

NORTH OAK CHRISTIAN CHURCH-DISCIPLES OF CHRIST

Nov. 7th 2021-- Twenty Fourth Sunday After Pentecost
Elder/Worship Leader- Courtney Holt,
Intentional Interim Minister-Rev. Brett Winters, Music Director-Jeff Nunn

CELEBRATION OF GOD'S PRESENCE

Prelude--NOCC Choir

Welcome/Morning Prayer--Courtney Holt

Call to Worship (based upon Psalm 146)

Leader: Happy are those whose hope is in the Lord their God. God is the one who made heaven and earth, the sea, and everything in them.

People: Hallelujah! We will praise the Lord as long as we live!

Leader: Our Creator is the one who keeps every promise forever, who gives justice to the oppressed, and food to the hungry.

People: Hallelujah! We will praise the Lord as long as we live!

Leader: The Lord frees the prisoners. The Lord opens the eyes of the blind. The Lord lifts the burdens of those bent beneath their loads. The Lord loves the righteous.

People: Hallelujah! We will praise the Lord as long as we live!

Opening Hymn: Come, Thou Almighty King CH #27

**Come, thou almighty King, help us thy name to sing; help us to praise: one God, all-glorious,
o'er all victorious, come and reign over us, ancient of days.**

**Come, thou incarnate Word, gird on thy mighty sword, our prayer attend; come, and thy
people bless, and give thy word success; Spirit of holiness, on us descend.**

**Come, holy Comforter, thy sacred witness bear, in this glad hour! Thou, who almighty art,
now rule in every heart, and ne'er from us depart, Spirit of power.**

**To the great One in Three, eternal praises be, hence evermore! Thy sovereign majesty,
may we in glory see, and to eternity love and adore.**

Prayers of the People --Rev. Brett Winters

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

NOCC Choral Response

Lectionary Gospel Reading: Mark 12:38-44

As he taught, he said, "Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets! They devour widows' houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation."

He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. Then he called his disciples and said to them, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on."

Morning Message

"Romans 12 Series: Don't Quit In Hard Times, Pray All The Harder."

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

The Words of Institution

Communion Hymn: All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly CH #419

**All who hunger gather gladly; holy manna is our bread.
Come from wilderness and wand'ring. Here in truth we will be fed.
You that yearn for days of fullness, all around us is our food.
Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.**

**All who hunger, never strangers; seeker, be a welcome guest.
Come from restlessness and roaming. Here in joy we keep the feast.
We that once were lost and scattered in communion's love have stood.
Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.**

**All who hunger, sing together, Jesus Christ is living bread.
Come from loneliness and longing. Here in peace we have been fed.
Blest are those who from this table live their days in gratitude.
Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.**

The Communion Prayer

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

Partaking of Communion

Music during Communion---Jeff Nunn

CELEBRATION OF THE PEOPLE'S RESPONSE

Closing Hymn: They'll Know We Are Christians CH#494

**We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord;
We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord;
And we pray that all unity will one day be restored.
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,
yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.**

**We Will work with each other, we will work side by side;
We will work with each other, we will work side by side;
And we'll guard each man's dignity and save each man's pride.
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,
yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.**

**All praise to the Father, from whom all things come;
And all praise to Christ Jesus, His only Son.
And all praise to the Spirit who makes us one.
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,
yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.**

Benediction

Postlude

(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

Kirby Gould to be our Special Guest on Nov. 14th

Join us on Sunday, November 14 at 9:00 a.m. as Kirby Gould will share information about the Christian Church Foundation. CCF is a general ministry of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and works in the stewardship of accumulated resources. They help churches develop policies for permanent funds, endowments, bequest, and special gifts; and they help individuals consider remembering the church and charitable causes in their estate plans. Kirby has been with us in the past, and we look forward to having her with us again. She has been with the Foundation for 24 years, and she and her husband John live in Olathe and are members of Hillcrest Christian Church. To learn about CCF go to:
<https://www.christianchurchfoundation.org/>

Backpack Ministry November Activities

Because of NOCC's loving generosity of prayers, time, and financial support, food will continue to be provided weekly for 11 families to a total of 69 people. Planning is now underway for the Thanksgiving holiday when Sun Fresh gift cards will be provided for each family.

It's a mixed blessing that there are still Sun Fresh gift cards from last year (because some families moved). Nevertheless, for Thanksgiving this year, two \$30 cards will need to be purchased plus five \$35 cards for a total of \$235.00. 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.]

Social Justice Ministry Study meets next time on Nov. 21st at 9:00am

Our social justice studies will meet on an, every other week format. The next study will focus on the Biblical foundations for justice. All are welcome to attend this weekly Sunday Morning educational opportunity.

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