



# KIMBALL MEMORIAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

101 VANCE ST. KANNAPOLIS, NC 28081

May 10, 2026

Sixth Sunday of Easter

8:30 am

*Congregation responses in **Bold**.*

## GATHERING MUSIC

*A Greater Song*

*Matt Redman/Paul Baloche*

### **Verse 1**

Who could imagine a melody  
True enough to tell of Your mercy  
Who could imagine a harmony  
Sweet enough to tell of Your love

### **Pre-Chorus**

I see the heavens proclaiming You day after  
day  
And I know in my heart that there must be a  
way

### **Chorus**

To sing a greater song  
A greater song to You on the earth  
To sing a greater song  
A greater song to You on the earth

### **Verse 2**

Who could imagine a symphony  
Grand enough to tell of Your glory  
Our highest praise but a feeble breath  
A whisper of Your thunderous worth

### **Bridge**

Hallelujah  
We wanna lift You higher  
Hallelujah  
We wanna lift You higher  
(REPEAT)  
(Higher higher)

## GATHERING MUSIC

*Christ Above Me*

*John Chisum/George Searcy*

### **Chorus**

Christ above me Christ beside me  
Christ within me ever guiding  
Christ behind me Christ before  
Christ my love my life my Lord

### **Verse 1**

Bread of life from heaven  
Lover of my soul  
Peace of God so ever present  
I surrender my control to

### **Verse 2**

Mercy everlasting  
Tenderness divine  
Word of God so ever healing  
I surrender heart and mind to

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

A Almighty and ever-living God, you hold together all things in heaven and on earth. In your great mercy receive the prayers of all your children, and give to all the world the Spirit of your truth and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and 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 1 Peter 3:13-22

*The author of 1st Peter encourages Christians to remain faithful even in the face of defamation and persecution. In baptism we are made clean to act in accordance with what is right.*

L A reading from third chapter of 1st Peter.

**N**ow who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? <sup>14</sup> But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, <sup>15</sup> but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you, <sup>16</sup> yet do it with gentleness and respect. Maintain a good conscience so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. <sup>17</sup> For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. <sup>18</sup> For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, <sup>19</sup> in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, <sup>20</sup> who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight lives, were saved through water. <sup>21</sup> And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, <sup>22</sup> who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

L Word of God, word of life.

**C Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL John 14:15-21

*In final words to his disciples on the night of his arrest, Jesus encourages obedience to his commandments and speaks of the Spirit, who will be with them forever.*

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

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

**J**esus said to the disciples: <sup>15</sup> “If you love me, you will keep my commandments. <sup>16</sup> And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. <sup>17</sup> This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him because he abides with you, and he will be in you. <sup>18</sup> “I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. <sup>19</sup> In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. <sup>20</sup> On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. <sup>21</sup> They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me, and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**SERMON**

*Deacon Liz Fisher*

## VERSE 1



1. Who breaks the pow - er of sin and dark - ness, whose love is might - y



and so much strong - er? The King of glo - ry, the King a - bove all kings.

## VERSE 2



2. Who shakes the whole earth with ho - ly thun - der and leaves us breath - less

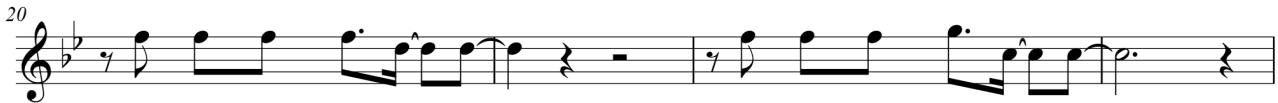


in awe and won - der? The King of glo - ry, the King a - bove all kings.

## CHORUS



This is a - maz - ing grace, this is un - fail - ing love,



that You would take my place, that You would bear my cross.



You laid down Your life that I would be set free. Oh,



Je - sus, I sing for all that You've done for me.

## INSTRUMENTAL

2nd time to Coda  $\text{F}$  N.C.



3. Who brings our cha - os back in - to ord - er,



who makes the or - phan a son and daugh - ter? The King of glo - ry, the King of glo - ry.

## VERSE 4



4. Who rules the na - tions with truth and jus - tice, shines like the sun in

44  
all of its bril - liance? The King of glo - ry, the King a - bove all kings. Yeah,

48 *D.S. al Coda*  
this is a - maz - ing grace,

49 *Coda*  
all that You've done for me.

**BRIDGE**  
Wor - thy is the Lamb who was slain! Wor - thy is the King who con -

55  
quered the grave! Wor - thy is the Lamb who was slain! Wor - thy is the King who con -

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quered the grave! Wor - thy is the Lamb who was slain! Wor - thy is the King who con -

63  
quered the grave! Wor - thy is the Lamb who was slain! Wor - thy, wor -

66 **CHORUS**  
thy, wor - thy! Oh, this is a - maz - ing grace, this is un - fail - ing love,

71  
that You would take my place, that You would bear my cross.

75  
You laid down Your life that I would be set free. Oh,

80 **ENDING**  
Je - sus, I sing for all that You've done for me,

85  
all that You've done for me.

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## 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 SONG

### *Create in Me a Clean Heart*

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right  
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your  
pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me.  
Re - store to me the joy of your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me  
with your free Spir - it. Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God,  
and re - new a right spir - it with - in me.

## 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.

*continued...*

**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 GOD'S PEOPLE**

**A** Trusting in the power of Christ's resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation.

*Prayer petitions will conclude: "Merciful God,"  
The congregation's response is: "receive our prayer."*

**P** God of resurrection power, use us and these prayers to proclaim the good news of new life to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

**C Amen.**

## **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

**P** In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen.**

**P** God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C Amen.**

**C** **Most merciful God we confess that we are captive 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.**

## **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** Merciful God, accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory. You have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day when we will hunger and thirst no more. Nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus, that goodness and mercy may follow us and bless the world you love. In the name of Jesus,

**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 (Sung)

**C** Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away, slain for us, and we remember the promise made that all who come in faith find forgiveness at the cross. So we share in this bread of life, and we drink of His sacrifice as a sign of our bonds of peace around the table of the King.

**P** The body of our Savior Jesus Christ, torn for you—eat and remember the wounds that heal, the death that brings us life paid the price to make us one.

### Refrain

**C** So we share in this bread of life, and we drink of His sacrifice as a sign of our bonds of love around the table of the King.

**P** The blood that cleanses every stain of sin, shed for you—drink and remember He drained death's cup that all may enter in to receive the life of God.

### Refrain

**C** And so with thankfulness and faith we rise to respond, and to remember our call to follow in the steps of Christ as His body here on earth. As we share in His suffering, we proclaim Christ will come again! And we'll join in the feast of heaven around the table of the King.

## 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 new life. Receive the risen Lord.

**Receive the Elements as the words are said:**

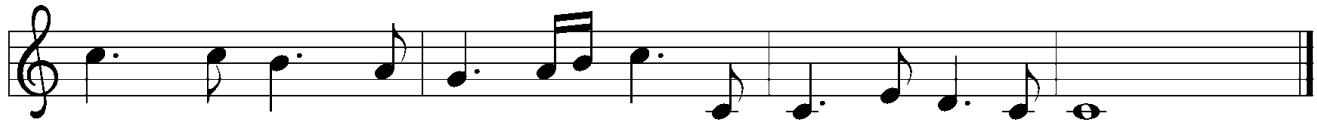
*The Body of Christ given for you; The Blood of Christ shed for you.*

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

*Refrain*



Bread of life from heav-en, your blood and bod - y giv - en, we



eat this bread and drink this cup un - til you come a - gain.



1 Break now the bread of Christ's sac - ri - fice; giv - ing  
 2 Seek not the food that will pass a - way; set your  
 3 Love as the one who, in love for you, gave him -  
 4 Dwell in the one who now dwells in you; make your  
 5 Drink of this cup and de - clare his death; eat this



thanks, hun - gry ones, gath - er round. Eat, all of you, and be  
 hearts on the food that en - dures. Come, learn the true and the  
 self for the life of the world. Come to the one who is  
 home in the life - giv - ing Word. Know on - ly Christ, Ho - ly  
 bread and be - lieve Eas - ter morn; trust his re - turn and, with



sat - is - fied; in Christ's pres - ence the loaves will a - bound.  
 liv - ing way, that the full - ness of life may be yours.  
 food for you, that your hun - ger and thirst be no more.  
 One of God, and be - lieve in the truth you have heard.  
 ev - 'ry breath, praise the one in whom you are re - born.

*Refrain*

**POST COMMUNION BLESSING**

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

**C** Amen.

**BLESSING**

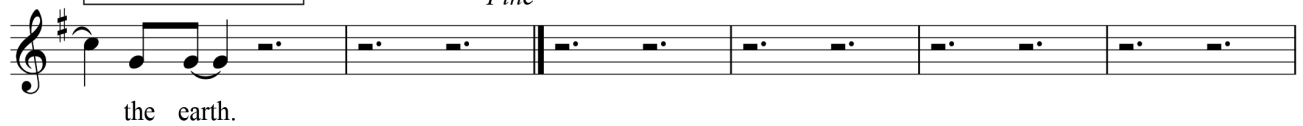
**P** God Almighty, who is the beginning and the end, Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead, and the Spirit, our advocate and peace, ✠ bless you now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## CHORUS



## INSTRUMENTAL

*Fine*

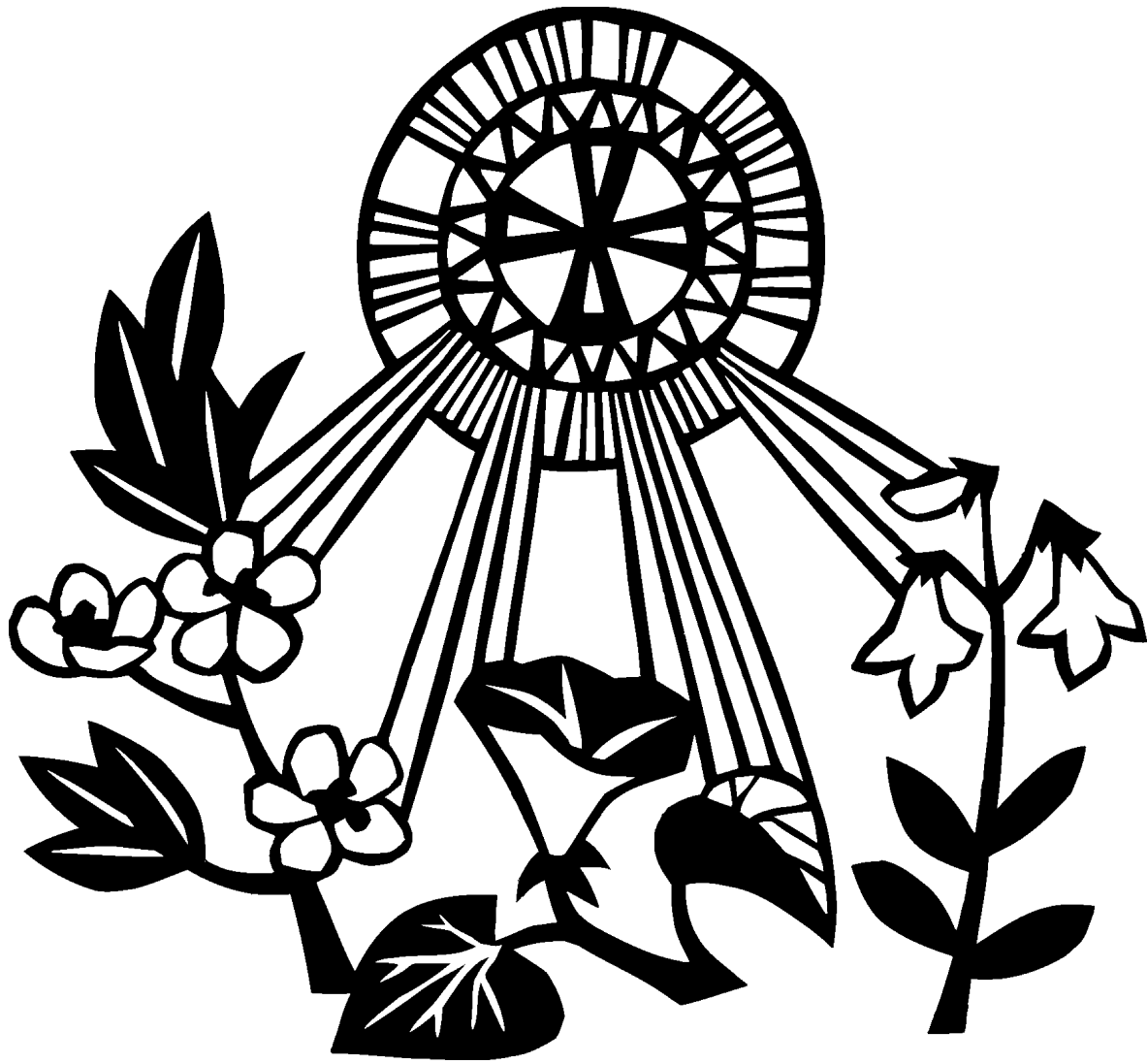
## VERSE

*D.C. al Fine*

## DISMISSAL

A Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.



## UPCOMING COMMEMORATIONS

### Thursday, May 14, 2026—Matthias, Apostle

Matthias was the apostle added to the Twelve after Jesus' resurrection, as a replacement for the dead Judas Iscariot. He had traveled among the followers of Jesus throughout the Lord's ministry. Formerly commemorated on February 24, Matthias's celebration is moved to May 14 in agreement with most Western calendars.

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