



# KIMBALL MEMORIAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

101 VANCE ST. KANNAPOLIS, NC 28081

November 16, 2025

23rd Sunday after Pentecost

8:30 am

*Congregation responses in **Bold**.*

## GATHERING MUSIC

*Come, Now is the Time to Worship*

*Brian Doerksen*

### **Chorus**

Come now is the time to worship  
Come now is the time to give your heart  
Come just as you are to worship  
Come just as you are before your God  
Come

### **Verse 1**

One day every tongue  
Will confess You are God  
One day every knee will bow

Still the greatest treasure remains  
For those who gladly choose You now

### **Verse 2**

Willingly we choose to surrender our lives  
Willingly our knees will bow  
With all our heart soul mind and strength  
We gladly choose You now

### **Ending**

Come come just as you are come come

## GATHERING MUSIC

*Beautiful One*

*Tim Hughes*

### **Verse 1**

Wonderful so wonderful is Your unfailing love  
Your cross has spoken mercy over me  
No eye has seen no ear has heard  
No heart could fully know  
How glorious how beautiful You are

### **Chorus**

Beautiful One I love You  
Beautiful One I adore  
Beautiful One my soul must sing

### **Verse 2**

Powerful so powerful Your glory fills the skies  
Your mighty works displayed for all to see

The beauty of Your majesty awakes my heart to sing  
How marvelous how wonderful You are

### **Bridge 1**

You opened my eyes to Your wonders anew  
You captured my heart with this love  
'Cause nothing on earth is as beautiful as You

### **Bridge 2**

My soul my soul must sing  
My soul my soul must sing  
My so Beautiful One  
ul my soul must sing

## WELCOME

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**A** Let us pray. O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without you nothing is strong, nothing is holy. Embrace us with your mercy, that with you as our ruler and guide, we may live through what is temporary without losing what is eternal, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C** Amen.

## LET'S TALK

*Children's Time*

## **READING Malachi 4:1-2a**

**L** A reading from the fourth chapter of Malachi.

*Malachi, whose name means “my messenger,” warns that “the day is coming.” On that day, the evil will be destroyed like stubble in a fire, but the “sun of righteousness” will shine on those who honor God.*

**S**ee, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble; the day that comes shall burn them up, says the Lord of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. <sup>2a</sup> But for you who revere my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## **GOSPEL Luke 21:5-19**

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-first chapter.

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

*As history moves toward God’s fulfillment there will be frightening signs and events. Before the end, believers will draw strength from their relationship to God and will be given the words they need to testify and to endure without fear.*

**W**hen some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, Jesus said, <sup>6</sup> “As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down.” <sup>7</sup> They asked him, “Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?” <sup>8</sup> And he said, “Beware that you are not led astray, for many will come in my name and say, ‘I am he!’ and, ‘The time is near!’ Do not go after them. <sup>9</sup> “When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified, for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately.” <sup>10</sup> Then he said to them, “Nation will rise against nation and kingdom against kingdom; <sup>11</sup> there will be great earthquakes and in various places famines and plagues, and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven. <sup>12</sup> “But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. <sup>13</sup> This will give you an opportunity to testify. <sup>14</sup> So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance, <sup>15</sup> for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. <sup>16</sup> You will be betrayed even by parents and siblings, by relatives and friends, and they will put some of you to death. <sup>17</sup> You will be hated by all because of my name. <sup>18</sup> But not a hair of your head will perish. <sup>19</sup> By your endurance you will gain your souls.”

**P** The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## **SERMON**

*Pastor John Futterer*

**VERSE**

1. The day is bright - er here with You, the night is light -  
 2. My eyes are small but they have seen, the beau - ty of

er than its hue, would lead me to be - lieve, which leads me  
 e - nor - mous things, which leads me to be - lieve, there's light e -

**CHORUS**

to be - lieve: You make ev - 'ry - thing glo - ri - ous, You make ev - 'ry - thing glo -  
 nough to see that:

ri - ous, You make ev - 'ry - thing glo - ri - ous, and I am Yours.

(1) What does that make me?

(1) 2 ri - ous, and I am Yours. From glo - ry

to glo - ry, You are glo - ri - ous, You are glo - ri - ous. From glo - ry

to glo - ry, You are glo - ri - ous, You are glo - ri - ous. Which leads me to

**CHORUS**

be - lieve, why I can be - lieve. You make ev - 'ry - thing glo - ri - ous,

*Last time to Coda*  $\oplus$

You make ev - 'ry - thing glo - ri - ous, You make ev - 'ry - thing glo - ri - ous, and I am Yours.

1 2 From glo - ry to glo - ry, from glo - ry

to glo - ry. You are glo - ri - ous, You are glo - ri - ous, You are glo - ri - ous,

1, 2, 3 4 *D.S. al Coda*

You are glo - ri - ous.

$\oplus$  *Coda* **ENDING**

ri - ous, and I am 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.

## 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 GOD'S PEOPLE

A Gathered with one voice, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A Please kneel or be seated for the Prayers of God's People.

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

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

P We offer these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your grace and unyielding love; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

C Amen.

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P Faithful God,

C you have shown us the ways of your heart, yet we stray from your paths. We are stuck in sinful systems of oppression and do not embrace the freedom of your faithful promises. We ignore our neighbors. We exploit the earth. We reject your abundance, trusting our impulses instead of your steadfast love. Repair our relationships, restore what we have broken, renew our hearts, and bring us to new life. Amen.

P Hear the good news: God the Faithful One loves you, ☩ in Christ Jesus your sins are forgiven, and by the power of the Holy Spirit you are set free.

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 healing and hope, you bless those who are hungry, promising to fill them with good things. Fulfill that promise through us and these your gifts. Nourish us with the abundance of your feast and unite us into the blessed body of Jesus Christ our Savior, now and forever.

**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** There is a place for you at the table of God. Come, receive the food that does not perish, a taste of eternal life.

**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.*

## REFRAIN

Seed, scat - tered and sown, wheat gath - ered and grown, bread, bro - ken and

shared as one, the Liv - ing Bread of God. Vine, fruit of the land, wine, work of our

hands, one cup that is shared by all; the Liv - ing Cup, the Liv - ing Bread of God.

Fine

## VERSES

1. Is not the bread we break a shar - ing in our Lord?  
2. The seed which falls on rock will with - er and will die.  
3. As wheat up - on the hills was gath - ered and was grown,

Is not the cup we bless the Blood of Christ out - poured?  
The seed with - in good ground will flow - er and have life.  
So may the church of God be gath - ered in - to one.

D.C.

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## 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** The love of God the Sovereign strengthen you,  
God the Son save you, and God the Holy Spirit anoint you for the work ahead.  
The Holy Trinity bless you ☩ and grant you a faithful and courageous heart  
now and forever.

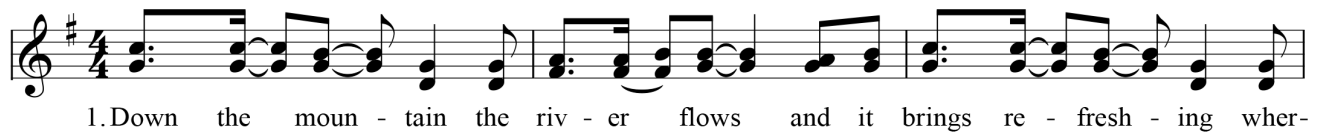
**C** Amen.

## SENDING SONG

*The River is Here*

*Andy Park*

### VERSE 1



1. Down the moun - tain the riv - er flows and it brings re - fresh - ing wher -



ev - er it goes. Through the val - leys and o - ver the fields the riv - er is rush - ing and the

### CHORUS



riv - er is here. The riv - er of God sets our feet a - danc - ing, the riv - er of God fills our



hearts with cheer. The riv - er of God fills our mouths with laugh - ter, and we re - joice for the

### INSTRUMENTAL 1

*2nd time to Coda* ☩



riv - er is here.

2. The

### VERSE 2



riv - er of God is teem - ing with life, and all who touch it can be re - vived. And



those who lin - ger on this riv - er's shore will come back thirst - ing for more of the Lord. The

*D.S. al Coda*

♩ Coda

VERSE 3 & 1

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3. Up to the moun - tain we love to go to find the pres - ence

1. Down the moun - tain the riv - er flows and it brings re - fresh - ing wher

33



of the Lord.

A - long the banks of the riv - er we run, we

ev - er it goes.

Through the val - leys and o - ver the fields the

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CHORUS

dance with laugh - ter giv - ing praise to the Son. The riv - er of God sets our

riv - er is rush - ing and the riv - er is here.

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feet a - danc - ing, the riv - er of God fills our hearts with cheer. The riv - er of God fills our

43



mouths with laugh - ter, and we re - joice for the riv - er is here.

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riv - er is here. Yes, we re - joice for the riv - er is here.

## DISMISSAL

A Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

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