

HE WILL SAVE HIS PEOPLE...

NORTH OAK CHRISTIAN CHURCH-DISCIPLS OF CHRIST

DECEMBER 6th, 2020 SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

In Jesus' Name, Greetings!

WORD OF WELCOME

Worship Leaders—Lori Hall & David Nelson

Litany of Light

I will hear what God the Lord will speak. For He will speak peace to His people and to His Saints. But let them not turn back to folly.

Surely His salvation is near to those who fear Him that glory may dwell in our land.

Mercy and truth have met together; Righteousness and peace have kissed.

Truth shall spring out of the earth, and righteousness shall look down from heaven.

Yes, the Lord will give what is good; And our land will yield its increase.

Righteousness will go before Him and shall make His footsteps our pathway.

Lighting of the Candles

“The true light that shines on all people was coming in to the world” John 1: 9

JUBILATION RINGERS—“Rejoice and Sing”

O Come O Come Emmanuel vss 3 & 4

O come, thou Wisdom from on high, and order all things far and nigh;

To us the path of knowledge show and cause us in her ways to go.

Rejoice, rejoice!

Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

O come, Desire of nations, bind all peoples in one heart and mind;

Bid envy, strife and quarrels cease; fill the whole world with heaven's peace.

Rejoice, rejoice!

Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

Morning Prayer---submitted by Jayne Bruno

LIGHTING THE SECOND ADVENT CANDLE

The Holt Family

Prayer for Illumination

Yours is the Voice we can scarcely hear

YOUR SPEECH IS OUR ONLY HOPE, SO WE PRAY FOR NEW EARS, AMEN

Our Scripture Lesson:

Isaiah 40: 1-11—"Comfort, yes, comfort My people!" Says your God. "Speak comfort to Jerusalem, and cry out to her, that her warfare is ended. That her iniquity is pardoned; For she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins". The voice of one crying in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord; Make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be exalted and every mountain and hill brought low; The crooked places shall be made straight and the rough places smooth; The glory of the Lord shall be revealed and all flesh shall see it together; for the mouth of the Lord has spoken." The voice said, "Cry out!" and he said, "What shall I cry?" All flesh is grass, and all its loveliness is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades, because the breath of the Lord blows upon it: Surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades, But the word of our God stands forever." O Zion, You who bring good tidings, get up into the high mountain; O Jerusalem. You who bring good tidings, Lift up your voice with strength, Lift it up, be not afraid; Say to the cities of Judah, "Behold your God!" Behold, the Lord God shall come with a strong hand, and his arm shall rule for Him; Behold, His reward is with Him, and His work before Him. He will feed His flock like a shepherd; He will gather the lambs with His arm, and carry them in His bosom, and gently lead those who are with young.

Mark 1: 1-8: The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As it is written in the Prophets:

"Behold, I send My messenger before Your face, who will prepare Your way before You." The voice of one crying in the wilderness: Prepare the way of the Lord; Make His paths straight."

John came baptizing in the wilderness and preaching a baptism of repentance for the remission of sins. Then all the land of Judea, and those from Jerusalem, went out to him and were all baptized by him in the Jordan River, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair and with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. And he preached, saying, "There comes One after me who is mightier than I, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to stoop down and loose. I indeed baptized you with water, but He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

Homily: "Wilderness: Waste-Land or Womb-Land"

David Nelson

Prayer by Worship Leader

Sharing our Petitions/Concerns/Thanksgiving

Please Comment/Share Online

The Offering

THANKS FOR YOUR FAITHFULNESS

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow, Praise God all creatures here below

Praise God above ye heavenly host, Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

We are Disciples of Christ, a movement for wholeness in a fragmented world.
As part of the one body of Christ, we welcome all to the Lord's Table as God has welcomed us.

Communion Hymn---Emmanuel, Emmanuel 2x

***Emmanuel, Emmanuel, his name is called Emmanuel.
God with us, revealed in us, his name is called Emmanuel.***

**Welcome to the Table
By Elder/Worship Leader
The Words of Institution**

We lift our hands to you, our souls grasp for you as in a thirsty land
REVIVE US FOR YOUR NAME'S SAKE AND BRING US OUT OF OUR TROUBLE
Show us the road we must walk as we lift our souls to you
YOU TAKE PLEASURE IN THOSE WHO AWAIT YOUR GRACIOUS FAVOR.

The Communion Prayer---Submitted by Ellen Lewis

The Lord's Prayer

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 sins as we forgive those who sin 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, amen.

**The Elements are Shared
THE BREAD WE BREAK IS A SHARING
IN THE BODY OF CHRIST
THE CUP OF BLESSIN FOR WHICH WE GIVE THANKS IS A SHARING
IN THE BLOOD OF CHIRST**

Closing Music—JUBILATION RINGERS—“Prepare the Way of the Lord”

Benediction Prayer

**We receive your Spirit, O God, that our hearts might be filled with your
righteousness and faithfulness. May we see and hear with your wisdom and your
peace, and may our work together serve to bring your reign of peace to pass.
In Christ's name we pray. Amen**

TO OUR GUESTS-----WELCOME!

**SHAPED BY GOD'S WORD AND GRACED AT CHRIST'S TABLE
WE WALK HUMBLY, LOVE DEEPLY, LIVE SIMPLY, AND SERVE JOYFULLY**
More information about NOCC and the Disciples of Christ is available via Facebook and these
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www.nocckc.org www.kcdisciples.org www.disciples.org

OUR LIFE TOGETHER

**Christmas Adoption Ministry!
Contact Terry Becker for details!**

CHERITH BROOK DONATIONS

Care to make a cash gift? Send to Rev. Eric Garbison, Cherith Brook Catholic Worker, 3308 East 12th Street, Kansas City MO 64127 Questions? Contact Dale Herrick. WE

HAVE A NEW LIST OF NEEDS AS FOLLOWS: socks, especially men's, tennis shoes, boxers and panties (small and medium) Jeans and Belts (30-34, 4-7) T-Shirts, Shorts, Foot and Baby Powder, Pain Meds, Cough Drops, Allergy Meds, Razors, Body Wash, Shampoo, Conditioner, African American Hair Products, Deodorant, Toilet Paper, Backpacks, Bike Locks, Sleeping Bags, Blankets, Sugar, Creamer.

Message from Worship Team

As we make our pastoral transition, NOCC Community has organized a Worship Team. The purpose for this team is to provide ALL that is necessary so that we can continue holding our weekly Sunday Morning Services. During 'normal' times this endeavor would require much team support and effort in the areas of writing, speaking, leading, performing, coordinating, decorating, designing along with vital technology expertise and assistance. And since this is not a time of normalcy within our church facility, even greater team support and effort is required.

The following people who serve on our Worship Team are: Ramie Beck, Courtney Holt, Linda Tyree, Laraine Walters, Charlie Arnot, Howard Dolginoff, Bob Lewis, Jeff Nunn and Lori Hall.

*This team meets through ZOOM every Wednesday in hopes of organizing, developing, and implementing each Sunday morning's service, committed to providing our church community with the best possible means of bringing worship into our sanctuary and into your homes. Please give each person on this team some extra **Grace & Gratitude** as we navigate through this challenging time.*

God Bless us all during this precious Advent Season!

Lori Hall, Chair

- *Today we celebrate the Second Sunday in the Advent Season!**
- *We Welcome Worship Leaders & Guest Speakers each Sunday!**
- *Christmas Eve Service---details coming soon!**



Tis the Season...to be joy-filled & grateful!