

# NORTH OAK CHRISTIAN CHURCH-DISCIPLES OF CHRIST

FEBRUARY 21, 2021

Worship Leader-Laraine Walters, Interim Minister-Reverend Brett Winters, Music Director-Jeff Nunn,  
Elder-Amy Hearst

CALL TO WORSHIP- Laraine Walters

**Opening hymn:**

## **O Holy Spirit, Root of Life**

- 1. Oh holy spirit root of life creator cleanser of all things anoint our wounds  
awaken us with lustrous movement of your wings.**
- 2. Eternal vigor saving one you free us by your living word becoming flesh to wear  
our pain and all creation is restored.**
- 3. O holy wisdom soaring power encompass us with wings unfurled and carry us  
encircling all above below and through the world.**

The Morning Prayer---Laraine Walters

Scripture Reading---Laraine Walters

Genesis 9:12-16 (Message Translation)

God continued, "This is the sign of the covenant I am making between me and you and everything living around you and everyone living after you. I'm putting my rainbow in the clouds, a sign of the covenant between me and the Earth. From now on, when I form a cloud over the Earth and the rainbow appears in the cloud, I'll remember my covenant between me and you and everything living, that never again will floodwaters destroy all life. When the rainbow appears in the cloud, I'll see it and remember the eternal covenant between God and everything living, every last living creature on Earth."

Mark 1:9-15 (Message Translation)

At this time, Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. The moment he came out of the water, he saw the sky split open and God's Spirit, looking like a dove, come down on him. Along with the Spirit, a voice: "You are my Son, chosen and marked by my love, pride of my life." At once, this same Spirit pushed Jesus out into the wild. For forty wilderness days and nights he was tested by Satan. Wild animals were his companions, and angels took care of him. After John was arrested, Jesus went to Galilee preaching the Message of God: "Time's up! God's kingdom is here. Change your life and believe the Message."

**Morning Message**  
**“Gifts of the Dark Wood: Uncertainty”---Rev. Brett Winters**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

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

Special Music-Jeff Nunn

**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.)

Welcome to the Table---Rev. Brett Winters  
The Words of Institution---Rev. Brett Winters  
The Communion Prayer- Amy Hearst

**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**

Invitation to Partake together---Rev. Brett Winters

Offering Moment---Rev. Brett Winters

**Closing hymn:**

**Lord Prepare Me to be a Sanctuary**

**Lord prepare me to be a sanctuary pure and holy tried and true with Thanksgiving  
I’ll be a living sanctuary for you.**

Benediction---Rev. Brett Winters

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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**

### **LENTEN ACTIVITIES**

If you are interested in Lenten activities to share with your children, grandchildren or to practice yourself, check out this newsletter that has been created

<https://www.smores.com/8dsqy>

### **COMMUNITY OUTREACH UPDATE**

CHERITH BROOK DONATIONS - please use the bins in the entryway. Care to make a cash gift? Send to Reverend Eric Garbison, Cherith Brook Catholic Worker House, 3308 E. 12th St., Kansas City, MO 64127. We have a new list of priority needs as follows...sugar, powdered milk, cough drops, toilet paper/kleenex, foot powder, men's jeans size 28-34 (check you local thrift store), stamps. Thank you for your support

### **LET US KNOW YOUR ANNOUNCEMENTS AND MINISTRY UPDATES**

With any announcements for the Bulletin or to be shared with the congregation via email, please email Brett for the time being. [revbrettwinters@gmail.com](mailto:revbrettwinters@gmail.com) Please continue to keep Linda Tyree in prayer as she continues to recover at home but is not yet up for doing things she enjoys, like creating the church newsletter. Please also let Brett know if you are willing and feel a sense of purpose to help with church communications!