

# NORTH OAK CHRISTIAN CHURCH-DISCIPLES OF CHRIST

September 26<sup>th</sup>, 2021---Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Elder- Jill Rodgers, Board Moderator-Charlie Arnot

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

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

Prelude---Jeff Nunn

Welcome/Morning Prayer---Jill Rodgers

### **Call to Worship**

(inspired by Ephesians 2:19-22~ written by Thom Shuman, posted on *Lectionary Liturgies*)

Leader: We come to God this day, the One who names each of us as a beloved child.

**People: Here in these moments together, we recognize God dwelling in us.**

Leader: We come to Christ this day, the One whose love is the bedrock of our lives.

**People: Here in this place of glory and grace, we understand the One who calls us to faith.**

Leader: We come to the Spirit this day, the One who calms our fears with peace and hope.

**People: Here with our sisters and brothers in Christ, we seize the opportunities to serve.**

### **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!**

### **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

Lectionary Gospel Reading---Jill Rodgers

Mark 9:38-50

John said to him, "Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us." But Jesus said, "Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. Whoever is not against us is for us. For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward.

“If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched.

“For everyone will be salted with fire. Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.

Morning Message---Rev. Brett Winters

“I See a Church Joined Together”

*Ephesians 2:17-22*

So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.

Special 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. Brett Winters

The Words of Institution---Rev. Brett Winters

**Communion Hymn: Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ      CH #422**

**Let us talents and tongues employ. Reaching out with a shout of joy:  
bread is broken, the wine is poured, Christ is spoken and seen and heard.  
Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again, pass the Word around: loaves abound!**

**Christ is able to make us one. At the table he sets the tone,  
teaching people to live to bless, love in word and in deed express.  
Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again, pass the Word around: loaves abound!**

**Jesus calls us in, sends us out bearing fruit in a world of doubt,  
gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Immanuel) everywhere!  
Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again, pass the Word around: loaves abound!**

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.**

Invitation to Partake together---Rev. Brett Winters

**Partaking of Communion**

Music during Communion---Jeff Nunn

**CELEBRATION OF THE PEOPLE'S RESPONSE**

NOCC Vision Moment---Charlie Arnot

**Closing Hymn: Go My Children With My Blessing**

**Go my children with my blessing never alone. Waking, sleeping I am with you,  
you are my own. In my loves baptismal river I have made you mine forever,  
go my children with my blessing you are my own.**

**Go my children feed and nourished, closer to me. Grow in love and love by serving,  
joyful and free. Here my Spirit's power filled you; here His tender comfort stilled you,  
go my children fed and nourish joyful and free.**

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.)*

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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**

More information about NOCC and the Disciples of Christ is available via Facebook & these websites:

[www.nocckc.org](http://www.nocckc.org) [www.kcdisciples.org](http://www.kcdisciples.org) [www.disciples.org](http://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 [ccfillingham@gmail.com](mailto:ccfillingham@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](mailto: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.