



KIMBALL MEMORIAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

101 VANCE ST. KANNAPOLIS, NC 28081

January 26, 2025

Third Sunday after Epiphany

8:30 am

GATHERING MUSIC

All the People Said Amen

Maier, Morgan, Moak

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

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

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

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

GATHERING MUSIC

He is Exalted

Twila Paris

VERSE

He is exalted
The King is exalted on high
I will praise Him
He is exalted forever exalted
And I will praise His name

CHORUS

He is the Lord
Forever His truth shall reign
Heaven and earth
Rejoice in His holy name
He is exalted
The King is exalted on high

WELCOME

*Congregation responses in **Bold**.*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

A Let us pray. Blessed Lord God, you have caused the holy scriptures to be written for the nourishment of your people. Grant that we may hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that, comforted by your promises, we may embrace and forever hold fast to the hope of eternal life, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

LET'S TALK

Children's Time

READING 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

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

The apostle and pastor Paul uses the metaphor of the human body to describe how intimately connected we are in the church. For this struggling congregation in Corinth, Paul delivers a vital message of unity that is a mark of the church today.

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³ For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. ¹⁴ Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. ¹⁵ If the foot would say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁶ And if the ear would say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁷ If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? ¹⁸ But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. ¹⁹ If all were a single member, where would the body be? ²⁰ As it is, there are many members, yet one body. ²¹ The eye cannot say to the hand, “I have no need of you,” nor again the head to the feet, “I have no need of you.” ²² On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, ²³ and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; ²⁴ whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, ²⁵ that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. ²⁶ If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it. ²⁷ Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. ²⁸ And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. ²⁹ Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? ³⁰ Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? ^{31a} But strive for the greater gifts.

L Word of God, word of life.

C Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL John 4:14-21

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

C Glory to you, O Lord.

Near the beginning of Jesus' public ministry, he visits his hometown of Nazareth. In the words of Isaiah, he states and claims his identity, purpose, and mission.

Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. ¹⁵ He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. ¹⁶ When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. *continued...*

He stood up to read, ¹⁷ and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: ¹⁸ “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, ¹⁹ to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.” ²⁰ And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. ²¹ Then he began to say to them, “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Joe Tallent

SCRIPTURE SONG

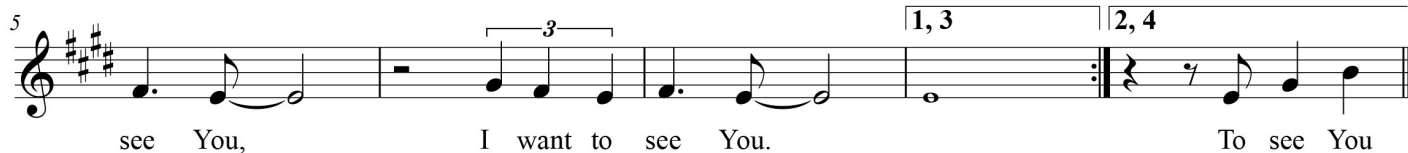
Open the Eyes of My Heart

Paul Baloche

CHORUS



O - pen the eyes of my heart, Lord, o - pen the eyes of my heart; I want to



see You, I want to see You. To see You

VERSE




high and lift - ed up, shin - ing in the light of Your glo - ry.



Pour out Your pow'r and love; As we sing ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly.



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly;



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, I want to see You. see You.

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 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.

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 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 SONG*In This Feast of Love**Russell Fragar*

1 In this feast of love,
in this feast of love,
Lord, you share your blood and your body,
Jesus, Lamb of God.

3 Grant us peace, O Lord,
grant us peace, O Lord;
fill us with the joy of your Spirit,
ever-living Word.

2 In this bread and wine,
in this bread and wine,
you have promised, Lord, to be with us,
Lamb of God divine.

COMMUNION SONG*One Bread, One Body**John Foley***REFRAIN**

One bread, one body, one Lord of all; one
cup of blessing which we bless, and we,
though many throughout the earth, we are
one body in this one Lord.

VERSE 2

Many the gifts, many the works, one in the
Lord of all. **Refrain**

VERSE 1

Gentile or Jew, servant or free, woman or
man, no more. **Refrain**

VERSE 3

Grain for the fields, scattered and grown,
gathered to one for all. **Refrain**

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.

VERSE



1. Who could im - ag - ine a mel - o - dy true e - nough to tell of Your mer -
 2. Who could im - ag - ine a sym - pho - ny grand e - nough to tell of Your glo -



cy?
 ry?
 Who could im - ag - ine a har - mo - ny
 Our high - est praise but a fee - ble breath, a



sweet e - nough to tell of Your love? I see the heav - ens pro - claim - ing You day
 whis - per of Your thun - der - ous worth.



af - ter day, and I know in my heart that there must be a way. To sing a great -

§ CHORUS



er song, a great - er song to You on the earth; To sing a great - er song,



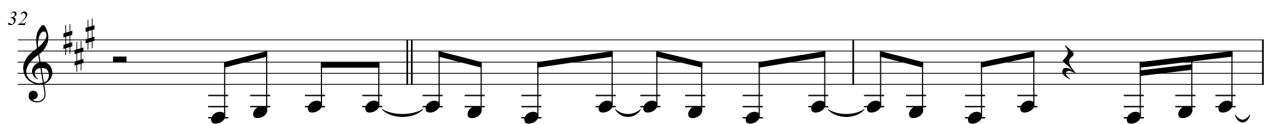
a great - er song to You on the earth.



To sing a great Hal - le - lu - jah, we wan - na lift You high - er;



Hal - le - lu - jah, we wan - na lift You high - er. High - er, high - er.



I see the heav - ens pro - claim - ing You day af - ter day, and I know

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in my heart that there must be a way.

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Hal - le - lu - jah, we wan - na lift You high - er; Hal - le - lu - jah,

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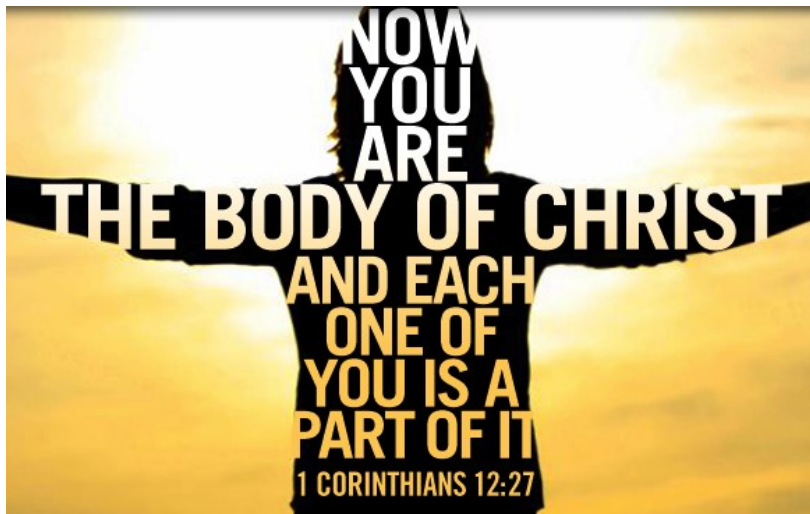
we wan - na lift You high - er. we wan - na lift You high - er. Hal - le - lu - jah,

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we wan - na lift You high - er; Hal - le - lu - jah, we wan - na lift You high - er.

THE DISMISSAL

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



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