

NORTH OAK CHRISTIAN CHURCH-DISCIPLES OF CHRIST

Nov. 21st 2021--- Final Sunday After Pentecost
Worship Leader-Mel Adams, Elder-Ramie Beck,
Intentional Interim Minister-Rev. Brett Winters, Music Director-Jeff Nunn,

CELEBRATION OF GOD'S PRESENCE

Prelude--- NOCC Choir
"Come Ye Thankful People Come"

Welcome/Morning Prayer---Mel Adams

Call to Worship:

(based upon Joel 2:21-27)

Leader: Children of Zion; rejoice and be glad,

People: for the LORD is about to do great things!

Leader: Days of drought will be no more; rejoice and be glad,

People: for the Lord will pour down abundant rain upon you!

Leader: I will repay you for the plagues that destroyed; rejoice and be glad,

People: You will eat abundantly and be satisfied!

Leader: I am the Lord your God and I am with you; rejoice and be glad,

People: Never again will God's people be put to shame!

Opening Hymn: For The Beauty of the Earth CH#56

**For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,
for the love which from our birth over and around us lies.
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.**

**For the beauty of each hour of the day and of the night,
hill and vale and tree and flower, sun and moon and stars of light,
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.**

**For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth, and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild,
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.**

**For thy church that ever more lifteth holy hands above,
offering up on every shore one pure sacrifice of love,
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.**

Prayers of the People ---Rev. Brett Winters

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

Choral Response

Gospel Reading: Matt 6:25-33

“Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, ‘What will we eat?’ or ‘What will we drink?’ or ‘What will we wear?’ For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

Morning Message: “Do Not Worry”

A Prayer of Thanksgiving

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: Give Thanks CH#528

**Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One;
give thanks, because he’s given Jesus Christ, his Son.**

**Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One;
give thanks, because he’s given Jesus Christ, his Son.**

**And now let the weak say ‘I am strong’, let the poor say ‘I am rich’,
because of what the Lord has done for us;**

**And now let the weak say ‘I am strong’, let the poor say ‘I am rich’,
because of what the Lord has done for us. Give thanks...**

The Communion Prayer---Ramie Beck

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

Thanksgiving Special Day Offering
A Time for Sharing

Closing Hymn: We Gather Together CH#276

**We gather together to ask for God's blessing;
to turn to a wisdom surpassing our own;
the pow'rs that oppress us now cease to distress us.
O God, be present with us, and make your will known.**

**Beside us to guide us, O God we perceive you
ordaining, maintaining the power of life.
Yes, yours be the glory; let all tell the story.
Our God, be ever with us, in gladness and strife!**

**May all sing your praises, Redeemer triumphant,
defend us, befriend us, whatever may be.
May your congregation escape tribulation.
Your name be praised forever, O God, make us free!**

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

Advent Devotionals

Copies of “I Am Mary” by Carol Howard Merritt are available in the lobby for anyone wishing to take part in this daily devotional throughout the season. Mary’s perspective will guide us along our journey to Christmas. The themes and scriptures from the devotional will also be our themes for worship.

Christmas Adoption

We are pleased to be part of the Bell Prairie Christmas Adoption again this year. And with your generosity, we will be helping 10 children have a merrier Christmas. On Sunday, November 21, there will be a display in the foyer with cutouts providing information on the wishes of each child. If you’d like to help, you will select the gift or gifts you would like to purchase. Then you will sign the designated sheet on the table informing us which gift you chose.

After purchasing the gift, you will wrap it, tape the cutout to the bottom of the wrapped package with the circled ID number visible, and bring the gift to church by Sunday, Dec. 5, at the latest. For those of you not attending worship in person who would like to participate, please contact Laraine or Linda, who will provide you with a child’s wish. We can also pick up the wrapped gift from your home if you prefer. Thank you in advance for your blessed spirit of giving! Laraine Walters—(417) 718-1218 Linda Daniels—(816) 560-1239

2021 Thanksgiving Offering

From the very beginning of the movement, Disciples have founded institutions of higher learning, encouraging students in their intellectual pursuits. The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) is still committed to higher education. As we continue to struggle with the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, our higher education institutions are facing unprecedented challenges and need our support now, more than ever. Even as they work diligently to ensure safe and healthy learning environments, the financial realities faced by many of our schools is adding additional stress to students, faculty, and staff. Your gifts make a world of difference as Disciples continue our legacy of supporting education and our institutions of higher learning.

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!