

NORTH OAK CHRISTIAN CHURCH-DISCIPLES OF CHRIST

The Day of Pentecost

May 23, 2021

Elder-Charlie Fillingham, Interim Minister-Reverend Brett Winters, Music Director-Jeff Nunn, Poet-Sarah Purdy

CELEBRATION OF GOD'S PRESENCE

Prelude--- Jeff Nunn

Call to Worship--- Charlie Fillingham

Opening hymn: Rise Up O Saints of God

**1 Rise up, O saints of God! Have done with lesser things.
give heart and mind and soul and strength to serve the King of kings.**

**2 Rise up, O saints of God! The kingdom tarries long.
bring in the day of righteousness and end the night of wrong.**

**3 Rise up, O saints of God! The church for you doth wait,
with strength unequal to the task; rise up and make it great.**

**4 Lift high the cross of Christ; tread where Christ's feet have trod;
come sisters, brothers in the faith, rise up, O saints of God.**

The Morning Prayer---Charlie Fillingham

Scripture Reading: Acts 2:1-13

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. ²And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. ⁵Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?" ⁸And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." ¹²All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" ¹³But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

"The Ones Who Dance With Fire"---Sarah Purdy

Piano Solo- Jeff Nunn

Morning Message
"All together in one place" ---Rev. Brett Winters

Prayers of the People

May God hear the prayers of the people and may the Spirit be upon us to hear God's response.

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

Communion hymn: Spirit of the Living God

**Spirit of the living God fall afresh on me. Spirit of the living God fall afresh on me.
Melt me mold me fill me use me. Spirit of the living God fall afresh on me (2x)**

The Communion Prayer- Charlie Fillingham

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: 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.

Benediction---Rev. Brett Winters

Postlude---Jeff Nunn

**TO OUR GUESTS----WELCOME!
SHAPED BY GOD'S WORD AND GRACED AT CHRIST'S TABLE**

WE WALK HUMBLLY, 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

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!

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.

<https://disciplesmissionfund.org/give/>

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.

Vicki Catt Retirement from NOCC

Effective June 30, 2021, we will sadly say goodbye to Vicki Catt. As a member of NOCC and as our go to lady for cleaning and keeping us safe during the pandemic, we say thank you to Vicki. Before his passing, Carl and Vicki worked together to keep NOCC clean and tidy. For the last year and a half, she has continued to do this alone with occasional help from her son, David. Vicki continues to work for Kansas City School System during the weekdays and is looking forward to having more hours at home to enjoy her weekends and care for Steven.

As is appropriate, we will give a love offering for her to be presented on the day of the annual picnic, Sunday, June 13, 2021. Donations may be made from now through June 10th. Please give Vicki a big Thank You for a job well done and thank her for years of faithful service to NOCC.

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.

May 21,2021

Dear Congregation,

I invite you all to worship with us this Sunday May 23rd as we celebrate Pentecost Sunday. Whether you are watching online or planning to attend in person PLEASE WEAR RED, as we welcome the fire of the Holy Spirit into our worship.

MASK AND SOCIAL DISTANCING UPDATE:

I also wish to let you know that the board has agreed that we will continue to request the wearing of masks during in person worship for a few more weeks. The board will discuss and re-evaluate during the June 10th board meeting. This prayerful and decision factors in information provided by the Center for Congregational Song as well as reports of a survey that suggests 25% of people, though vaccinated, are still not quite ready to return to activities without masks. Also given our desire to respect the cautious re-entry into live worship for many of our members and friends we will continue to mask.

We will exhaust the social distancing restrictions of chairs in the worship space to allow one another to sit with friends and family in a more “normal” way. Many thanks for your patience and care for one another by enduring the masks a little bit longer.

Brett