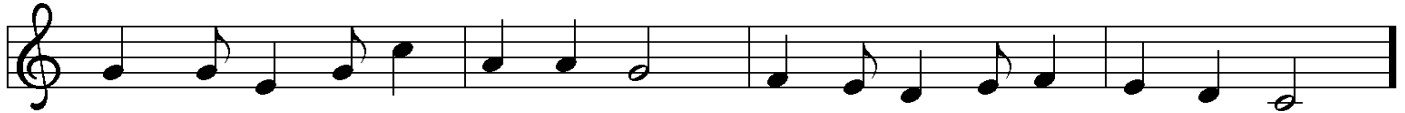
A Please greet those around you with words of peace.

## OFFERING

*We will be receiving our morning offering by "passing the plate" the old fashioned way. Our Council will be making a decision about whether to return to this every Sunday, or continuing to have offering plates in the narthex for your use. Your feedback is appreciated - please speak to Pastor John, Deacon Liz, or a council member if you have an opinion on this part of our service. Thank you.*



1 Let us tal - ents and tongues em - ploy, reach-ing out with a shout of joy:



bread is bro-ken, the wine is poured, Christ is spo - ken and seen and heard.



Je - sus lives a - gain, earth can breathe a - gain, pass the Word a - round: loaves a - bound!

## OFFERING PRAYER

**P** Let us pray. Risen One, you have gathered us around your table of grace along with these gifts we bring. Come among us again, breathe your life into us, and enliven us with this meal, that we may live as your risen body in the world.

**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 Come to the table of grace. Receive the gift of new life.

**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  
Your holy presence living in me  
This is my daily bread  
This is my daily bread  
Your very word spoken to me

### Chorus

And I I'm desperate for You  
And I I'm lost without You

### Ending

This is the air I breathe  
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 triune God, who was, who is, and who is to come, Sovereign, ✝ Savior, and Spirit, light your way with resurrection dawn, now and always.

C Amen.



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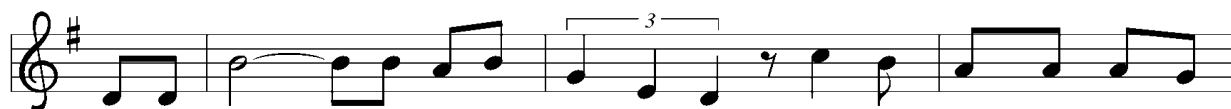
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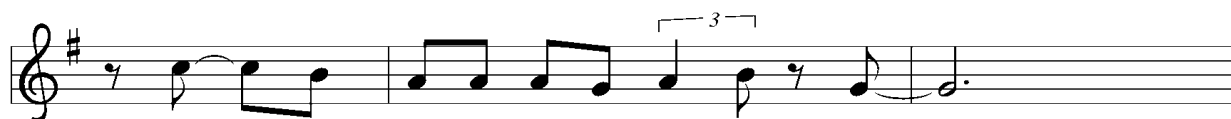
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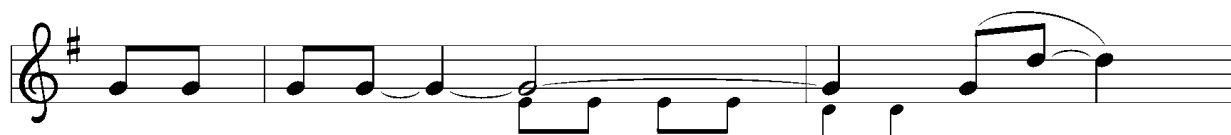
We are march - ing in the light of God, we are march - ing in the



light of God. We are march - ing in the light of God,



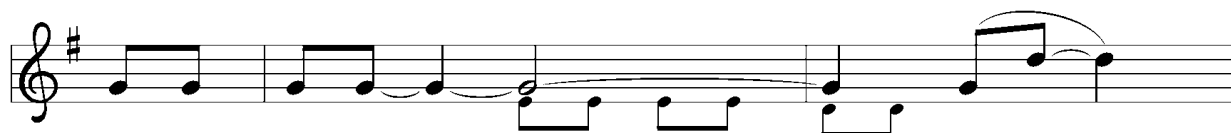
we are march-ing in the light of God.



We are march - ing (march - ing, we are march - ing) OO



we are march-ing in the light of God.



We are march - ing (march - ing, we are march - ing) OO



we are march - ing in the light of God.

*Additional stanzas ad lib.:*

We are dancing ...

We are praying ...

We are singing ...

## DISMISSAL

A Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.