

# NORTH OAK CHRISTIAN CHURCH-DISCIPLES OF CHRIST

October 23rd 2022—Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Worship Leader-Ramie Beck, Elder Mel Adams, Elder Ramie Beck, Music- Regina Kellogg,

Minister-Rev. Mark Willis

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## CELEBRATION OF GOD'S PRESENCE

<b>Prelude</b>	<b>Regina Kellogg</b>
<b>Invocation</b>	<b>Ramie Beck</b>
<b>Call to Worship</b>	<b>Ramie Beck</b>

Leader: Children of God: welcome!

**People: Welcome to this place of love and grace,**

Leader: Welcome to this place of hope and perseverance.

**People: God invites all of us to be a part of the beloved community,**

Leader: God invites all of us to share in the good news:

**People: We are welcome, just as we are.**

Leader: We are loved, just as we are.

**People: In gratitude for all of this, let us worship God.**

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<b>Opening Hymn</b>	<b>Congregation</b>
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**" We Sing Your Mighty Power, O God" pg64**

**We sing your mighty power, O God,  
that made the mountains rise,  
that spread the flowing seas abroad,  
and built the lofty skies.**

**We sing the wisdom that ordained  
the sun to rule the day;  
the moon shines full at your command,  
and all the stars obey.**

**We sing your goodness, sovereign God,  
who filled the earth with food;  
you formed the creatures with your word,**

and then pronounced them good.  
Oh! how your wonders are displayed  
where'er we turn our eyes,  
if we survey the ground we tread,  
or gaze upon the skies.

There's not a plant or flower below  
but makes your glories known;  
and clouds arise, and tempests blow,  
by order from your throne.  
while all that borrows life from you  
is ever in your care,  
and everywhere that we can be,  
you, God, are present there.

**Scripture Reading: 2 Samuel 12:1-9**

**Ramie Beck**

and the Lord sent Nathan to David. He came to him, and said to him, 'There were two men in a certain city, one rich and the other poor. The rich man had very many flocks and herds; but the poor man had nothing but one little ewe lamb, which he had bought. He brought it up, and it grew up with him and with his children; it used to eat of his meagre fare, and drink from his cup, and lie in his bosom, and it was like a daughter to him. Now there came a traveler to the rich man, and he was loath to take one of his own flock or herd to prepare for the wayfarer who had come to him, but he took the poor man's lamb, and prepared that for the guest who had come to him.' Then David's anger was greatly kindled against the man. He said to Nathan, 'As the Lord lives, the man who has done this deserves to die; he shall restore the lamb fourfold, because he did this thing, and because he had no pity.' Nathan said to David, 'You are the man! Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: I anointed you king over Israel, and I rescued you from the hand of Saul; I gave you your master's house, and your master's wives into your bosom, and gave you the house of Israel and of Judah; and if that had been too little, I would have added as much more. Why have you despised the word of the Lord, to do what is evil in his sight? You have struck down Uriah the Hittite with the sword, and have taken his wife to be your wife, and have killed him with the sword of the Ammonites.

**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: Psalm 51**

**Ramie Beck**

To the leader. A Psalm of David, when the prophet Nathan came to him, after he had gone in to Bathsheba.

Have mercy on me, O God,  
according to your steadfast love;  
according to your abundant mercy  
blot out my transgressions.  
Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,

and cleanse me from my sin.  
For I know my transgressions,  
and my sin is ever before me.  
Against you, you alone, have I sinned,  
and done what is evil in your sight,  
so that you are justified in your sentence  
and blameless when you pass judgement.  
Indeed, I was born guilty,  
a sinner when my mother conceived me.  
You desire truth in the inward being;  
therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.  
Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;  
wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.  
Let me hear joy and gladness;  
let the bones that you have crushed rejoice.  
Hide your face from my sins,  
and blot out all my iniquities.

**Message**

**“We All Need a Nathan”**

**Rev. Mark Willis**

**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/The Words of Institution**

**Rev. Mark Willis**

**Communion Hymn:**

**Congregation**

**“Precious Lord, Take My Hand” pg628**  
**Precious Lord, take my hand**  
**Lead me on, let me stand**  
**I am tired, I am weak, I am worn**  
**Through the storm, through the night**  
**Lead me on to the light**  
**Take my hand, precious Lord**  
**Lead me home**

**When my way grows drear**  
**Precious Lord, linger near**  
**When my life is almost gone**  
**Hear my cry, hear my call**  
**Hold my hand, lest I fall**  
**Take my hand precious Lord**

Lead me home

When the darkness appears  
And the night draws near  
And the day is past and gone  
At the river, I stand  
Guide my feet, hold my hand  
Take my hand precious Lord  
Lead me home

Communion Prayer  
The Lord's Prayer

Elder Mel Adams  
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

"Marching to Zion" pg707 vs1,2,4  
Come, we that love the Lord,  
and let our joys be known;  
Join in a song with sweet accord,  
join in a song with sweet accord  
and thus surround the throne,  
and thus surround the throne.  
We're marching to Zion,  
beautiful, beautiful Zion;  
we're marching upward to Zion,  
the beautiful city of God.

Let those refuse to sing  
who never knew our God;  
but children of the heavenly King,  
but children of the heavenly King  
may speak their joys abroad,  
may speak their joys abroad.  
We're marching to Zion,

beautiful, beautiful Zion;  
we're marching upward to Zion,  
the beautiful city of God.

Then let our songs abound,  
and every tear be dry;  
we're marching through Emmanuel's ground,  
we're marching through Emmanuel's ground,  
to fairer worlds on high,  
to fairer worlds on high.  
We're marching to Zion,  
beautiful, beautiful Zion;  
we're marching upward to Zion,  
the beautiful city of God.

**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**  
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)  
Contact Pastor Mark Willis at 816-616-9746 [pastor@nocckc.org](mailto:pastor@nocckc.org)

## **Our Life Together**

### **Social Justice Seekers**

The NOCC Social Justice Seekers will meet after worship today. We will be continuing our previous discussion on microaggressions and we will also begin organizing ourselves into issue / action groups, each oriented towards addressing a particular area of social justice. The group generally meets after worship on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month but, due to scheduling conflicts and the Thanksgiving holidays, our sole meeting in November will be held on November 6. All are welcome.

### **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.

### **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)

### **Family Promise**

NOCC, along with other churches, provides food, clothing and assistance every month for the folks who come to Family Promise. Family Promise's core program is to provide dignity to unhoused and housing insecure individuals. Family Promise in the Northland serves 20-25 individuals weekly. North Oak Christian Church volunteers assist with meal preparation, clothing donations, laundry assistance, cleaning showers, and meal service. If you want to volunteer or donate, contact Debbie at [thomsod5000@att.net](mailto:thomsod5000@att.net)

### **Cherith Brook**

NOCC needs volunteers to help with delivery of donations to Cherith Brook, for a couple of hours once a month. Cherith Brook is a Presbyterian-run Catholic Worker house that offers showers, clothing, breakfast, and transitional housing for folks experiencing homelessness in this historic northeast neighborhood of Kansas City. For more information contact Dale Herrick at 816-215-4369 or [drherrick03@gmail.com](mailto:drherrick03@gmail.com)

### **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)

### **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 \(workingpreacher.org\)](#)) 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!

### **Daytime 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.

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

The Evening Women's Bible Study meets at Babs Krueger's home, 10117 N Park Ave in Staley Farms at 6:45-8:00 the first & third Tuesday evenings of each month. The group is studying "Following The Call, Living the Sermon on the Mount". All are welcome. For more info, contact Jayne Bruno at [jaynesuebruno@gmail.com](mailto:jaynesuebruno@gmail.com)