

# NORTH OAK CHRISTIAN CHURCH-DISCIPLES OF CHRIST

Nov. 14<sup>th</sup> 2021--- Twenty Fifth Sunday After Pentecost  
Special Guest from Christian Church Foundation-Kirby Gould,  
Worship Leader-Lee-Ann Semsch, Elder-Charlie Fillingham,  
Intentional Interim Minister-Rev. Brett Winters, Music Director-Jeff Nunn,  
Jubilation Ringers Director-Stacey Reynolds

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

Prelude---Jubilation Ringers  
"Come Let Us Use The Grace Divine"

Welcome/Morning Prayer---Lee-Ann Semsch

### **Call to Worship**

(inspired by 1 Samuel 2:1-10)

Leader: There is no God like our God, who gives strength to the weak,

**People: but breaks the power of the mighty;**

Leader: who gives food to the famished,

**People: but makes those already full work for their bread;**

Leader: who raises the poor from the dust,

**People: but humbles the proud and arrogant.**

**All: There is no God like our God!**

### **Opening Hymn: When Morning Gilds the Skies CH #100**

**When morning gilds the skies, my heart awakening cries, may Jesus Christ be praised!**

**Alike at work and prayer to Jesus I repair; may Jesus Christ be praised!**

**Discordant humankind, in this your concord find, may Jesus Christ be praised!**

**Let all the earth around ring joyous with the sound, may Jesus Christ be praised!**

**Sing, suns and stars of space, sing, all that see his face; may Jesus Christ be praised!**

**God's whole creation o'er, both now and ever more: may Jesus Christ be praised!**

**Be this, while life is mine, my canticle divine; may Jesus Christ be praised!**

**Be this the eternal song, through all the ages long: may Jesus Christ be praised!**

### **Prayers of the People ---Rev. Brett Winters**

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

Musical Response

Scripture Reading: Acts 4:32-37

Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need. There was a Levite, a native of Cyprus, Joseph, to whom the apostles gave the name Barnabas (which means "son of encouragement"). He sold a field that belonged to him, then brought the money, and laid it at the apostles' feet.

Morning Message---Kirby Gould  
"Seeds of Encouragement"

Special Music---Jubilation Ringers  
"This Is My Song"

**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: Seed, Scattered and Sown CH #395**

**(Refrain)**

**Seed, scattered and sown, wheat, gathered and grown,  
bread broken and shared as one, the Living Bread of God.  
Vine, fruit of the land, wine, work of our hands, one cup that is shared by all;  
the Living Cup, the Living Bread of God.**

**Is not the bread we break a sharing in our Lord?  
Is not the cup we bless the blood of Christ outpoured? (Refrain)**

**The seed which falls on rock will wither and will die.  
The seed within good ground will flower and have life. (Refrain)**

**As wheat upon the hills was gathered and was grown,  
so may the church of God be gathered into one. (Refrain)**

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--Kirby Gould  
"Amazing Grace"

**CELEBRATION OF THE PEOPLE'S RESPONSE**

A Time for Sharing

**Closing Hymn: Sister, Let Me Be Your Servant CH#490**

**Sister, let me be your servant, brother, let me walk with you;  
pray that I might have the grace to let you be my servant, too.**

**We are pilgrims on a journey, fellow trav'lers on the road.  
We are here to help each other walk the mile and bear the load.**

**I will weep when you are weeping, when you laugh, I'll laugh with you.  
I will share your joy and sorrow till we've seen this journey thro'.**

**Brother, let me be your servant, sister let me walk with you;  
Pray that I might have the grace to let you be my servant, too.**

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.)*

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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**

### **Thank You to our Guest, Kirby Gould**

Many thanks to Kirby Gould for sharing her gifts, passion, and leadership with us this morning. If you would like to learn more about the ways you can invest with the Christian Church Foundation, please speak with Kirby after worship or go to

<https://www.christianchurchfoundation.org/>

Christian Church Foundation 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 the Foundation for 24 years, and she and her husband John live in Olathe and are members of Hillcrest Christian Church.

### **Worship Leader Sign-Up Link**

A Sign-up genius is now ready for November-January worship leaders. Worship leaders are responsible for a welcome and morning prayer, leading the call to worship and reading scripture on the Sunday they serve! Please sign-up here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0949aaa62ea4ff2-novemberjanuary>

### **In Need of Camera Operators for Worship**

We are in need of individuals willing to run our video and audio in order to continue to stream our Sunday worship to Facebook at full capability. Please let Bob Lewis or Rev. Brett know if you are interested!

### **Social Justice Ministry Study meets next time on Nov. 21<sup>st</sup> 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.

### **Gratitude for Keeping Our Grounds Beautiful!**

On behalf of the Grounds Team and the Congregation we want to say a sincere thanks to each person who helped with mowing, bush trimming, weeding and improving the Labyrinth. Your volunteer efforts saved thousands of dollars to go towards the many important Missions of NOCC.

### **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.