



KIMBALL MEMORIAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

101 VANCE ST. KANNAPOLIS, NC 28081

January 25, 2026

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

8:30 am

Congregation responses in Bold.

GATHERING MUSIC

Trading My Sorrows

Darrell Evans

Chorus

I'm trading my sorrows
I'm trading my shame
I'm laying them down
For the joy of the Lord
I'm trading my sickness
I'm trading my pain
I'm laying them down
For the joy of the Lord

Verse

I am pressed but not crushed
Persecuted not abandoned
Struck down but not destroyed
I am blessed beyond the curse
For His promise will endure
That His joy's gonna be my strength
Though the sorrow may last for the night
His joy comes with the morning

Vamp

Yes Lord yes Lord yes yes Lord
Yes Lord yes Lord yes yes Lord
Yes Lord yes Lord yes yes Lord amen

Interlude

Lai lai lai lai lai lai lai lai lai
Lai lai lai lai lai lai lai lai lai
Lai lai lai lai lai lai lai lai lai lai

GATHERING MUSIC

All the People Said Amen

Matt Maher

Verse 1

You are not alone if you are lonely
When you feel afraid you're not the only
We are all the same in need of mercy
To be forgiven and be free
It's all you got to lean on
But thank God it's all you need

Verse 2

If you're rich or poor well it don't matter
Weak or strong you know love is what we're after
We're all broken but we're all in this together
God knows we stumble and fall
And He so loved the world
He sent His son to save us all

Chorus

And all the people said amen whoa
And all the people said amen
Give thanks to the Lord for His love never ends
And all the people said amen

Bridge

Blessed are the poor in spirit who are torn apart
Blessed are the persecuted and the pure in heart
Blessed are the people hungry for another start
For theirs is the kingdom the kingdom of God

WELCOME

PRAYER OF THE DAY

A Let us pray. Holy God, you confound the world's wisdom in giving your kingdom to the lowly and the pure in heart. Give us such a hunger and thirst for justice, and perseverance in striving for peace, that in our words and deeds the world may see the life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

LET'S TALK

Children's Time

READING 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

L A reading from the first chapter of 1st Corinthians.

According to the world's standards of power and might, the message of the cross seems stupid and offensive. Yet this word reveals the paradoxical way God has chosen to work power and salvation through weakness, rejection, and suffering. Hence the message of the cross becomes true wisdom and power for believers.

The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.¹⁹ For it is written, “I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”²⁰ Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scholar? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world?²¹ For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of the proclamation, to save those who believe.²² For Jews ask for signs and Greeks desire wisdom,²³ but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to gentiles,²⁴ but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.²⁵ For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.²⁶ Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth.²⁷ But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong;²⁸ God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to abolish things that are,²⁹ so that no one might boast in the presence of God.³⁰ In contrast, God is why you are in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption,³¹ in order that, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

L Word of God, word of life. C Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL Matthew 5:1-12

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

C Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus opens the Sermon on the Mount by naming those who are blessed in the reign of God.

¹ When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. ² And he began to speak and taught them, saying: ³ “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ⁴ “Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. ⁵ “Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. ⁶ “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. ⁷ “Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. ⁸ “Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. ⁹ “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. ¹⁰ “Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ¹¹ “Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹² Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

P The Gospel of the Lord. C Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor John Futterer

SONG OF RESPONSE

We Believe

Newsboys

VERSE 1

1. In this time of des - per -
a - tion when all we know is doubt and fear, there is on - ly one foun -
da - tion: We be - lieve, we be - lieve. In this bro - ken gen - er - a -
tion, when all is dark, You help us see. There is on - ly one sal -
(1st time 8vb)
va - tion; we be - lieve, we be - lieve. We be - lieve

CHORUS
in God the Fa - ther. We be - lieve in Je - sus Christ. We be - lieve
in the Ho - ly Spir - it, and He's giv - en us new life. We be - lieve
in the cru - ci - fix - ion. We be - lieve that He con - quered death. We be - lieve
in the res - ur - rec - tion, and He's com - ing back a - gain. We be - lieve.

2nd time to Coda ♀

2. So, let our faith be more than an - them, great - er than the songs we
sing, and in our weak - ness and temp - ta - tions we be - lieve, we - be - lieve!
D.S. al Coda
We be - lieve

39 *Coda*

39 *Coda*

com - ing back a - gain. Let the lost

be found, and the dead be raised; in the here and now let love in - vade. Let the church

42 live loud! Our God will save. We be - lieve! We be - lieve! And the gates

44 of hell will not pre - vail, for the pow'r of God has torn the veil. Now we know

46 Your love will nev - er fail. We be - lieve! We be - lieve! We be - lieve

CHORUS

in God the Fa - ther. We be - lieve in Je - sus Christ. We be - lieve

50 in the Ho - ly Spir - it, and He's giv - en us new life. We be - lieve

52 in the cru - ci - fix - ion. We be - lieve that He con - quered death. We be - lieve

54 in the res - ur - rec - tion, and He's com - ing back, He's com - ing back a - gain!

He's com - ing back a - gain. We be - lieve, we be - lieve! _____

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 As God's beloved children united in Christ, let us pray for the church, the whole human community, and the well-being of the earth, our home.

A Please kneel or be seated for the Prayers of Intercession.

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

P Confident that the Holy Spirit receives our prayers and answers us, we commend all for whom we pray to God's loving-kindness made known to us in Christ Jesus our Savior.

C Amen.

CONFESSiON AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity,  one God, the Creator of heaven and earth, the Word who spoke life into being, the Wind stirring the waters.

C Amen.

P Let us turn in confession to the one who knows us completely.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Mighty God, lover of justice,

C you call us to life in community, but we have served our own interests at the expense of our neighbors. We have sown deceit where honesty was needed. We say the right words, but our hearts are far from you. Turn us to seek your face. Knit us together and give us the mind of Christ, that we may do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.

P The former things have passed away, and new things God now declares: Like a spring of water that never fails, God covers you in the righteousness of Christ, and forgives your sin in  Jesus' name. May the Spirit give you strength to live for others, and bless you with the gift of peace.

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 majesty, no eye has seen, no ear has heard what you have prepared for those who love you, yet in this meal you reveal the wideness of your mercy. Use what we have gathered to feed us with the reign of God come near, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

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. Gluton-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 Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!
Come to the table; taste and see.

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 SONG

In Moments Like These

David Graham

VERSE

6
In mo - ments like these, I sing out a song, I sing out a
love song to Je - sus. In mo - ments like these, I lift up my hands, I

13
lift up my hands to the Lord. Sing - ing, "I love You, Lord."

20
Sing - ing, "I love You, Lord." Sing - ing, "I love

27
You, Lord, I love You."

CHORUS

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 May the triune God,
who has put a new song in your mouth
and tuned your heart for praise
☩ bless you now and forever.

C Amen.

SENDING SONG

Build Your Kingdom Here

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DISMISSAL

A Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

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SENDING SONG

Build Your Kingdom Here

Rend Collective

VERSE 1

1. Come set Your rule, and reign in our hearts a - gain. In -

crease in us, we pray. Un - veil why we're made. Come set our hearts a -

blaze with hope, like wild - fire in our ver - y souls; Ho - ly Spir - it, come, in - vade us

now. We are Your church; We need Your pow'r in us.

VERSE 2 & 3

2. We seek Your king - dom first. We hun - ger and we thirst; Re -

(3. Un) leash Your king - dom's pow'r, reach - ing the near and far. No

fuse to waste our lives, for You're our joy and prize. To see the cap - tives' force of hell can stop Your beau - ty, chang - ing hearts. You made us for much

hearts re - leased; The hurt, the sick, the poor at peace. We lay down our lives for heav - en's more than this; A - wake the king - dom seed in us. Fill us with the strength and love of

cause. We are Your church; We pray, re - vive this

Christ. We are Your church; We are the hope on

CHORUS

Build Your king - dom here. Let the earth.

dark - ness fear. Show Your might - y hand. Heal our streets and land. Set Your

church on fire. Win this na - tion back. Change the at - mos - phere. Build Your

king - dom here, we pray! 3. Un here, we

pray! 1 2

Build Your

here, we pray! D.S. al Coda

Coda