

WISE MEN STILL SEEK HIM...
NORTH OAK CHRISTIAN CHURCH-DISCIPLES OF CHRIST
JANUARY 10TH, 2021 REIGN OF CHRIST

A WORD OF WELCOME!
WORSHIP LEADER—JILL RODGERS & REVEREND JANET WEIBLEN

Call to Worship

God Sovereign and Generous, Who commands the rise and fall of the nations
WHO CALLS AND HAS CHOSEN MANY PEOPLES
Who haunts every culture, including ours, with Your will for well-being
YOU ARE THE ONE WHOM WE PRAISE IN ASTONISHMENT
WHOM WE ADORE IN GLADNESS
FOR WHO YOU ARE. FOR WHAT YOU DO. FOR HOW YOU HOPE.

Lighting Our Candles

“May my heart be as your Heart, may my mind be as your Mind” Psalm 26

Opening Hymn—As with Gladness

*As with gladness sages bold did the guiding star behold;
As with joy they hailed its light, leading onward, beaming bright;
So true, Morning Star, may we evermore your splendor see.*

*As with joyful steps they sped to that lowly manger bed,
There to bend the knee before One whom heaven and earth adore;
So may we with willing feet ever seek your mercy seat.*

*As they offered gifts most rare at the manger plain and bare,
So may we with holy joy, pure and free from sin's alloy,
All our costliest reassurance bring, Christ, to you from whom they spring.*

THE MORNING PRAYER—from Terry Becker

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Faithful God you show us the path of life
CALL US NOW INTO JOYFUL TRUST OF THE FUTURE YOU BRING. AMEN

Scripture Lesson

Old Testament Reading:

Isaiah 60: 2-3

**Darkness shall cover the earth and thick darkness the peoples;
But the Lord will rise upon you, and His glory will be seen.
Nations shall come to your light and kings to the brightness of Your rising.**

New Testament Reading:

Philippians 4:8--- Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. (Phil. 4:8) NRSV

MORNING MESSAGE---"A New Year's Resolution"

Reverend Janet Weiblen

Prayers of the People

Sharing our Petitions/Concerns/Thanksgiving

Please Comment/Share Online

"Love Was When"--vocal solo, Lori Hall

The Offering

THANK YOU 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---Eat This Bread 3x

***Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me & never be hungry
Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me & you will not thirst***

Welcome to the Table

We seldom notice how each day is a holy place

**WHERE THE EUCHARIST OF THE ORDINARY HAPPENS
TRANSFORMING OUR BROKEN FRAGMENTS INTO AN ETERNAL CONTINUITY.**
In the Kingdom of Love, there is no competition, no possessiveness or control
THE MORE LOVE WE GIVE AWAY THE MORE LOVE WE WILL HAVE

The Words of Institution

The Communion Prayer---from 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

Holy God, we are now in the great congregation, to bear witness of you
YOU ARE THE ONE WHO GIVES LIFE. YOU ARE THE ONE WHO HEARS OUR PRAYERS

You are the One Who does not hide your face when we call
**AS AN ACT OF PRAISE WE SAY "YES" TO YOU AND YOUR RULE OVER US
WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR "YES" COME FLESH AMONG US**

Closing Hymn----"Weave" 2x

*Weave, weave, weave us together. Weave us together in unity and love.
Weave, weave, weave us together, weave us together, together in love.*

Fling open the doors of our hearts!
AND LEAD US OUT TO WHERE THE SOUND OF WORSHIP NEVER CEASES! AMEN

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We welcome Reverend Janet Weiblen, our Guest Speaker this morning!

Reverend Janet Weiblen is an ordained minister (M.Div) in the United Church of Christ and has full standing in the Christian Church-Disciples of Christ.

Janet volunteered in various prisons beginning in 1992; she also served as a prison chaplain at a Maximum Security facility in Missouri. She began volunteering in Kansas prisons shortly after moving here in 2005.

Janet has been involved in volunteer activities for most of her life. Since moving to Kansas, she has volunteered at the Overland Park Arboretum; become a K-State Extension Master Gardener; works with Johnson County Catch-a-Ride; and chairs the Grounds Committee for the community in which she lives. She serves on the Committee for Ordination and Standing with the Christian Church, Disciples of Christ.

Next Sunday we welcome Reverend Don Canfield to the pulpit!

A BIG THANK YOU TO EVERYONE ON OUR TECHNICAL TEAM!

Each Sunday they strive to connect the morning worship service in our sanctuary into your homes and hearts, whether you are present in our church or from a distance. They are so faithful and vital during this transitional time in the life of our church...and we are grateful for their service.

OUR LIFE TOGETHER

Thank you to the recent volunteers for our Backpack Ministry! They have filled all needs for January and February, and we have packers/delivery people for March. Remaining needs include the following: for March, the delivery grocery people (2 people). All opportunities for April and May are open and need two people for each (grocery people, packing, and delivery). Please contact Terry Becker to volunteer: 816-516-5085 or tennisterry40love@gmail.com.

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. LIST OF NEEDS AS FOLLOWS: socks, especially mens, 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.

Most needed items are large bottles of shampoo and conditioner and sugar and creamer, full size rather than individual packets preferred.} Please drop off items in the containers provided inside the church vestibule. Thank you, Janis Jarrett

When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceedingly great joy!
Matthew 2: 10

"Epiphany Day should be everyday. When you realize something good that lights up and makes you feel better, scoop it up and let it brighten your day. It is okay to be cheerful!"

