

NORTH OAK CHRISTIAN CHURCH-DISCIPLES OF CHRIST

September 19th, 2021--Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost

Worship Leader- Amy Hearst, Elder- Jayne Bruno

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

CELEBRATION OF GOD'S PRESENCE

Prelude---Jeff Nunn

Welcome/Morning Prayer---Amy Hearst

Call to Worship

Leader: Our God invites us to walk the road of service and sacrifice.

People: Our society suggests we put down our roots in the shallow soil of pleasure and greed.

Leader: Our God seeks to plant us on the banks of hope, watered by the rivers of joy and grace.

People: Our culture promotes achievement, success, climbing to the top, ringing the bell.

Leader: Our God tells us if we want to be first, we need to go to the end of the line.

Opening Hymn: O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

**O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of God's grace!**

**Jesus, the name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease;
'tis music in the sinner's ears, 'tis life, and health, and peace.**

**My loving Savior and my God, assist me to proclaim
to spread through all the earth abroad the honors of thy name.**

**Glory to God and praise and love be ever, ever given
by saints below and saints above, the church in earth and heaven.**

Prayers of the People---Rev. Brett Winters

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

Choral Response---NOCC Choir

Lectionary Gospel Reading---Amy Hearst

Mark 9:30-37

They went on from there and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into

human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again.” But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, “What were you arguing about on the way?” But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, “Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.” Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, “Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.”

NOCC Vision Moment--Jayne Bruno

Morning Message--Rev. Brett Winters

“I See a Church Giving of Itself”

Romans 12:9-18

Love from the center of who you are; don't fake it. Run for dear life from evil; hold on for dear life to good. Be good friends who love deeply; practice playing second fiddle. Don't burn out; keep yourselves fueled and aflame. Be alert servants of the Master, cheerfully expectant. Don't quit in hard times; pray all the harder. Help needy Christians; be inventive in hospitality.

Bless your enemies, no cursing under your breath. Laugh with your happy friends when they're happy; share tears when they're down. Get along with each other; don't be stuck-up. Make friends with nobodies; don't be the great somebody. Don't hit back; discover beauty in everyone. If you've got it in you, get along with everybody. Don't insist on getting even; that's not for you to do. “I'll do the judging,” says God. “I'll take care of it.”

Special Vocal Solo--Steven Boyd

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: Take Our Bread

**Take our bread, we ask you, take our hearts, we love you,
take our lives, oh Father, We are yours, we are yours.**

**Yours as we stand at the table you set, yours as we eat the bread our hearts can't forget.
We are the signs of your life with us yet; We are yours; we are yours.**

**Take our bread, we ask you, take our hearts, we love you,
take our lives, oh Father, we are yours, we are yours.**

Your holy people stand washed in your blood, Spirit-filled, yet hungry, we await your food.
We are poor, but we brought ourselves the best we could. We are yours; we are yours.

Take our bread, we ask you, take our hearts, we love you,
take our lives, oh Father, we are yours, we are yours.

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

NOCC Vision Moment---Cindy O'Hara

Social Justice Ministry Moment---Mel Adams

Closing Hymn: Blessed Assurance:

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.
This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.

Perfect submission, all is at rest. I in my Savior am happy and blessed,
watching and waiting, looking above, filled with his goodness, lost in his love.

This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.
This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.

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

Social Justice Ministry Team Organizational Meeting

To better serve our vision as a congregation, a social justice ministry team is forming. Mel Adams and Sarah Purdy will lead our efforts and they invite anyone desiring to know more to attend a brief meeting on October 3 in the sanctuary after worship.

Daytime Women's Study Group

The daytime women's study group meets on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month at 12:00pm. 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 cfillingham@gmail.com. We would love to have you join us!

Evening Women's Study Group

Our evening women's study meets on the 1st & 3rd Tuesday evening at 7:00p.m. The group meets at the Krueger's home: 10117 N. Park Ave. in Staley Farms Reserve.

Men's Bible Study Group

Our men's Bible study meets every Tuesday morning on Zoom from 9:45-11:00. All men are welcome to join us. Please contact Rev. Brett at revbrettwinters@gmail.com if you would like the link! Please also contact Bret if you would be interested in taking part in an evening men's Bible study that we are hoping to create soon.