

# HE WILL SAVE HIS PEOPLE...

NORTH OAK CHRISTIAN CHURCH-DISCIPLES OF CHRIST

DECEMBER 13, 2020 THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

In Jesus' Name, Greetings!

## WORD OF WELCOME

Worship Leaders—Ramie Beck & Linda Miller

## LITANY OF LOVE

This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him.

**This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.**

Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

**No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us.**

Lighting of the Candles

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

## Opening Hymn—Lift Up Your Heads O Mighty Gates

***Lift up your heads, O mighty gates, behold the glorious Ruler waits!  
The Sovereign One is drawing near, the Savior of the world is here.***

***Fling wide the portals of your heart, make it a temple set apart  
From earthly use for heaven's employ, adorned with prayer and love and joy.***

***Redeemer, come! We open wide our hearts to you, here, Christ abide!  
Let us your inner presence feel, your grace and love in us reveal.***

***So come our Sovereign, enter in! Let new and nobler life begin,  
Your Holy Spirit guide us on, until the glorious crown be won.***

The Morning Prayer—submitted by Linda Tyree

## LIGHTING THE THIRD ADVENT CANDLE

The Rodgers 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**

**Scripture Lesson:**  
Isaiah 61.1-4, 8-11

*The spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the broken-hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners; to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; to provide for those who mourn in Zion—to give them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit. They will be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, to display his glory. They shall build up the ancient ruins, they shall raise up the former devastations; they shall repair the ruined cities, the devastations of many generations.*

*For I the Lord love justice, I hate robbery and wrongdoing; I will faithfully give them their recompense, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them. Their descendants shall be known among the nations, and their offspring among the peoples; all who see them shall acknowledge that they are a people whom the Lord has blessed. I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations.*

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**Morning Message: “The Politics of Mary”**

**Rev. Linda Miller**

Prayer by Worship Leader  
Sharing Our Petitions/Concerns/Thanksgiving  
Please comment/share online

The Offering

**Praise God from Whom all blessings flow, Praise God all creatures here below  
Praise God above ye heavenly host, Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost**

**Jubilant Ringers: “Away in a Manger”**

**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.

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

Seek the Lord while he is still to be found, call to him while he is still near  
**LET THE WICKED ABANDON THEIR WAYS, THE EVIL THEIR THOUGHTS**  
It is the Lord who speaks, “My ways are above your ways, my thoughts are above  
your thoughts  
**AS THE HEAVENS ARE HIGH ABOVE THE EARTH.**

The Communion Prayer—submitted by Terry O’Hara

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 BLESSING FOR WHICH WE GIVE THANKS IS A SHARING

IN THE BLOOD OF CHRIST

The Peace of Christ is Shared

Closing Hymn:

Jesus, Name Above All Names 2x

*Jesus, name above all names, Beautiful Savior, Glorious Lord  
Emmanuel, God is with us, Blessed Redeemer, Living Word*

Benediction Prayer:

God of love, help us to reflect your love, help us to love courageously and completely, through our actions to ensure that all humanity may flourish because of your great love for us all. Thank you for the example you gave in Jesus Christ; may we love as he loved us. May it be so. Amen

SHAPED BY GOD’S WORD AND GRACED AT CHRIST’S TABLE

WE WALK HUMBLY, LOVE DEEPLY, LIVE SIMPLY, AND SERVE JOYFULLY

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[www.nocckc.org](http://www.nocckc.org) [www.kcdisciples.org](http://www.kcdisciples.org) [www.disciples.org](http://www.disciples.org)

**We Welcome Rev. Linda Miller as our Guest Speaker this morning via ZOOM!**

Linda Miller was an active member of North Oak Christian Church from about 1983 till 1995 when she moved to Phoenix, Arizona. There she became Associate Pastor at Community Christian Church in Tempe as the congregation was forming a multi-site ministry in nearby Gilbert, AZ. She entered seminary at Claremont School of Theology in 1997 and was ordained in 2002. Ultimately, she was called as pastor to the new congregation, Chalice Christian Church, and entered into ministry with them until 2012 when she accepted a call to the Greater Kansas City Region, back home. Since that time, Linda has established a ministry, operating from her childhood farm home, offering Spiritual Direction, group retreat experiences, and small group ministries, situated in her rural community. Her ongoing “project” is developing “the farm” into “The Shepherdess,” a place of respite and renewal for people to visit and lose themselves to the Spirit.

**\*Thank you to our Jubilation Ringers—Debbie Herrick, Jill Rodgers, & Laraine Walters, under the musical direction of Jeff Nunn**

**\*Thank you to Randi Struxness for our beautiful church Advent & Christmas decorations!**

## OUR LIFE TOGETHER

Community Outreach Ministries:  
Walmart Gift Cards for 14 children and 7 Sun Fresh gift cards for the  
backpack families have been delivered for Christmas.

Welcome Guests to our Pulpit!

December 20<sup>th</sup>—Rev. Bill Rose-Heim

December 27<sup>th</sup>---Paul Southard

## CHRISTMAS EVE

An advanced filming of service will be available online on the 24<sup>th</sup>  
More details to come!



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