

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

NORTH OAK CHRISTIAN CHURCH-DISCIPLES OF CHRIST

January 31, 2021

In Jesus' Name, Greetings!

WORD OF WELCOME

Worship Leaders--Lori Hall and Rev. Andrew Donaldson

CALL TO WORSHIP

Gracious God, change our hearts

YOUR SPIRIT COMPOSES THE SONG OF THE BIRDS AND THE BUZZ OF THE BEES

We ask of you only one more miracle

BEAUTIFY OUR SOULS

Lighting of the Candles

"Every creature is a word of God." Meister Eckhart

OPENING HYMN--Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

*Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee;
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty, God in three persons, blessed Trinity!*

*Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee, though the sinful human eye thy glory may
not see; Only thou art holy; there is none beside thee, perfect in power, in love, and purity.*

*Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! All thy works shall praise thy name in earth & sky and sea;
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty; God in three persons, blessed Trinity!*

Morning Prayer--submitted by Linda Tyree

Silence "Nothing in all creation is so like God as stillness." Meister Eckhart

Prayer for Illumination

For the privilege of prayer, our hearts reaching out, touching the Divine

WORD OF LIFE SPEAK TO US

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Old TESTAMENT—Psalm 5: 7-8

But as for me, I will come into Your house in the multitude of Your mercy; In fear of You I will worship toward Your hold temple. Lead me, O Lord, in Your righteousness because of my enemies. Make your way straight before my face.

NEW TESTAMENT—Luke 15: 11-32

Then He said: "A certain man had two sons. And the younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the portion of goods that falls to me.' So, he divided to them his livelihood. And not many days after, the younger son gathered all together, journeyed to a far country, and there wasted his possessions with prodigal living. But when he had spent all, there arose a severe famine in that land, and he began to be in want. Then he went and joined himself to a citizen of that country, and he sent him into his fields to feed swine. And he would gladly have

filled his stomach with the pods that the swine ate, and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself, he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger! I will arise and go to my father and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you, and I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Make me like one of your hired servants."'

And he arose and came to his father. But when he was still a great way off, his father saw him and had compassion, and ran and fell on his neck and kissed him. And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and in your sight, and am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his servants, 'Bring out the best robe and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand and sandals on his feet. And bring the fatted calf here and kill it, and let us eat and be merry; for this my son was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.' And they began to be merry.

Now his older son was in the field. And as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. So, he called one of the servants and asked what these things meant. And he said to him, 'Your brother has come, and because he has received him safe and sound, your father has killed the fatted calf.' But he was angry and would not go in. Therefore, his father came out and pleaded with him. So, he answered and said to his father, 'Lo, these many years I have been serving you; I never transgressed your commandment at any time; and yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might make merry with my friends. But as soon as this son of yours came, who has devoured your livelihood with harlots, you killed the fatted calf for him.' And he said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that I have is yours. It is right that we should make merry and be glad, for your brother was dead and is alive again and was lost and is found.'

Morning Message—"The Prodigal God" Reverend Andrew Donaldson

Prayers for and of the People

Glorious God, you whose forehead is of the whiteness of snow, whose eyes are of fire, and whose feet are brighter than molten gold, you whose hands imprison the stars, you who are the first and the last, the living and the dead and the risen again, you who gather into your exuberant unity every beauty, every affinity, every energy, every mode of existence, it is you to whom our hearts cry out with a desire as vast as the universe.

In truth you are our Lord and our God.

Silent, personal prayers of thanksgiving, confession, intercession—shared online

Cello Solo—Jim Freise

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---Take Our Bread

Refrain: *Take our bread, we ask you; take our hearts, we love you. Take our lives,
O Father we are yours, we are yours.
Yours as we stand at the table you set; yours as we eat the bread our hearts can't forget.
We are the sign of your life with us yet, we are yours, we are yours.*

*Take our bread, we ask you; take our hearts, we love you. Take our lives,
O Father we are yours, we are yours.
Your holy people standing washed in your blood, Spirit filled yet hunger we await your food.
We are poor, but we have brought ourselves, the best that we could;
we are yours, we are yours. (repeat refrain once more)*

Welcome to the Table

The Words of Institution

The Communion Prayer---submitted by Charlie Fillingham, read by 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---Blest Be the Tie That Binds

*Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love:
The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.
When we are called to part, it gives us inward pain.
But we shall still be joined in heart and hope to meet again.*

Benediction

May the love of life fill our hearts. May the love of neighbor heal our world.

**AS NATIONS, AS PEOPLES, AS FAMILIES THIS DAY
MAY THE LOVE OF LIFE HEAL OUR WORLD**

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

OUR LIFE TOGETHER

This morning we welcome Reverend Andrew Donaldson as our Guest Speaker!

Andrew Donaldson began serving as the interim pastor of Woodson Chapel Christian Church in St. Joseph, Missouri at the age of 19. Since then, he has served in transitional ministry and pulpit supply at several churches across Northwest Missouri. After graduating from the University of Kansas School of Medicine in May, he will begin practicing as a pediatric resident. Andrew has been married to Elizabeth, an elementary music teacher, for almost 3 years. They live in Overland Park, Kansas where they attend church and serve on the worship team and as leaders in the Children's Ministry. They also fancy themselves as tie-dye professionals and connoisseurs of both local Chinese restaurants and ice cream.

Next Sunday, February 7th we welcome our NEW Interim Minister, Rev. Brett Winters!!!

Rev. Brett Winters has served churches in Kentucky, Arizona, Texas, and Missouri in 20 years of ministry. At Lexington Theological Seminary, he met his amazing wife Trish where together they were married and ordained in 2002. Together with their dog Beignet, they call Belton, MO home. Trish serves as Senior Minister of First Christian Church of North Kansas City.

Brett comes to us having concluded 13 years of ministry with Raymore Christian Church. Brett enjoys vacations to national parks and exploring new places. He has gotten through Covid19 by putting together puzzles, feeding the birds on his back porch, and learning the ukulele.

Brett's role as intentional interim minister will be to lead North Oak Christian Church in this time of transition. With compassion and faithful accountability, we will listen together for the Holy Spirit's leading. Brett will help the congregation to grieve, heal, discern and make decisions about the future. The important work done together over the next 12-18 months will define the passion of purpose of our congregation and will lead to the calling of North Oak Christian Church's next minister.

ANNOUNCEMENT FROM THE BOARD

Thanks to each of you who have already completed the congregational survey. If you have not yet completed it, please do so soon! The survey will close at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 5. Once compiled, we will share the summary findings with everyone.

Wisdom consists in doing the next thing you have to do, doing it with your whole heart, and finding delight in doing it.

Meister Eckhart