

8:30 AM

KIMBALL MEMORIAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

101 VANCE ST. KANNAPOLIS, NC 28081

September 6, 2026

15th Sunday after Pentecost



*Congregation responses in **Bold**.*

GATHERING MUSIC

Way Maker

Osinachi Kalu / Okoro Egbu

Verse 1

You are here moving in our midst
I worship You I worship You
You are here working in this place
I worship You I worship You

Chorus

(You are) Way Maker
Miracle Worker Promise Keeper
Light in the darkness my God that is who You are

Verse 2

You are here touching ev'ry heart
I worship You I worship You
You are here healing ev'ry heart
I worship You I worship You

Verse 3

You are here turning lives around
I worship You I worship You
You are here mending ev'ry heart
I worship You yeah I worship You Lord

Tag

That is who You are
That is who You are
That is who You are
That is who You are

Bridge

Even when I don't see it You're working
Even when I don't feel it You're working
You never stop You never stop working
You never stop You never stop working

GATHERING MUSIC

Refiner's Fire

Charlie Hall

Verse 1

Purify my heart, Let me be as gold
And precious silver
Purify my heart Let me be as gold
Pure gold

Chorus

Refiner's fire
My heart's one desire
Is to be holy, Set apart for You Lord
I choose to be holy
Set apart for You my Master
Ready to do Your will

Verse 2

Purify my heart
Cleanse me from within
And make me holy
Purify my heart
Cleanse me from my sin
Deep within

WELCOME

PRAYER OF THE DAY

A Let us pray. O Lord God, enliven and preserve your church with your perpetual mercy. Without your help, we mortals will fail; remove far from us everything that is harmful, and lead us toward all that gives life and salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

LET'S TALK

Children's Time

READING Psalm 119:33-40

L A reading from Psalm 119.

- ³³ Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes,
and I will observe it to the end.
- ³⁴ Give me understanding, that I may keep your law
and observe it with my whole heart.
- ³⁵ Lead me in the path of your commandments,
for I delight in it.
- ³⁶ Turn my heart to your decrees,
and not to selfish gain.
- ³⁷ Turn my eyes from looking at vanities;
give me life in your ways.
- ³⁸ Confirm to your servant your promise,
which is for those who fear you.
- ³⁹ Turn away the disgrace that I dread,
for your ordinances are good.
- ⁴⁰ See, I have longed for your precepts;
in your righteousness give me life.

L Word of God, word of life.

C Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL Matthew 18:15-20

Jesus offers practical advice to his disciples on how individuals—and the church as a whole—should go about restoring relationships when one member has sinned against another.

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the eighteenth chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to the disciples: ¹⁵“If your brother or sister sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If you are listened to, you have regained that one. ¹⁶But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. ¹⁷If that person refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church, and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a gentile and a tax collector. ¹⁸Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. ²⁰For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor John Futterer

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



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



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.



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

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 Reminded of God's gracious and abundant love, we offer our prayers, confident that God hears us.

*Prayer petitions will conclude: "Hear us, O God."
The congregation's response is: "Your mercy is great."*

P Grant the prayers we have offered, what we have forgotten to ask, and whatever else you see that we need. We ask this in Jesus' name.

C Amen.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✙ one God, who pours love into our hearts and healing upon the earth.

C Amen.

P Confident that God justifies us by grace through faith, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Compassionate God,

C **we confess that we struggle to embody your goodness in the world and in our own hearts. Creation groans from overuse. Jealousy and bitterness strain our relationships. Indifference keeps us from seeking justice. Divisions disrupt your call to show genuine love to others. Turn our hearts back to you. Restore our world and reconcile us to one another. Renew us to live as your holy people, following the way of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

P Hear this good news: We have peace with God through ✙ Jesus Christ, in whom there is no condemnation, but only forgiveness and the promise of eternal life. Receive freely this healing gift of grace.

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 Let us pray. God of creation, you send rain and the earth springs forth abundantly. All blessings are from you; make us generous with what we have. Use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts in service to you and in love to our neighbors, today 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. 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 Christ invites you to this table.

All who are thirsty, all who are hungry, come!

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.



CHORUS

Bind us to - geth - er, Lord; Bind us to - geth - er with cords that can - not be
bro - ken. Bind us to - geth - er, Lord, bind us to - geth - er, Lord;

Fine VERSE

Bind us to - geth - er with love.

1. There is on - ly one God,
2. Made for the glo - ry of God,
3. You are the fam - 'ly of God,

there is on - ly one King. There is on - ly one
pur - chased by His pre - cious Son. Born with the right to be
you are the pro - mise di - vine. You are God's cho - sen de -

bod - y; That is why we can sing:
clean, for Je - sus the vic - t'ry has won.
sire. You are the glor - ious new wine.

D.C. al Fine

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

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

C Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P Sustaining God, with this bread and cup, you nourish us with mercy and abundant life. By your Spirit, send us from this table to serve a needy world. Make us living signs of your liberation, healing, and love, following the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray.

C Amen.

BLESSING

P The God of love draw you into full accord and one mind, in the body of Christ Jesus.

C Amen.

P The God of hope grant you strength and joy in all circumstances through the interceding of the Spirit.

C Amen.

P The God of grace ☩ bless you now and forever.

C Amen.

SENDING SONG

Beautiful One

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DISMISSAL

A Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.



For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

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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

5 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

10 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

15 **CHORUS**
 are. Beau - ti - ful One, I love You, beau - ti - ful One, I a - dore, beau - ti - ful One, my
 are.

22 *Last time to Coda* 1 2 *D.S.* 3
 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

31 1 2
 - ing on earth is as beau - ti - ful as You. You o thing on earth is as beau

36 *D.S. al Coda* *Coda* **BRIDGE 2**
 - ti - ful as You. Beau - ti - ful My soul, my soul must sing. My soul,

42 1
 my soul must sing. My soul, my soul must sing, beau - ti - ful One. My soul,

48 2 **CHORUS**
 Beau - ti - ful One, I love You, beau - ti - ful One, I a - dore, beau - ti - ful One, my

54
 soul must sing.