

JOY TO THE WORLD...THE LORD HAS COME!

NORTH OAK CHRISTIAN CHURCH-DISCIPLES OF CHRIST

DECEMBER 27, 2020

In Jesus' Name, Greetings!

Word of Welcome

Worship Leaders---Ramie Beck and Reverend Paul Southard

CALL TO WORSHIP

For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given.

AND THE GOVERNMENT WILL BE UPON HIS SHOULDERS

And his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor

MIGHTY GOD, EVERLASTING FATHER, PRINCE OF PEACE.

Lighting of the Candles

"The true light that shines on all people was coming into the world"

John 1: 9

OPENING HYMN--Joy to the World

*Joy to the world! the Lord is come. Let earth receive her King!
Let every heart, prepare Him room, And heaven and nature sing,
And heaven and nature sing, And heaven, and heaven and nature sing.*

*Joy to the world! The Savior reigns, Let men their songs employ,
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains.
Repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.*

*He rules the world with truth and grace And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness and wonders of His love
And wonders of His love, And wonders, wonders of His love.*

The Morning Prayer

"Settle yourself in solitude and you will come upon God in yourself."

Teresa of Avila

Piano Solo---Chris Nunn

Prayer for Illumination

Yours is the Voice we can scarcely hear

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

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON

Galations 4: 4-7

But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons. And because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, carrying out, "Abba, Father!" Therefore, you are no longer a slave but a son, and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ.

MORNING MESSAGE: "Serving Within the Splendor of God"

Reverend Paul Southard

Pastoral Prayer & Prayers of the People

Silent and personal prayers of thanksgiving, confession, & intercession---share online

Ever Gracious God, you have poured upon us the new light of your Incarnate Word.
GRANT THAT THIS LIGHT, ENKINDLED IN OUR HEARTS, MAY SHINE FORTH IN OUR LIVES, AMEN.

Piano solo---Chris Nunn

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**

Communion Hymn---Away in a Manger

*Away in a manger, no crib for a bed, the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.
The stars in the sky looked down where he lay, the little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay.*

*The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes, but little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes.
I love thee, Lord Jesus, look down from the sky, and stay by my cradle till morning is high.*

*Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask thee to stay close by me forever, and love me I pray.
Bless all the dear children in thy tender care and fit us for heaven to live with thee there.*

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

We do well to praise you, and in this we are not alone
EVERY ATOM PROCLAIMS YOUR GLORY, THE SMALLEST CREATURE AND HIGHEST MOUNTAIN
Though we cannot hear them, the valleys sing for joy
THOUGH WE DO NOT SEE THEM, THE HILLS SKIP LIKE LAMBS

The Words of Institution

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 Peace of Christ is shared

Closing Hymn---Go Tell it on the Mountain

Refrain: Go tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;
Go tell it on the mountain, that Jesus Christ is born.

Verse 1: While shepherds kept their watching over silent flocks by night,
Behold throughout the heavens there shone a holy light. (refrain)

Verse 2: The shepherds feared and trembled, when lo! Above the earth,
rang out the angel chorus that hailed the Savior’s birth. (refrain)

Verse 3: Down in a lowly manger the humble Christ was born,
And God sent us salvation that blessed Christmas morn.

Within us, among us, before us,
CHRIST IS COME TO MAKE ALL THINGS NEW
Go in peace



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 & these websites:

www.nocckc.org www.kcdisciples.org www.disciples.org

**We welcome Reverend Paul Southard to our pulpit this morning!
Paul is scheduled to return to speak again on January 24th!**

Paul shares his background: I was reared in Tulsa, Ok and received undergraduate and seminary degrees from Phillips University Phillips Theological Seminary, which were in Enid, OK. I was ordained into the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in 1978 and served in parish ministry through 1988. I entered into Active Duty U.S. Army Chaplaincy for three years in late 1988. I exited and went to Grambling State (LA) University where I earned the Master's in Social Work degree in 1994. We moved to Lenexa, in August, 1994. I worked for fifteen years with the State of Kansas Dept of Social and Rehab. Services in Kansas City, KS. In 2014, I began as an emergency assistance case manager with Catholic Charities in Kansas City, KS. I served there for four years and recently have served in two school paraprofessional positions with special education students. I am currently serving in the Olathe School District.

**We welcome Chris Nunn once again as our guest pianist today! He is
Jeff's brother, of course! 😊**

Up & coming guest speakers include:

January 3rd, Reverend Gary Armour
January 10th, Reverend Janet Weiblen
January 17th, Dr. Don E. Canfield
January 24th, Reverend Paul Southard
January 31st, Reverend Andrew Donaldson

February 7th, our new Interim Minister, Reverend Brett Winters!!!

**A BIG THANK YOU to all in our church community who have given of
their time, skills, and hard work in following God's lead to seek & find
our new Interim Minister! May we all be ready to receive him in 2021!**

**Another BIG THANK YOU to Laraine Walters who has served faithfully
as our Board Moderator this past year and a BIG THANK YOU to Charlie
Arnot who will be serving in that role beginning this new year.**

May God grant us all a Happy & Healthy New Year!