

NORTH OAK CHRISTIAN CHURCH-DISCIPLES OF CHRIST

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

July 25th, 2021

Worship Leader & Elder-Jayne Bruno,

Intentional Interim Minister-Rev. Brett Winters, Music director-Jeff Nunn

CELEBRATION OF GOD'S PRESENCE

Prelude---Jeff Nunn

Call to Worship

(inspired by Matthew 22:34-40, Mark 12:28, Luke 10:25 ~ written by Katherine Hawker (2002) and posted on Liturgies Outside. <http://liturgyoutside.net/>)

Leader: Once upon a time a wise man offered a challenge; "What is the greatest commandment?" The calendars on our desks share a vision of greatness; bills to pay, phone calls to return, appointments to keep.

People: Love the Lord your God.

Leader: The cameras of our memories share what commands us; children to bathe and partners to help. Parents calling and grandchildren hopeful.

People: Love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind.

Leader: Still the Spirit lures us to new priorities; open spaces to experience wonder, strangers becoming friends, devotion to that which transcends.

Leader: Love the Lord your God, with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. Love your neighbor as yourself.

Opening hymn: We are Marching

**We are marching in the light of God, we are marching in the light of God. (2x)
We are marching, marching, we are marching, marching. We are marching in the light of God. (2x)**

Morning Prayer---Jayne Bruno

Choral Response---NOCC Choir Ensemble

Gospel Reading---Jayne Brun

Luke 10:25-37

²⁵ Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" ²⁶ He said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" ²⁷ He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and

with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself.”²⁸ And he said to him, “You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live.”

²⁹ But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?”³⁰ Jesus replied, “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead.³¹ Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side.³² So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side.³³ But a Samaritan while traveling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity.³⁴ He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him.³⁵ The next day he took out two denarii,^[b] gave them to the innkeeper, and said, ‘Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend.’³⁶ Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?”³⁷ He said, “The one who showed him mercy.” Jesus said to him, “Go and do likewise.”

Prayers of the People---Rev. Brett Winters

(We come before God with prayers heavy on our hearts. During the prayer, please lift up aloud or on Facebook chat the people you are praying for)

Special Music: “Won’t You Be My Neighbor”---Strum Ensemble

Morning Message---Rev. Brett Winters
“Walk a Mile in Their Shoes”

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: In the Lord I’ll Be Ever Thankful

In the Lord I’ll be ever thankful. In the Lord I will rejoice. Look to God do not be afraid, lift up your voices the Lord is near. Lift up your voices the Lord is near. (2 x)

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

Music during communion---Jeff Nunn

CELEBRATION OF THE PEOPLE'S RESPONSE

Stewardship Moment

Offering

(Please pass the offering trays to your neighbor as we present our gifts before God)

Prayer of Thanksgiving---Rev. Brett Winters

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 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

For more information:

To learn more about the "Walk a Mile in My Shoes" exhibit or explore the other ongoing projects of Empathy Museum, please go to:

<https://www.empathymuseum.com/>

OUR LIFE TOGETHER

Jubilation Ringers Sign-Up!

Jubilation Ringers will begin practice in September and would love to have you join them. If you have any interest, please email Stacey Reynolds, confetti817@gmail.com with any questions or a commitment by August 1st so that a schedule can be made and the appropriate music can be chosen. Thanks!

Hymn Sing Sunday- Aug 22nd

It's time again to break out the oldies and goodies for a "Hymn Sing Sunday!" Send your requests to Jeff Nunn at jeff.nunn@gmail.com or give him a call, send him a text, snail mail or telegram with your favorite hymn suggestions!

Disciples Virtual Gathering

On **August 7th**, The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) is hosting an online opportunity for Disciples to connect, learn, worship, and imagine new ways of gathering as church.

Registration is \$25, which includes access to all sessions and workshops, as well as the virtual exhibit hall. Registration information:

<https://disciples.org/2021-virtual-gathering/>

Greater Kansas City Regional Disciples Women's Ministry Fall Retreat

This year's fall retreat will be Sept. 10-12 at Tall Oaks. The theme of the event will be "Faith That Overflows." More information may be found: <https://www.talloaks.org/dwm-fall-retreat-2021>.

Tall Oaks Gala

The Tall Oaks Gala will be held on September 17 **at Tall Oaks** and the cost is **\$50** per person. Donation items are still needed. Debbie Herrick is happy to collect any items we would offer to the gala. More info at: www.talloaks.org/2021gala