



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

March 2, 2025

Transfiguration of Our Lord

8:30 am

**GATHERING MUSIC**

*Come to the Mountain*

Kathy & Scott Tunseth

1. Jesus took, Peter, James, and John  
up to the mountain to be alone.  
While they were watching Jesus was changed;  
and they saw Moses face to face. **Refrain**

**Refrain:**

Come to the mountain to see the light.  
Come to the mountain to hear God's word.  
Go to the valley, it is your home.  
Go to the valley to serve the Lord.

2. "This is my Son!" said a voice from the cloud.  
"Listen to him...and do what he says."  
Soon as it came...that vision was gone,  
and they saw Jesus standing alone. **Refrain**

3. We will be changed like Jesus our Lord,  
and live with him...in heaven above.  
But while we live on this earthly home,  
our work as servants never is done. **Refrain**

**GATHERING MUSIC**

*Days of Elijah*

Robin Mark

**Verse 1**

These are the days of Elijah  
Declaring the Word of the Lord  
And these are the days of Your servant Moses  
Righteousness being restored  
And though these are days of great trials  
Of famine and darkness and sword  
Still we are the voice in the desert crying  
Prepare ye the way of the Lord

**Chorus**

Behold He comes riding on the clouds  
Shining like the sun at the trumpet call  
So lift your voice it's the year of Jubilee  
And out of Zion's hill salvation comes

**Verse 2**

And these are the days of Ezekiel  
The dry bones becoming as flesh  
And these are the days of Your servant David  
Rebuilding a temple of praise  
And these are the days of the harvest  
The fields are as white in the world  
And we are the labourers in Your vineyard  
Declaring the Word of the Lord

**Bridge**

There is no god like Jehovah  
There is no god like Jehovah  
There is no god like Jehovah  
There is no god like Jehovah (hey)

**WELCOME**

*Congregation responses in **Bold**.*

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**A** Let us pray. Holy God, mighty and immortal, you are beyond our knowing, yet we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ. Transform us into the likeness of your Son, who renewed our humanity so that we may share in his divinity, Jesus Christ 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 2nd Corinthians 3:12—4:2**

L A reading from the third and fourth chapters of 2nd Corinthians.

**S**ince, then, we have such a hope, we act with great boldness, <sup>13</sup> not like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that was being set aside. <sup>14</sup> But their minds were hardened. Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant, that same veil is still there, since only in Christ is it set aside. <sup>15</sup> Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds; <sup>16</sup> but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. <sup>17</sup> Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. <sup>18</sup> And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit. <sup>4:1</sup> Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. <sup>2</sup> We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practice cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God.

L Word of God, word of life.

**C Thanks be to God.**

## **GOSPEL Luke 9:28-36**

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

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

*The conversation about Jesus' suffering and death is enclosed in a dazzling foreshadowing of the resurrection. God affirms Jesus' identity, the disciples are stunned speechless, and Jesus resumes his mission with a demonstration of his power over evil.*

**N**ow about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. <sup>29</sup> And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. <sup>30</sup> Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. <sup>31</sup> They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. <sup>32</sup> Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. <sup>33</sup> Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah"—not knowing what he said. <sup>34</sup> While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. <sup>35</sup> Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!" <sup>36</sup> When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## **SERMON**

*Tony Lippard*

**VERSE**

We bow our hearts, we bend our knees; Oh Spir - it, come make us hum-  
 ble. We turn our eyes from e - vil things; Oh Lord, we cast down our i -  
**CHORUS**  
 dols. Give us clean hands, give us pure hearts; Let us not lift our souls to an -  
 oth - er. Give us clean hands, give us pure hearts; Let us not lift our souls to an -  
 oth - er. And oh God, let us be a gen - er - a - tion that seeks, that seeks Your face,  
 oh God of Ja - cob; And oh God, let us be a gen - er - a - tion that seeks,  
 that seeks Your face, oh God of Ja - cob.

## 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 *The 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 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.*

## COMMUNION HYMN *ELW 838*

*Beautiful Savior*

SCHÖNSTER HERR JESU



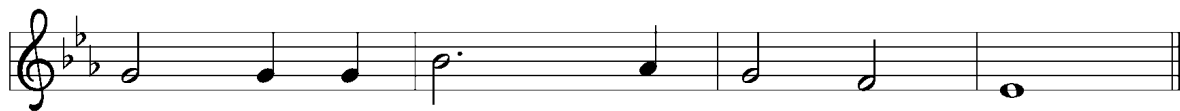
1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion,  
2 Fair are the mead - ows, fair are the wood - lands,  
3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair is the moon - light,  
4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions,



Son of God and Son of Man!  
robed in flow'rs of bloom - ing spring;  
bright the spar - kling stars on high;  
Son of God and Son of Man!



Tru - ly I'd love thee, tru - ly I'd serve thee,  
Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is pur - er,  
Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines pur - er,  
Glo - ry and hon - or, praise, ad - o - ra - tion,



light of my soul, my joy, my crown.  
he makes our sor - rowing spir - it sing.  
than all the an - gels in the sky.  
now and for - ev - er - more be thine!

## 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.

## SENDING SONG

### Knowing You

Graham Kendrick



1. All I once held dear, built my life up - on, all this world re - veres, and  
(2.)heart's de - sire is to know You more, to be found in You, and  
(3.)know the pow'r of Your ris - en life, and to know You in Your



wars to own, all I once thought gain I have count - ed loss; Spent and worth - less now, com -  
known as Yours, to pos - sess by faith what I could not earn; All sur - pas - sing gift of  
suf - fer - ings, to be - come like You in Your death, my Lord; So with You to live, and



pared to this. Know - ing You, Je - sus, know - ing You, there is no great - er  
right - eous - ness.  
nev - er die.



thing. You're my all, You're the best, You're my joy, my right - eous - ness, and I



love You, Lord. 2. Now my love You, Lord, love You, Lord. \_\_\_\_\_  
3. Oh to

## THE DISMISSAL

A Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

## POSTLUDE

*Shine, Jesus, Shine*  
*Handbell Choir*

arr. Peggy Bettcher

## UPCOMING COMMEMORATIONS

**Sunday, March 2, 2025—John Wesley, died 1791; Charles Wesley, died 1788; renewers of the church**

These brothers led a revival originally intended to remain within the Church of England, one that involved frequent communion and advocacy for the poor. Except for a brief time in America, they worked in England. Charles was also a prolific hymn writer. After their deaths, their work led to the formation of the Methodist Church.

**Friday, March 7, 2025—Perpetua and Felicity and companions, martyrs at Carthage, died 202**

Vibia Perpetua, a noblewoman, and Felicity, an enslaved woman, were catechumens at Carthage, northern Africa. They, with four other catechumens, had defied the Roman emperor who had forbidden conversions to Christianity, and were put to death in the amphitheater.

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