

# NORTH OAK CHRISTIAN CHURCH-DISCIPLES OF CHRIST

October 3rd, 2021--- Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost  
Elder- Amy Hearst, Worship Leader-Ramie Beck,  
Intentional Interim Minister-Rev. Brett Winters, Music Director-Jeff Nunn

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

Prelude---Jeff Nunn

Welcome/Morning Prayer---Ramie Beck

### **Call to Worship**

(inspired by Ephesians 4~ written by Thom Shuman, posted on *Lectionary Liturgies*)

Leader: Lead a life worthy of the calling to which you are called:

**People: We cannot do this alone, we dare not try this alone, so we gather as God's people.**

Leader: Lead a life worthy of your calling, a life filled with service and meekness.

**People: We come in humility and gentleness, we come with patience and love.**

Leader: Lead a life which reflects your calling, that life of peace grounded in the Spirit.

**People: We rejoice in our oneness in Christ; we come to share the grace offered to us.**

### **Opening Hymn: All Creatures of Our God and King CH#22**

All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voice and with us sing;  
Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia! O burning sun with golden beam, O silver moon with softer gleam,  
O praise God, O praise God, Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia!

O rushing wind with voice so strong, you clouds that sail in heav'n along,  
O praise God, Al-le-lu-ia! O rising morn, in praise rejoice, you lights of evening find a voice,  
O praise God, O praise God, Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia!

O flowing water, pure and clear, make music for your God to hear,  
Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia! O blazing fire who lights the night, providing warmth, enhancing sight  
O praise God, O praise God, Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia!

### **Prayers of the People with a prayer of St. Francis---Rev. Brett Winters**

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

Musical Response

### **Lectionary Psalm 8**

O LORD, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens. Out of the mouths of babes and infants you have founded a bulwark because of your foes, to silence the enemy and the avenger. When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have established; what are human beings that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them? Yet you have made

them a little lower than God, and crowned them with glory and honor. You have given them dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under their feet, all sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field, the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea, whatever passes along the paths of the seas. O LORD, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

Morning Message--Rev. Brett Winters

"I See a Church With a Vision"

*Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-13*

I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all. But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ.

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: One Bread, One Body      CH #393**

**One bread, one body, one Lord of all, one cup of blessing which we bless.  
And we, though many throughout the earth, we are one body in this one Lord.  
Gentile or Jew, servant or free, woman or man, no more.**

**One bread, one body, one Lord of all, one cup of blessing which we bless.  
And we, though many throughout the earth, we are one body in this one Lord.  
Many the gifts, many the works, one in the Lord of all.**

**One bread, one body, one Lord of all, one cup of blessing which we bless.  
And we, though many throughout the earth, we are one body in this one Lord. Grain for  
the fields, scattered and grown, gathered to one, for all.**

**One bread, one body, one Lord of all, one cup of blessing which we bless.  
And we, though many throughout the earth, we are one body in this one Lord.**

The Communion Prayer---Amy Hearst

**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**

Celebrating Our Vision

A Prayer of Commitment

**Closing Hymn: Take My Life      CH #609**

**Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee. Take my moments and my days;  
let them flow in ceaseless praise, let them flow in ceaseless praise.**

**Take my hands, and let them move at the impulse of thy love. Take my feet,  
and let them be swift and beautiful for thee, swift and beautiful for thee.**

**Take my silver and my gold, not a mite would I with-hold; Take my intellect, and use  
every power as thou shalt choose, every power as thou shalt choose.**

**Take my love; my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure store. Take myself,  
and I will be ever, only all for thee, ever, only, all for thee.**

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**  
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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**

#### **Congregational Meeting on Sunday Oct 17, Following Worship**

##### **Social Justice Ministry Team Organizational Meeting**

To better serve our vision as a congregation, a social justice ministry team is forming. We will begin our journey with baby steps, by first seeking greater understanding together into what it means to be a church practicing social justice. Mel Adams and Sarah Purdy will lead our efforts and they invite anyone desiring to know more to attend a brief informative meeting today in the sanctuary after worship.

##### **Community Outreach Ministries: September 27, 2021, Backpack Update**

Currently, we are providing food for 11 Bell Prairie families--meals for 69 people every week—and we have restocked the shelves at Gateway 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Center for certain students there. May all of us offer grateful prayers for NOCC whose members and friends make this part of the ministry possible through their prayers, their financial support, and their time.

*We are in need of volunteers to deliver already-packed food to Bell Prairie **3 times in November and the first Wednesday of December** (November 3, 10, 17, December 1).*

If you are able to deliver the sacks once or twice – or all four times -- please contact Terry Becker: 816-516-5085 or [tennisterry40love@gmail.com](mailto:tennisterry40love@gmail.com).

##### **Family Promise**

Volunteers at the Family Promise Day Center beginning at 11:00 am on Thursdays are needed. Responsibilities are: preparing/serving a meal, visiting with other church volunteers, and meeting the people who are being served that day. There are Thursday openings in October.

Donations of women's and men's tennis shoes are at the top of the list along with jeans and T-shirts/sweatshirts, and extra shoestrings.

Call or text Debbie Herrick: (816) 510-6859 if you are interested in serving a meal or sharing donations.

##### **Cherith Brook**

It is that time of year for “Brook Made Honey.” Dale Herrick will bring honey to the Church soon asking for a \$10 donation per jar. And if anyone is interested in attending the screening of the movie: *Revolution of the Heart: The Dorothy Day story* on Tuesday, Oct. 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00, please let Dale know!