

NORTH OAK CHRISTIAN CHURCH-DISCIPLES OF CHRIST

October 17th, 2021-- Twenty First Sunday After Pentecost

Elder- Amy Hearst, Worship Leader- Wes Tyree,

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

CELEBRATION OF GOD'S PRESENCE

Prelude

Welcome/Morning Prayer

Call to Worship

(Inspired by Psalm 104 from centerforfaithandgiving.org)

Leader: Bless the Lord, O my soul!

People: We come to worship the Lord our God, who is great!

Leader: Praise God, who creates the earth, the heavens, and the winds.

People: Praise God, who continues to work, filling the earth with life.

Leader: The whole earth is filled with God's handiwork,

People: So let us bless the Lord our God!

Opening Hymn: How Majestic Is Your Name

O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth.

O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth.

O Lord, we praise your name. O Lord, we magnify your name:

Prince of Peace, mighty God; O Lord God Almighty.

Prayers of the People ---Rev. Brett Winters

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

Choral Response

Lectionary Gospel: Mark 10:35-45

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." And he said to them, "What is it you want me to do for you?" And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?" They replied, "We are able." Then Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared."

When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. So Jesus called them and said to them, “You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.

Morning Message--Rev. Brett Winters

“Romans 12 Series: Be Good Friends Who Love Deeply, Practice Playing Second Fiddle”

John 1:19-28

This is the testimony given by John when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, “Who are you?” He confessed and did not deny it, but confessed, “I am not the Messiah.” And they asked him, “What then? Are you Elijah?” He said, “I am not.” “Are you the prophet?” He answered, “No.” Then they said to him, “Who are you? Let us have an answer for those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?” He said, “I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, ‘Make straight the way of the Lord,’” as the prophet Isaiah said.

Now they had been sent from the Pharisees. They asked him, “Why then are you baptizing if you are neither the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the prophet?” John answered them, “I baptize with water. Among you stands one whom you do not know, the one who is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandal.” This took place in Bethany across the Jordan where John was baptizing.

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: 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.**

(Refrain:)

**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 communion, perfect delight, visions of rapture no burst on my sight; angels descending bring from above echoes of mercy, whispers of love. (Refrain)

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

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

Closing Hymn: Here I Am, Lord CH#452

I the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry. All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save. I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright. Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

Refrain:

Here I am Lord, Is it I Lord? I have heard you calling in the night. I will go Lord, If you lead me, I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain. I have wept for love of them, they turn away. I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.

I will speak my words to them. Whom shall I send? (Refrain)

I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame. I will set a feast for them My hand will save. Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.

I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send? (Refrain)

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.)

OUR LIFE TOGETHER
Congregational Meeting After Church Today

October Backpack Financial Update and Gift Card Information

Because of NOCC's loving generosity of prayers, time, and finances, we are providing food weekly for 11 families – 69 people. As of October 10, all bills have been paid leaving a balance of \$1665.09. We average spending a little over \$800.00 per month.

Even though Halloween has not yet arrived, we are now planning for the Thanksgiving holiday when we provide Sun Fresh gift cards for each family.

It's a mixed blessing that we still have Sun Fresh gift cards from last year (families moved). Nevertheless, for Thanksgiving this year, we will need to purchase two \$30.00 cards and five \$35.00 cards (total: \$235.00). as of today, October 10, we have a total of \$1,665.09 in COM.

If you wish to help sponsor one of these cards, write a check to NOCC, and in the memo space, please include "for COM gift cards". [COM = Community Outreach Ministries].

And a heads-up kind of thing...

In December, we will continue to provide Sun Fresh gift cards for the backpack families to use during the holiday break.

We will be in contact with the new counselor about also adopting families and providing gifts, as has been our custom in years past.

"There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven"
--Ecclesiastes 3: 1

It is always the season for giving thanks for the many blessings shared by North Oak Christian Church.

Immediate Cherith Brook Donation Needs:

Current donation items needed for Cherith Brook: Toilet Paper, masks, deodorant, razors, and reading glasses.

Immediate Micah Ministry Donation Needs:

Comfortable shoes, small men's jeans, kids clothing, blankets, all winter clothing.

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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