

# SHAPED BY GOD'S WORD—GRACED AT CHRIST'S TABLE

NORTH OAK CHRISTIAN CHURCH-DISCIPLS OF CHRIST

JANUARY 24, 2021

In Jesus' Name, Greetings!

## WORD OF WELCOME

Worship Leaders---Lee-Ann Semsch and Reverend Eric Garbison

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Eternal Friend, grant us an ease to breathe deeply of this moment,

**THIS LIGHT, THIS MIRACLE OF NOW**

Beneath the din and fury of great movements, harsh fury, and urgent crises

**MAKE US ATTENTIVE STILL TO THE GOOD NEWS, TO THE GRACE OF WHAT IS POSSIBLE**

**FOR US TO BE, TO DO, TO GIVE, TO RECEIVE**

Lighting of the Candles

"Your face, my Beloved, do I seek; hide not your face from me"

Psalm 27

## Opening Hymn—Gather Us In-- verses 1 and 3

*Here in this place, the new light is streaming, shadows of doubt are vanished away.*

*See in this place our fears and our dreamings, brought here to You in the light of this day.*

*Gather us in, the lost and forsaken; gather us in, our spirits inflame.*

*Call to us now, we shall awaken; we shall arise at the sound of your name.*

*Here we receive new life in the waters, here we receive the bread of new breath.*

*Here you shall call your sons and your daughters, call us anew to be salt for the earth.*

*Give us to drink the wine of compassion, give us to eat the bread that is You.*

*Nourish us well and teach us to fashion, live that are holy and hearts that are true.*

The Morning Prayer—submitted by Courtney Holt

"What Jesus wants of us is that we undergo his presence."

Ronald Rolheiser

Prayer for Illumination

Divine Counselor, you are Light shining in the darkness

**LOVE US INTO NEW LIFE, GUIDE US INTO THE NEW DAWN. AMEN**

## SCRIPTURE LESSON: Old Testament Reading--- Isaiah 9:1-4

Nevertheless, the gloom will not be upon her who is distressed, as when at first, He lightly esteemed the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, and afterward more heavily oppressed her, by the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, in Galilee of the Gentiles. The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; Those who dwelt in the land of the shadow of death, upon them a light has shined. You have multiplied the nation and increased its joy; They rejoice before You according to the joy of harvest, as men rejoice when they divide the spoil. For You have broken the yoke of his burden and the staff of his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, as in the day Midian.

### **New Testament Reading---Matthew 4:12-23**

Now when Jesus heard that John had been put in prison. He departed to Galilee. And leaving Nazareth, He came and dwelt in Capernaum, which is by the seas, in the regions of Zebulun and Naphtali, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Isaiah the prophet, saying:

*“The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali,  
By the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles:  
The people who sat in darkness have seen a great light,  
And upon those who sat in the region and shadow of death Light has dawned.”*

From that time Jesus began to preach and to say, **“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.”** And Jesus, walking by the Sea of Galilee, saw two brothers, Simon called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen. Then He said to them, **“Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men.”** They immediately left their nets and followed Him. Going on from there, He saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets. He called them, and immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed Him. And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all kinds of sickness and all kinds of disease among the people.

### **Morning Message---“Follow the Follower” Reverend Eric Garbison**

(view included images on back page of bulletin)

#### **Prayers of the People**

Personal prayers of thanksgiving, confession, intercession—sharing online

#### **Piano solo—Jeff 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***

#### **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--Seek Ye First**

***Seek ye first, the Kingdom of God and God's righteousness  
And all these things shall be added upon you, Allelu, Alleluia.***

***Ask and it shall be given unto you, seek and ye shall find.  
Knock and the door shall be open unto you, Allelu, Alleluia.***

**Welcome to the Table**

**The Words of Institution**

Out of his full store we have all received grace upon grace  
**GOD IS LOVE, THOSE WHO DWELL IN LOVE DWELL IN GOD**  
Though God has never been seen by anyone, God dwells in us if we love one another  
**GOD'S LOVE IS BROUGHT TO PERFECTION WITHIN US**

The Communion Prayer—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 PEACE OF CHRIST IS SHARED**

Closing Hymn—Here I Am, Lord

***I, the Lord of sky and sea, I have heard my people cry.  
All who dwell in deepest sin, my hand will save.  
I who made the stars at night, I will make their darkness bright.  
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?  
Here I am Lord, is it I, Lord? I have heard You calling in the night.  
I will go, Lord if You lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.***

Closing Benediction

**WE HAVE SEEN THE GLORIOUS LIGHT THAT IS A REVELATION  
TO GUIDE OUR FEET INTO THE WAY OF PEACE**

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**TO OUR GUESTS----WELCOME!**

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

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**We Welcome Rev. Eric Garbison as our Guest Speaker this morning!**

*Rev. Eric Garbison is a co-founder of Cherith Brook Catholic Worker. Cherith Brook is a community of love through welcome and action. It is a place where those impacted by poverty are given voice in leadership and encouraged to face various forms of internalized oppression through following Jesus' call to nonviolent living. Cherith Brook is also active involved in various local and national movements including The Poor People's Campaign: A National Call for a Moral revival.*

Next Sunday we look forward to hearing from Rev. Andrew Donaldson!  
And...  
On Sunday, February 7<sup>th</sup> we will welcome our new Interim Minister,  
Rev. Brett Winters!

## OUR LIFE TOGETHER

### **BOARD ANNOUNCEMENT**

**The NOCC survey is coming to an email near you! If you have not already, you will be hearing from a friend at NOCC soon who will introduce you to the congregational survey. We are asking everyone who calls NOCC their church home to take 15 minutes to complete the survey to help us appreciate how you feel about NOCC and how we can improve. Thanks for making time to click on the link and complete the survey. Please be sure to share the link with everyone in your household who attends NOCC. We want to hear from everyone!**

### **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

### **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](mailto:tennisterry40love@gmail.com). Thank you!

Community Outreach Ministry Team—Cindy O'Hara, Ramie Beck, and Terry Becker



**"Follow the Leader"  
Ludington, MI**

