

NORTH OAK CHRISTIAN CHURCH-DISCIPLES OF CHRIST

May 16, 2021

Elder-Jayne Bruno, Interim Minister-Reverend Brett Winters, Music Director-Jeff Nunn,
Soloist-Helen Traphagan

CELEBRATION OF GOD'S PRESENCE

Prelude--- Jeff Nunn

Call to Worship--- Jayne Bruno

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 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 of the mercies of the Lord.

The Morning Prayer---Jayne Bruno

Celebration of Graduates: Cindy O'Hara

Prayers of the People

Silent personal prayers of thanksgiving, confession, and intercession

Vocal Solo---Helen Traphagan

Morning Message

"The Ascension"---Rev. Brett Winters

Acts 1:6-11 ⁶So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" ⁷He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." ⁹When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. ¹¹They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

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
Vocal Solo---Helen Traphagan
The Communion Prayer- Jayne Bruno

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
Partaking of Communion

CELEBRATION OF THE PEOPLE'S RESPONSE

Stewardship Moment---Dale Herrick

Closing Hymn: Bind Us Together

Bind us together, Lord, bind us together with cords that cannot be broken.
Bind us together, Lord, bind us together, bind us together in love.

There is only one God, there is only one King, there is only one body, that is why we sing.
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Bind us together, Lord, bind us together, bind us together in love.

Benediction---Rev. Brett Winters

Postlude

TO OUR GUESTS---WELCOME!
SHAPED BY GOD'S WORD AND GRACED AT CHRIST'S TABLE
WE WALK HUMBL Y, LOVE DEEPLY, LIVE SIMPLY, AND SERVE JOYFULL Y
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

Celebrating our Graduates

Please lift up in prayer, all who are graduating in some form or fashion this spring. Those graduating from high school with North Oak connections:

Maddie Holt. Will attend University of Missouri to major in biology and then attend veterinary school.

Olivia Hutchcraft. Graduates from Staley High School. She will pursue a degree in pediatric nursing. She is Lori Hall's lucky granddaughter.

Mason Munz. Graduated from Kingman High School. He will attend Cloud County Community College. He will play baseball and is interested in sports medicine. Mason is the lucky grandson of Ann and David Nelson.

Amelia Schneider. Graduates from Plattsburg High School. She will attend the University of Missouri and major in finance with minors in economics and statistics.

Phoebe Stripling. Graduates from Liberty North High School. She will attend the University of Nebraska at Lincoln.

Graduating from college:

Ethan Dwyer. Graduates from the University of Missouri with a degree in Journalism with an emphasis in strategic communications and a minor in business. He will attend the University of Missouri Law school.

Last Chance to Help the Search Team with Your Input!

The NOCC pastoral search committee is working with interim minister Brett Winters to understand and define the preferred future direction for North Oak Christian Church. Anyone who has not yet participated is invited to stay after church this morning for the 11:15 meeting.

A Special Sunday of Celebration and Gratitude

Sunday June 13

You are invited To North Oak Christian Church's:

"Anniversary Celebration Worship Service and Picnic"

We will worship in the sanctuary at 10:15 on June 13 with an outdoor picnic to follow. Gratitude will be expressed for all who have helped navigate NOCC through the last year in unifying ways!

Give a Gift this Memorial Day to Support the NOCC Labyrinth

Memorial Day is an opportunity for us to remember and honor those who have served our country and those who have passed before us. This year as we prepare for Memorial Day we want to provide an opportunity for you to celebrate someone you wish to recognize or remember with a dedicated gift to North Oak Christian Church.

We are recommending the gift be dedicated to the labyrinth, but please feel free to make a dedicated gift to any aspect of our ministry that touches your heart. If you give online, please note the dedicated purpose of your gift, and if you give by check, please note the same on the memo line.

Disciples of Christ special day offering to support New Church ministries

For the past thirteen months, many of us have stayed away from our places of worship to keep ourselves and our faith communities safe.

How have new church leaders responded? By spreading the word about Disciples through DoorDash, meeting with folks struggling with anxiety on Zoom, and addressing returning citizens' needs. Chaplains, pastors, and others have answered the call to **be the new church**.

To support them, contribute to the Pentecost Offering on May 16 and 23. Half of the gifts go to regions to support new church development. The other half goes to **New Church Ministry**, which trains, equips, assists, and multiplies new church leaders.

Fuller Center House Build for Stacey Reynolds

Fuller Center for Housing of Greater Kansas City has weekly workdays of Wednesday and Saturday, barring bad weather, for the build for Stacey Reynolds near the intersection of Antioch Road and I-35. If you'd like to receive email notifications about weather cancellations and details of volunteer opportunities at the site, please contact Herb Tillinghast at htillinghast@kc.rr.com to be added to the email list.