

NORTH OAK CHRISTIAN CHURCH-DISCIPLES OF CHRIST

August 1, 2021--Tenth Sunday After Pentecost

Elder- Ramie Beck

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

CELEBRATION OF GOD'S PRESENCE

Prelude---Jeff Nunn

Call to Worship

(Inspired by Luke 19: 1-10 ~ from *Order for Ecumenical Worship: World Aids Day 2002.*)

Leader: With the pressing crowds, searching for healing and hope,

People: We wish to see Jesus.

Leader: With the pushed out and cast aside, with the lonely lost, stripped of pride,

People: We wish to see Jesus.

Leader: With those who seek mystery and meaning, wisdom and grace,

People: We wish to see Jesus.

Invocation Prayer---Rev. Brett Winters

Opening Hymn: Let the Whole Creation Cry

Let the whole creation cry, Alleluia!

"Glory be to God on high!" Alleluia!

Sun and moon, lift up your voice, Alleluia!

Night and stars, in God rejoice, Alleluia!

All who strive to serve the Lord, Alleluia!

Prophets burning with God's word, Alleluia!

Those to whom the arts belong, Alleluia!

Add your voices to the song, Alleluia!

Men and women, young and old, Alleluia!

Raise the anthem manifold; Alleluia!

Join with children's songs of praise, Alleluia!

Worship God through all your days, Alleluia!

Gospel Reading

Luke 19:1-10

He entered Jericho and was passing through it. ² A man was there named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was rich. ³ He was trying to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was short in stature. ⁴ So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to see him, because he was going to pass that way. ⁵ When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, hurry and come down; for I must stay at your house

today." ⁶ So he hurried down and was happy to welcome him. ⁷ All who saw it began to grumble and said, "He has gone to be the guest of one who is a sinner." ⁸ Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, "Look, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor; and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much." ⁹ Then Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because he too is a son of Abraham. ¹⁰ For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost."

Prayers of the People---Rev. Brett Winters

(please make your requests & praises known by sharing aloud or typing them on Facebook.)

Musical Response---Jeff Nunn

Morning Message---Rev. Brett Winters
"Because Someone Said..."

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: Here I am Lord

**I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in deepest sin my hand will save. I who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright. Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?**

**Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.**

**I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them, they turn away. I will break their hearts of stone,
give them hearts for love alone. I will speak my word to them,
Whom shall I send?**

**Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.**

**I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?**

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

The Communion Prayer---Ramie Beck

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

Prayer of Thanksgiving---Rev. Brett Winters

Women's Ensemble: "Blessings"

Benediction---Rev. Brett Winters

Postlude---Jeff Nunn

(As you depart you may place your tithes and offerings in the plate at the back of the sanctuary. Thank You helping equip North Oak Christian Church to love others as Christ first loved us.)

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

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!

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/>

Hymn Celebration Sunday- Aug 22nd

It's time again to break out the oldies and goodies for a "Celebration of Hymns!" 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!

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