



# KIMBALL MEMORIAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

101 VANCE ST. KANNAPOLIS, NC 28081

April 26, 2026

Fourth Sunday of Easter

8:30 am

*Congregation responses in **Bold**.*

## GATHERING MUSIC

*Way Maker*

*Osinachi Kalu Okoro Egbu*

### Verse 1

You are here moving in our midst  
I worship You I worship You  
You are here working in this place  
I worship You I worship You

### Chorus

(You are) Way Maker Miracle Worker Promise  
Keeper  
Light in the darkness my God that is who You are

### Verse 2

You are here touching ev'ry heart  
I worship You I worship You  
You are here healing ev'ry heart  
I worship You I worship You

### Verse 3

You are here turning lives around  
I worship You I worship You  
You are here mending ev'ry heart  
I worship You yeah I worship You Lord

### Tag

That is who You are  
That is who You are  
That is who You are  
That is who You are

### Bridge

Even when I don't see it You're working  
Even when I don't feel it You're working  
You never stop You never stop working  
You never stop You never stop working

## GATHERING MUSIC

*Refiner's Fire*

*Brian Doerksen*

### Verse 1

Purify my heart  
Let me be as gold  
And precious silver  
Purify my heart  
Let me be as gold  
Pure gold

### Chorus

Refiner's fire  
My heart's one desire  
Is to be holy

Set apart for You Lord  
I choose to be holy  
Set apart for You my Master  
Ready to do Your will

### Verse 2

Purify my heart  
Cleanse me from within  
And make me holy  
Purify my heart  
Cleanse me from my sin  
Deep within

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**A** O God our shepherd, you know your sheep by name and lead us to safety through the valleys of death. Guide us by your voice, that we may walk in certainty and security to the joyous feast prepared in your house, 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*

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## Reading Psalm 23

L A reading from Psalm 23.

<sup>1</sup>The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

<sup>2</sup>He makes me lie down in green pastures;  
he leads me beside still waters;

<sup>3</sup>he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths  
for his name's sake.

<sup>4</sup>Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil,  
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

<sup>5</sup>You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;  
you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

<sup>6</sup>Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,  
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.

L Word of God, word of life.

**C Thanks be to God.**

## ✠ GOSPEL John 10:1-10

*Jesus uses an image familiar to the people of his day to make a point about spiritual leadership. Those who listen to Jesus are led to abundant life.*

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

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

**J**esus said: <sup>1</sup> "Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. <sup>2</sup> The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. <sup>3</sup> The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. <sup>4</sup> When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. <sup>5</sup> They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers." <sup>6</sup> Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. <sup>7</sup> So again Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. <sup>8</sup> All who came before me are thieves and bandits, but the sheep did not listen to them. <sup>9</sup> I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved and will come in and go out and find pasture. <sup>10</sup> The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**SERMON**

*Pastor John Futterer*

Play 3 times

Ho - ly, we cry ho - ly; Hal - le - lu - jah, God is here;

73 Ho - ly, we cry ho - ly; Hal - le - lu - jah,

79 God is here. God is

83 *Coda*

Oh, oh,

86 oh. Oh, oh, oh.

### 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.  
**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

**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 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.*

## COMMUNION SONG

*Alabaster*

*Rend Collective*

### Interlude

Ooh ooh

### Verse 1

I am broken at Your feet  
Like an alabaster jar  
Ev'ry piece of who I am  
Laid before Your majesty

### Chorus

(And) (Oh) I will bow my life  
At Your feet at Your feet  
My lips so lost for words will kiss Your feet  
Kiss Your feet

### Verse 2

Oh the gravity of You  
Draws my soul unto its knees  
I will never be the same I am lost and found in You

## 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.**

## SENDING SONG *God So Loved* Ed Cash, Franni Cash, Martin Cash Scott Cash, Andrew Bergthold

### VERSE 1

1. Come all you wea-ry, come all you thirst-y. Come to the well that  
nev-er runs dry. Drink of the wa-ter, come and thirst no more.

### VERSE 2

2. Come all you sin-ners, come find His mer-cy. Come to the ta-ble; He  
will sat-is-fy. Taste of His good-ness, find what you're look-ing for.

### CHORUS 1

For God so loved the world that He gave us His one and on-ly  
Son to save us. Who-cv-er be-lieves in Him will live for-cv-er.

**VERSE 3**

24 Whoa, whoa. Whoa, whoa. 3. Bring all your fail-ures,  
 30 bring your ad-dic-tions. Come lay them down at the foot of the cross. Je-sus is wait-ing there

**CHORUS 2**

34 with o - pen arms. For God so loved the  
 38 world that He gave us His one and on - ly Son to save us. Who - ev - er be - lieves in Him  
 42 will live for - ev - er. The pow'r of hell for -  
 46 - ev - er de - feat - ed. Now it is well, I'm walk - ing in free - dom. For God so loved,  
 50 *2nd time to Coda*  
 God so loved the world. Praise God, praise God from  
 55 whom all bless-ings flow. Praise Him, praise Him for the won-ders of His love.  
 60 Praise God, praise God from whom all bless-ings flow. Praise  
 65 Him, praise Him for the won-ders of His love. For

**CHORUS 3** *D.S. al Coda*

God so loved the world that He gave us His one and on - ly Son to save. For

**VERSE 4**

74 *Coda*  
 4. Bring all your fail - ures, bring your ad - dic - tions.  
 77 Come lay them down at the foot of the cross. Je-sus is wait-ing, God so loved the world.

## DISMISSAL

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