



# KIMBALL MEMORIAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

101 VANCE ST. KANNAPOLIS, NC 28081

February 23, 2025

Seventh Sunday after Epiphany

8:30 am

## GATHERING MUSIC

*All That I Am*

Rend Collective

### Verse 1

Ev'rything's on the altar now  
No holding back no holding out  
In view of Your matchless sacrifice  
Take ev'ry treasure take this life

### Chorus

All that I am for all that You are my Lord  
All that I have for all that You are  
You're the pearl beyond price greater than life  
All that I am for all that You are  
Oh oh oh oh oh oh

### Verse 2

Selfish ambition and my pride  
I'm giving up I'm letting die  
In these empty hands I have it all have it all  
The pure joy of knowing You my Lord

### Bridge

It's only in surrender that I'm free  
It's only in surrender that I'm truly free  
It's only in surrender that I'm free  
(All I am is Yours my Lord)  
It's only in surrender that I'm truly free  
I am free I am free indeed  
I am free I am free indeed

## WELCOME

*Congregation responses in **Bold**.*

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**A** Let us pray. O Lord Jesus, make us instruments of your peace, that where there is hatred, we may sow love, where there is injury, pardon, and where there is despair, hope. Grant, O divine master, that we may seek to console, to understand, and to love in your name, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

## LET'S TALK

*Children's Time*

## READING Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40

**L** A reading from Psalm 37.

**F**ret not thyself because of evildoers, neither be thou envious against the workers of iniquity. <sup>2</sup>For they shall soon be cut down like the grass, and wither as the green herb. <sup>3</sup>Trust in the LORD, and do good; so shalt thou dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed. <sup>4</sup>Delight thyself also in the LORD: and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart. <sup>5</sup>Commit thy way unto the LORD; trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass. <sup>6</sup>And he shall bring forth thy righteousness as the light, and thy judgment as the noonday. <sup>7</sup>Rest in the LORD, and wait patiently for him: fret not thyself because of him who prospereth in his way, because of the man who bringeth wicked devices to pass. *continued...*

<sup>8</sup>Cease from anger, and forsake wrath: fret not thyself in any wise to do evil. <sup>9</sup>For evildoers shall be cut off: but those that wait upon the LORD, they shall inherit the earth. <sup>10</sup>For yet a little while, and the wicked shall not be: yea, thou shalt diligently consider his place, and it shall not be. <sup>11</sup>But the meek shall inherit the earth; and shall delight themselves in the abundance of peace. <sup>39</sup>But the salvation of the righteous is of the LORD: he is their strength in the time of trouble. <sup>40</sup>And the LORD shall help them, and deliver them: he shall deliver them from the wicked, and save them, because they trust in him.

**L** Word of God, word of life.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## **GOSPEL Luke 6:27-38**

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

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

*Jesus continues to address a crowd of his disciples. He invites his followers to shower radical love, blessing, forgiveness, generosity, and trust even on enemies and outsiders. Living in harmony with God's intent brings the reward of overflowing blessing.*

**J**esus said: <sup>27</sup> "But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, <sup>28</sup> bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. <sup>29</sup> If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. <sup>30</sup> Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. <sup>31</sup> Do to others as you would have them do to you. <sup>32</sup> "If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. <sup>33</sup> If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. <sup>34</sup> If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. <sup>35</sup> But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. <sup>36</sup> Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. <sup>37</sup> "Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; <sup>38</sup> give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back."

**P** The Gospel of the Lord.

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

SCRIPTURE SONG *ELW 482*

*I Come With Joy*

DOVE OF PEACE



1 I come with joy, a child of God, for - giv - en, loved, and  
 2 I come with Chris - tians far and near to find, as all are  
 3 As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share, each proud di - vi - sion  
 4 The Spir - it of the ris - en Christ, un - seen, but ev - er  
 5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound by all that God has



free, the life of Je - sus to re - call in  
 fed, the new com - mu - ni - ty of love in  
 ends. The love that made us, makes us one, and  
 near, is in such friend - ship bet - ter known, a -  
 done, we'll go with joy, to give the world the



love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.  
 Christ's com - mu - nion bread, in Christ's com - mu - nion bread.  
 strang - ers now are friends, and strang - ers now are friends.  
 live a - mong us here, a - live a - mong us here.  
 love that makes us one, the love that makes us one.

**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:**

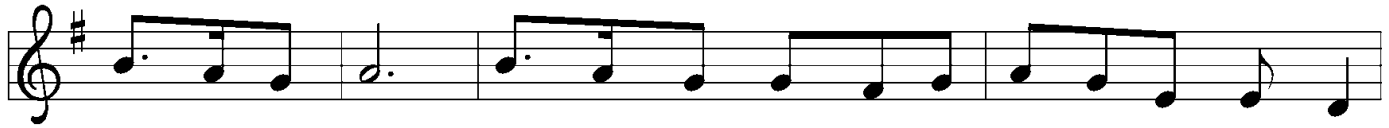
*The Body of Christ given for you; The Blood of Christ shed for you.*

*Healing Prayer is available under the balcony during Communion if you desire prayer.*





1 Soft - ly and ten - der - ly Je - sus is call - ing, call - ing for  
 2 Why should we tar - ry when Je - sus is plead - ing, plead - ing for  
 3 Oh, for the won - der - ful love he has prom - ised, prom - ised for



you and for me. See, on the por - tals he's wait - ing and watch - ing,  
 you and for me? Why should we lin - ger and heed not his mer - cies,  
 you and for me! Though we have sinned, he has mer - cy and par - don,

*Refrain*

watch - ing for you and for me.  
 mer - cies for you and for me? "Come home, come home!  
 par - don for you and for me.



You who are wea - ry, come home." Ear - nest - ly, ten - der - ly,



Je - sus is call - ing, call - ing, "O sin - ner, come home!"

**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.

Go in

peace and serve the Lord. God is call-ing you to - day. Go and

tell gos - pel news ev - 'ry - where. Go in

peace and serve the Lord. God is call - ing you to -

day to bring truth and love to ev - 'ry

na - tion. Go in na - tion.

## THE DISMISSAL

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

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