

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

NORTH OAK CHRISTIAN CHURCH-DISCIPLS OF CHRIST

FEBRUARY 7, 2021

In Jesus' Name, Greetings!

Worship Leader---Lori Hall  
Interim Minister—Reverend Brett Winters

## 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--I Will Sing of the Mercies of the Lord

*I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever, I will sing, I will sing;  
I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever, I will sing of the mercies of the Lord.  
With my mouth will I make known thy faithfulness, thy faithfulness;  
With my mouth will I make known thy faithfulness to all generations.  
I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever, I will sing, I will sing;  
I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever, I will sing of the mercies of the Lord.*

The Morning Prayer--Ramie Beck

“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—Isaiah 40: 28-31**

Have you not known? Have you not heard? The everlasting God, the Lord, The Creator of the ends of the earth, neither faints nor is weary. His understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the weak, and to those who have no might He increases strength. Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall. But those who wait on the Lord shall renew their strength; They shall mount up with wings like eagles. They shall run and not be weary. They shall walk and not faint.

### **Gospel Reading: Mark 1:29-39**

Now as soon as they had come out of the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. But Simon's wife's mother lay sick with a fever, and they hold Him about her at once. So He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up, and immediately the fever left her. And she served them.

At evening, when the sun had set, they brought to Him all who were sick and those who were demon-possessed. And the whole city was gathered together at the door. Then He healed many who were sick with various diseases and cast out many demons; and He did not allow the demons to speak, because they knew Him.

Now in the morning, having risen a long while before daylight, He went out and departed to a solitary place; and there he prayed. And Simon and those who were with Him searched for Him. When they found Him, they said to Him, "Everyone is looking for You." But He said to them, "Let us go into the next towns, that I may preach there, also because for this purpose I have come forth." And he was preaching in their synagogues throughout all Galilee and casting out demons.

### **Morning Message—"...for that is what I came out to do."---Rev. Brett Winters**

#### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

#### 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.

#### **Special Music---"At This Table"**

**Ramie Beck, Lee-Ann Semsch, Paul & Randi Struxness**

#### **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---submitted by Amy Hearst; spoken by Courtney Holt

#### **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.**

**PEACE OF CHRIST IS SHARED**

**Closing Hymn---Where the Spirit of the Lord Is**

***Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is peace.  
Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is love.  
There is comfort in life's darkest hour, there is light and life,  
there is help and power in the Spirit,  
In the Spirit of the Lord.***

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!**

**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](http://www.nocckc.org) [www.kcdisciples.org](http://www.kcdisciples.org) [www.disciples.org](http://www.disciples.org)**

**OUR LIFE TOGETHER**

**TODAY we graciously and excitedly welcome our new Interim Minister,  
Reverend 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.

All that concerns us here and now is what concerned Jesus,  
that God should have just whatever God wants.

**Ruth Burrows**

## A message regarding our NOCC WORSHIP TEAM

A BIG THANKS goes out to a group of people who came together for the past eleven weeks to make our Sunday morning worship services happen! And it was not a small undertaking due to many challenging aspects of our lives at North Oak Christian Church during this time.

### WHO DO WE THANK?

Let us begin with **Bob Lewis** who has been willing to learn the in-house technology and sound connections and be present at EVERY weekly service to ensure our online production. Right alongside him has been **Charlie Arnot** who brings his expertise & assistance in technology as well as leadership to our Board. **Jeff Nunn** has been our musical director for many years and continues to create beautiful music through his gifts and talents and through those of others whom he invites into our sanctuary as well. **Laraine Walters** is not one you will see on camera or before the microphone very often, but she is present EVERY Sunday, doing small things all around the building and big things like securing all of our wonderful Guest Speakers! **Courtney Holt** has come in person on occasion but mainly serves quietly as Elder support and connection for those who write the morning prayers and communion prayer. Two other very significant 'behind the scenes' team members that are vital to our worship services are **Howard Dolginoff** and **Linda Tyree**. Howard is constantly available to make our Zoom and Facebook LIVE connections as well as posting our bulletins to our website EVERY week. Linda diligently sends out the Order of Service via email EVERY week and is the devoted volunteer of our monthly newsletters. **Ramie Beck** has been our Worship Leader on numerous occasions, supplied the Advent Litany and Candle Lighting families, and designed and facilitated the filming of our Christmas Eve service. The altar decorations and design have been artistically crafted for a long time now by **Randi Struxness** and she has never stopped bringing beauty into the sanctuary during this time! Finally, there is **Nathan Hearst** who just recently joined the team to help in technical assistance!

Of course, many others have stepped in to lead, speak, pray, sing, serve, sweep, arrange chairs, set up communion, take temperatures, etc. and you are appreciated.

This team of people has made my job as the coordinating chair so much easier. Designing and completing the Order of Service, communicating with the Guest Speakers, and securing our Worship Leaders for each Sunday have been my responsibilities as well as leading this fantastic team. And now we move on with our new Interim Minister, **Reverend Brett Winters**, in this leadership role!

It has been a privilege to serve our church family and the community we call **North Oak Christian Church** these past few months. I extend my gratitude to this team and to all who continue to make our church a place that we can call home.

In love and light, Lori Hall