

# NORTH OAK CHRISTIAN CHURCH-DISCIPLES OF CHRIST

October 16th 2022—Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Worship Leader-Jayne Bruno, Elder Jill Rodgers, Elder Mel Adams, Music- Regina Kellogg,

Minister-Rev. Mark Willis

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## CELEBRATION OF GOD'S PRESENCE

**Prelude**

**Regina Kellogg**

**Call to Worship**

**Jayne Bruno**

Leader: We gather today to worship the One who created us,

**People: The One who calls us,**

Leader: The One who equips us,

**People: The One who loves us without end.**

**All: With joyful hearts, let us worship God.**

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**Opening Hymn**

**Congregation**

**"He Leadeth Me, O Blessed Thought!" pg545**

**He leadeth me: O blessed thought!**

**O words with heavenly comfort fraught!**

**Whate'er I do, where'er I be,**

**Still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me.**

**He leadeth me, he leadeth me,**

**By his own hand he leadeth me;**

**His faithful follower I would be,**

**for by his hand he leadeth me.**

**Lord, I would place my hand in thine,**

**Nor ever murmur nor repine;**

**by waters still, o'er troubled sea,**

**still 'tis thy hand that leadeth me.**

**He leadeth me, he leadeth me,**

**By his own hand he leadeth me;**

**His faithful follower I would be,**

**for by his hand he leadeth me.**

**And when my task on earth is done,**

**When by thy grace the victory's won,**

**E'en death's cold wave I will not flee,  
Since God thro' Jordan leadeth me.  
He leadeth me, he leadeth me,  
By his own hand he leadeth me;  
His faithful follower I would be,  
for by his hand he leadeth me.**

**Scripture Reading: Joshua 24:1-4, 14-16**

**Jayne Bruno**

Then Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. And Joshua said to all the people, 'Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: Long ago your ancestors—Terah and his sons Abraham and Nahor—lived beyond the Euphrates and served other gods. Then I took your father Abraham from beyond the River and led him through all the land of Canaan and made his offspring many. I gave him Isaac; and to Isaac I gave Jacob and Esau. I gave Esau the hill country of Seir to possess, but Jacob and his children went down to Egypt.

'Now therefore revere the Lord, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. Now if you are unwilling to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.'

**Prayers of the People**

Rev. Mark Willis

*(Please make your requests & praises known by sharing aloud or emailing [pastor@nocckc.org](mailto:pastor@nocckc.org))*

**Sermon Scripture Reading: Joshua 24:16-26**

Jayne Bruno

*(Please stand, in body or in spirit as you are able, during the reading of the scripture)*

Then the people answered, 'Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord to serve other gods; for it is the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; and the Lord drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the Lord, for he is our God.'

But Joshua said to the people, 'You cannot serve the Lord, for he is a holy God. He is a jealous God; he will not forgive your transgressions or your sins. If you forsake the Lord and serve foreign gods, then he will turn and do you harm, and consume you, after having done you good.' And the people said to Joshua, 'No, we will serve the Lord!' Then Joshua said to the people, 'You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen the Lord, to serve him.' And they said, 'We are witnesses.' He said, 'Then put away the foreign gods that are among you, and incline your hearts to the Lord, the God of Israel.' The people said to Joshua, 'The Lord our God we will serve, and him we will obey.' So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day, and made statutes and ordinances for them at Shechem. Joshua wrote these words in the book of the law of God; and he took a large stone, and set it up there under the oak in the sanctuary of the Lord.

Message  
Willis

“Try, Try Again...and Again”

Rev. Mark

Special Music “Nearer, My God to Thee (In Your Presence)”

Choir

**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

Rev. Mark Willis

Communion Hymn:

Congregation

“One Bread, One Body” pg393  
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.

Communion Prayer  
The Lord's Prayer

Elder Jill Rodgers  
Congregation

*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.*

Partaking of Communion  
Music During Communion

Regina Kellogg

**CELEBRATION OF THE PEOPLE'S RESPONSE**

Offering Moment

Rev. Mark Willis

Closing Hymn

Congregation

**"Take My Life" pg609**  
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 voice, and let me sing;  
unto God my praise I bring.  
take my lips, and let them be  
filled with messages from thee,  
filled with messages from thee.

Take my silver and my gold;  
not a mite would I withhold.  
take my intellect, and use  
every power as thou shalt choose,  
every power as thou shalt choose.

Take my will, and make it thine;  
it shall be no longer mine.  
take my heart, it is thine own;  
it shall be thy royal throne,  
it shall be thy royal throne.

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. Mark Willis

**Postlude**

**Regina Kellogg**

*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)**

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## **Our Life Together**

**Social Justice Seekers**

### **Chili Lunch Returns!**

The Community Life Team invites everyone to enjoy an after-worship chili lunch on Sunday, October 30<sup>th</sup>. You can volunteer to bring chili, chips, crackers, apples, or another yummy!

We look forward to celebrating autumn together. October 30<sup>th</sup> is the Chiefs bye-week, so we hope everyone can join the celebration.

### **Once Upon a Saturday**

"Once Upon a Saturday", our elementary reading event, will be on Saturday, October 22nd, 10:00AM - 11:00AM. Bring your little ones, pre-school through 5th grade, to hear a story or two read by our incredible leaders. There will be music and snacks for the kids, and coffee and donuts for parents! Invite a child and bring them for a magical reading moment.

### **Family Backpack Ministry**

This ministry provides food for families at both Bell Prairie Elementary School and Gateway 6th Grade Center in the North Kansas City School District. Volunteer opportunities are varied and flexible: prayer, finances, packer, delivery person, or grocery stocker for our pantry.

Want to learn more or volunteer? Contact Terry Becker: 816-516-5085 or

[tennisterry4olove@gmail.com](mailto:tennisterry4olove@gmail.com)

### **NOCC Choir – CHRISTMAS CANTATA**

This year's Christmas Cantata will be a joint choir with North Kansas City Christian Church!

ANYONE CAN JOIN IN! The Cantata will be performed at NOCC Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup> at 2:00PM. If you would like to participate, rehearsals are Wednesday evenings at NOCC from 6:30-7:15pm. If you love singing with friends and look forward to enhancing our worship through beautiful music, this is the group for you. If you have questions, email Regina at

[reginakaye1971@gmail.com](mailto:reginakaye1971@gmail.com)

### **Jubilation Bell Choir**

The Jubilation Ringers would love to make some music with you this Fall! The group meets on Sundays after church for an hour to practice making music with the ringing of bells! We select the music to play, practice, and share our music ministry with the congregation! Let us teach you how to ring! If you can count to 4, hold two bells, and find your notes on the music, then you are a good candidate for our musical team! Any level of past music experience is helpful and we will get you started! For questions, please feel free to reach out to the current ringers: Laraine, Ramie, Jamie, Jill, or Debbie. You can also email or call Stacey

at: 816-519-5132 or [confetti817@gmail.com](mailto:confetti817@gmail.com)

### **Sojourners Adult Sunday School Class**

Sojourners class is meeting at 9:00am on Sunday mornings in the Fellowship room. All are welcome.

The class is reading and discussing "Do I Stay Christian?" by Brian McClaren.

### **Men's Bible Study**

The Men's Bible Study meets on Tuesday mornings at 9:45. We discuss scripture and relevant topics together via Zoom. Starting this Tuesday, we will be reading and discussing the Narrative Lectionary ([narrative\\_lectionary\\_matthew\\_2022-23.pdf \(workingpreacher.org\)](https://www.workingpreacher.org/narrative_lectionary_matthew_2022-23.pdf)) which Pastor Mark will be using

to shape worship each week. All men are welcome. Email David Nelson at [humanagenda@gmail.com](mailto:humanagenda@gmail.com) for the Zoom link and join in!

### **Women's Bible Study**

The women's daytime Bible study group will be starting our 2022-23 term studying the book "Forgiving What You Can't Forget" by Lysa Terkeurst. The study will meet at the Fillingham's home on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month at 12:30. Everyone is invited! If you are interested in joining this caring group, you can contact Carolyn Fillingham at [ccfillingham@gmail.com](mailto:ccfillingham@gmail.com) or 816-289-7858.