

NORTH OAK CHRISTIAN CHURCH-DISCIPLES OF CHRIST

August 29, 2021---Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Worship Leader- Jayne Bruno, Elder- Ellen Lewis

Pulpit Exchange Preacher-Rev. Trish Winters, Music Director-Jeff Nunn

CELEBRATION OF GOD'S PRESENCE

Prelude---Jeff Nunn

Call to Worship-Jayne Bruno

Invocation Prayer---Jayne Bruno

Opening hymn: Fairest Lord Jesus

**1 Fairest Lord Jesus, ruler of all nature, O thou of God to earth come down;
thee will I cherish, thee will I honor, thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.**

**2 Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands, robed in the blooming garb of spring:
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer, who makes the woeful heart to sing.**

**3 Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the moonlight, and all the twinkling, starry hosts:
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer, than all the angels heaven can boast.**

NOCC Vision Moment---Mel Adams

“I See a Church Valuing Justice ”

Pastoral Prayer--Rev. Trish Winters

Music Response---Jeff Nunn

Morning Message---Rev. Trish Winters

“Biblical Economics”

Acts 19:23-41

About that time no little disturbance broke out concerning the Way. A man named Demetrius, a silversmith who made silver shrines of Artemis, brought no little business to the artisans. These he gathered together, with the workers of the same trade, and said, “Men, you know that we get our wealth from this business. You also see and hear that not only in Ephesus but in almost the whole of Asia this Paul has persuaded and drawn away a considerable number of people by saying that gods made with hands are not gods. And there is danger not only that this trade of ours may come into disrepute but also that the temple of the great goddess Artemis will be scorned, and she will be deprived of her majesty that brought all Asia and the world to worship her. When they heard this, they were enraged and shouted, “Great is Artemis of the Ephesians!” The city was filled with the confusion; and people rushed together to the theater, dragging with them Gaius and Aristarchus, Macedonians who were Paul’s travel companions. Paul wished to go into the crowd, but the disciples would not let him; even some

officials of the province of Asia, who were friendly to him, sent him a message urging him not to venture into the theater. Meanwhile, some were shouting one thing, some another; for the assembly was in confusion, and most of them did not know why they had come together. Some of the crowd gave instructions to Alexander, whom the Jews had pushed forward. And Alexander motioned for silence and tried to make a defense before the people. But when they recognized that he was a Jew, for about two hours all of them shouted in unison, "Great is Artemis of the Ephesians!" But when the town clerk had quieted the crowd, he said, "Citizens of Ephesus, who is there that does not know that the city of the Ephesians is the temple keeper of the great Artemis and of the statue that fell from heaven? Since these things cannot be denied, you ought to be quiet and do nothing rash. You have brought these men here who are neither temple robbers nor blasphemers of our goddess. If therefore Demetrius and the artisans with him have a complaint against anyone, the courts are open, and there are proconsuls; let them bring charges there against one another. If there is anything further you want to know, it must be settled in the regular assembly. For we are in danger of being charged with rioting today, since there is no cause that we can give to justify this commotion." When he had said this, he dismissed the assembly.

Special Music--- 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. Trish Winters
The Words of Institution---Rev. Trish Winters

Communion Hymn: Jesus Remember Me

**Jesus remember me, when you come into your kingdom. Jesus remember me,
when you come into your kingdom. (3 x)**

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. Trish Winters

Partaking of Communion

Music during Communion---Jeff Nunn

CELEBRATION OF THE PEOPLE'S RESPONSE

Community Outreach Ministry Moment

Closing Hymn: Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah

**Guide me, O thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land; I am weak but thou art
mighty hold me with thy powerful hand;
bread of heaven, bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more, feed me till I want no more.**

**When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside; bear me through the
swelling current; land me safe on Canaan's side;
songs of praises, songs of praises; I will ever give to thee, I will ever give to thee.**

Benediction---Rev. Trish 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 HUMBL Y, 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

Backpack Volunteer Update

Thank you to all the people who have volunteered as members of the Backpack Ministry team, just one “arm” of NOCC’s *Community Outreach Ministries*. To fill in any of those spaces, please contact Terry Becker with your preference(s):

tennisterry4olove@gmail.com or 816-516-5085.

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/go/20f0949aaa62ea4ff2-september1>

Want to be an NOCC “Lawn Beautician”?

The grounds team needs volunteers to mow between the following dates:

Thur-Sat. 9/4; 9/11; 10/2: 10/9

Please call or text Dale @ 816-215-4369

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>