

# NORTH OAK CHRISTIAN CHURCH-DISCIPLES OF CHRIST

September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021---Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost  
Worship Leader- Ramie Beck, Elder- Jill Rodgers  
Guest Speaker -Rev. Linda Miller, Music Director-Jeff Nunn

## **CELEBRATION OF GOD'S PRESENCE**

Prelude---Jeff Nunn

### **Call to Worship (inspired by Luke 14:1, 7-14, Hebrews 13:1-6)**

Leader: Creator God, you call us to hospitality; to give as generously to others as you have given to us.

**People: For there are angels among us.**

Leader: Loving God, you call us to give you glory in the compassion we show to one another.

**People: To love without judgment, of ourselves or of others.**

Leader: We gather as one Body, seeking to walk in the way you have set for us.

**People: We gather as one Body, to worship the one who is Love.**

Morning Prayer---Ramie Beck

**Opening Hymn: Ours the Journey CH #458**

**In the midst of new dimensions, in the face of changing ways.**

**Who will lead the pilgrim peoples wandering in their separate ways?**

**God of rainbow, fiery pillar, leading where the eagles soar, We your people,  
ours the journey now and ever more.**

**Through the flood of starving people, warring factions and despair,**

**Who will lift the olive branches? Who will light the flame of care?**

**God of rainbow, fiery pillar, leading where the eagles soar, We your people,  
ours the journey now and ever more.**

**Should the threats of dire predictions cause us to withdraw in pain,**

**May your blazing phoenix spirit, resurrect the church again.**

**God of rainbow, fiery pillar, leading where the eagles soar, We your people,  
ours the journey now and ever more.**

**Prayers of the People---Rev. Linda Miller**

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

Lectionary Gospel Reading---Ramie Beck

Scripture Readings- Genesis 18:1-9

The LORD appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground. He said, "My lord if I find favor with you, do not pass by your servant. Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant." So, they said, "Do as you have said." And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, "Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes." Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate. They said to him, "Where is your wife, Sarah?" And he said, "There, in the tent."

Hebrews 13:1-3

Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured

NOCC Vision Moment---Jill Rodgers  
"I See a Church Practicing Radical Hospitality "

Morning Message---Rev. Linda Miller

Music

**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. Linda Miller  
The Words of Institution---Rev. Linda Miller

**Communion Hymn: Let Us Break Bread Together.**

Let us break bread together on our knees, let us break bread together on our knees.  
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun, O Lord have mercy on me.

Let us drink wine together on our knees, let us drink wine together on our knees. When I  
fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun, O Lord have mercy on me.

Let us praise God together on our knees, let us praise God together on our knees. When I  
fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun, O Lord have mercy on me.

The Communion Prayer---Jill Rodgers

**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.

**Partaking of Communion Invitation**

Rev. Linda Miller

**CELEBRATION OF THE PEOPLE'S RESPONSE**

Outreach Ministry Moment  
Tall Oaks Gala Moment

**Closing Hymn: Restless Weaver CH#658**

Restless Weaver, ever spinning threads of justice and shalom; dreaming patterns of  
creation where all creatures find a home; gathering up life's varied fibers every texture,  
every hue; grant us your creative vision. With us weave your world anew.

When our violent lust for power ends in lives abused and torn, from compassion's sturdy  
fabric fashion hope and trust reborn. Where injustice rules as tyrant, give us courage, God,  
to dare live our dreams of transformation. Make our lives incarnate prayer.

Restless Weaver, still conceiving new life now and yet to be. Binding all your vast creation  
in one living tapestry: you have called us to be weavers. Let your love guide all we do.  
With your Reign of Peace our pattern, we will weave a world anew.

Benediction---Rev. Linda Miller

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.)

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**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**

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[www.nocckc.org](http://www.nocckc.org) [www.kcdisciples.org](http://www.kcdisciples.org) [www.disciples.org](http://www.disciples.org)

## **OUR LIFE TOGETHER**

### **Tall Oaks Gala Sept. 17th**

NOCC has reserved a table for the Tall Oaks Gala and we would love for you to join us whether this will be your 1<sup>st</sup> or 50<sup>th</sup> time to Tall Oaks, or somewhere in between.

Tickets are \$50 a seat and please contact Rev. Brett or Debbie Herrick if you are interested in attending. More info at: [www.talloaks.org/2021gala](http://www.talloaks.org/2021gala)

### **Daytime Women's Study Group**

The daytime women's Bible study will be resuming in September. We meet on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month at 10'clock. We will be meeting in the labyrinth to start the year. We will be studying "Words of Life -Jesus and the Promise of the 10 Commandments Today" by Adam Hamilton. If you have any questions, please contact Carolyn Fillingham at 816-289-7858 or [ccfillingham@gmail.com](mailto:ccfillingham@gmail.com). We would love to have you join us!

### **Community Outreach Ministries Could Use You!**

To know more about volunteering opportunities, you can contact one of the following people with questions or to volunteer:

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