

HE IS THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD

NORTH OAK CHRISTIAN CHURCH-DISCIPLS OF CHRIST

January 17th, 2021

In Jesus' Name, Greetings!

WORD OF WELCOME

Worship Leaders—Ramie Beck & Dr. Don Canfield

Call to Worship

The Lord is my light and my salvation—

Whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the stronghold of my life—

Of whom shall I be afraid?

I am still confident of this:

I will see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.

Lighting of the Candles

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

John 1: 9

Opening Hymn---He is Exalted 2x

He is exalted, the King is exalted on high. I will praise Him!

He is exalted, forever exalted and I will praise His name!

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.

The Morning Prayer--Lori Hall

“Settle yourself in solitude and you will come upon God in yourself.”

Teresa of Avila

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 READING

1st Corinthians 12:31: "But strive for the greater gifts. And I will show you a still more excellent way." (for additional scripture for lesson---see page 3 of bulletin)

Morning Message---Dr. Don Canfield

A MORE EXCELLENT WAY:

A JOURNEY OF KISSING FROGS

Prayers of the People

Silent personal prayers of thanksgiving confession, intercession—shared online

“Angels Through the Night” Vocal Soloist, Helen Traphagan

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

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---"Jesus, Name Above All Names" 2x

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

Welcome to the Table

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The Words of Institution

The Communion Prayer---submitted by Charlie Fillingham

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

Choral Benediction---"Kyrie" by Helen Traphagan

His name is Holy

HIS MERCY SURE FROM GENERATION TO GENERATION

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

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

- ❖ With gratitude I thank this giving and grace abounding church. Your love offering for me was appreciated and needed. I cannot wait to worship with you in church and see all your faces that I have missed last year. Musically, Jeff Nunn
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- ❖ Thank you so much for the generous Christmas gift. I'm thankful for all of you and for thinking of me during this difficult year. You are all a blessing. Stay well and may God's peace be upon you. Love, Vicki Catt

Scripture:

LUKE 2:4-5(Journeying)⁴ Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. ⁵ He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child

LUKE 2:15; 20; 39

¹⁵"Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." **(Journeying)**¹⁶ So they went with haste. . . **(Journeying)**²⁰ The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

(Journeying)³⁹ When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth.

MATTHEW 2:1-2, 8-12 (NRSV)

(Journeying) ¹In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, ² asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage."

(Journeying)⁸ Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." ⁹ When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was.

¹⁰ When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy.

(Journeying)¹² And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

We welcome Dr. Don Canfield as our Guest Speaker this morning!

Dr. Canfield has an extensive professional background as an ordained minister in the Christian Church--Disciples of Christ and completed his Doctorate with major research centered around equipping families to be nurturing centers of personal and family growth regardless of family configuration.

Presently Don works at Woods Chapel United Methodist Church and as an Adult Facilitator for F.O.C.I.S. for Jackson County Family Court, Divorce Support Services. He also is a Provider, Facilitator and Trainer for Divorce/Breakup Recovery Support Groups. He and his wife live in Blue Springs, Missouri. They have 4 daughters and 10 grandkids.

Next Sunday, January 24th, we welcome back, Reverend Eric Garbison as our guest speaker!

OUR LIFE TOGETHER

Announcements from the Board!

- ❖ Please watch your inbox for an email from a friend at NOCC who will be asking you to complete a survey about the church. It's important for the Elders, Board and Search Committee to hear from you as we work to find creative ways to stay connected as a church family and install our interim minister during the pandemic. We encourage your constructive candor in replying to the survey. All responses are anonymous and cannot be tied to any individual respondent.
- ❖ If you have questions about your giving or need a statement, please feel free to reach out to Norma Sollman, our financial secretary. She tracks our individual commitments and gifts to North Oak Christian Church.

Community Outreach Ministry Update
Gratitude reigns at NOCC!

As of December 31, 2020, the balance in the Community Outreach Ministry account: \$4663.45 (with one outstanding grocery bill for January)

Three more families have been added to our backpack program this month (January), bringing the total number of families to 10, serving 57 people.

We are a blessed community, able and willing to offer prayers, time, and finances for our neighbors. Emmanuel!

When a grocery team (2 people) for the month of March volunteers, we have January-March covered for the backpack ministry. On behalf of our families, thank you to all who have already volunteered to serve!

Feel free to contact Terry Becker to volunteer for this ministry or to gather more information: 816-516-5085 or tennisterry40love@gmail.com. Thank you!
Community Outreach Ministry Team—Cindy O'Hara, Ramie Beck, and Terry Becker

"We must learn to live together as brothers or perish together as fools."

"Darkness cannot drive out darkness: only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate: only love can do that."

— Martin Luther King Jr., *A Testament of Hope: The Essential Writings and Speeches*

"By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another."

John 13:35--Jesus the Christ