

NORTH OAK CHRISTIAN CHURCH-DISCIPLES OF CHRIST

August 8, 2021---Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost

Elder- Ellen Lewis

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

CELEBRATION OF GOD'S PRESENCE

Prelude---Jeff Nunn

Call to Worship

Leader: Come, let us celebrate the forgiving, reconciling love of God.

People: For once we were lost and felt so far away; now we have been found and welcomed home.

Leader: Know that God's love is lavished upon you forever.

People: We rejoice at the news of forgiveness and hope!

Leader: Come, let us celebrate and praise the God of Love.

People: AMEN!

(written by Nancy C. Townley www.ministrymatters.com/all/entry/3623/worship-connection-march-31-2019)

Invocation Prayer---Rev. Brett Winters

Opening hymn: This is My Father's World

**1 This is my Father's world, and to my listening ears
all nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres.
This is my Father's world: I rest me in the thought
of rocks and trees, of skies and seas his hand the wonders wrought.**

**2 This is my Father's world: the birds their carols raise;
the morning light, the flowers bright, declare their Maker's praise.
Our God has made this world and shines in all that's fair;
in the rustling grass I hear God pass, who speaks to me everywhere.**

**3 Our God has made this world: oh, let us ne'er forget
that though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the ruler yet.
God trusts us with this world, to keep it clean and fair.
All earth and trees, the skies and seas,
God's creatures everywhere.**

Prayers of the People---Rev. Brett Winters

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

Scripture: Romans 8:26-28, 35-39

Likewise, the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose.

Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written: "For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered."

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Morning Message---Rev. Brett Winters
"Working Together For Good"

Piano Solo--- 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

Communion Hymn: I Come With Joy

**I come with joy, a child of God, forgiven, loved and free,
the life of Jesus to recall, in love laid down for me,
in love laid down for me.**

**I come with Christians far and near to find, as all are fed,
the new community of love in Christ's communion bread,
in Christ's communion bread.**

**As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each proud division ends.
The love that made us, makes us one, and strangers now are friends,
and strangers now are friends.**

**The Spirit of the risen Christ, unseen, but ever near,
is in such friendship better known, alive among us here,
alive among us here.**

**Together met, together bound by all that God has done,
we'll go with joy, to give the world, the love that makes us one,
the love that makes us one.**

The Communion Prayer---Ellen Lewis

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---Rev. Brett Winters

Closing Hymn: Blest Be the Tie That Binds

Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love:
the fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.

When we are called to part, it gives us inward pain;
but we shall still be joined in heart and hope to meet again.

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

Sunday Worship Leaders needed

We are in need of Worship leaders! If you are interested, please sign-up on the sign-up genius link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/index.cfm?go=s.signup&urlid=20f0949aaa62ea4ff2-august1&view=standard>

Hymn Celebration Sunday- Aug 22nd

This is your last chance to share your favorite hymns with our music director Jeff Nunn at jeff.nunn@gmail.com or give him a call!

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

For More Information

To keep up with our current calendar of study and other events in the life of North Oak Christian Church, go to our webpage! <https://nocckc.org>