

NORTH OAK CHRISTIAN CHURCH-DISCIPLS OF CHRIST

October 30th 2022—Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

Worship Leader-Amy Hearst, Elder Jerry Semsch, Elder Mel Adams, Music- Regina Kellogg,

Minister-Rev. Mark Willis

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CELEBRATION OF GOD'S PRESENCE

Prelude Regina Kellogg

Invocation Amy Hearst

Call to Worship Amy Hearst

Leader: A love that never ceases,

People: A creativity that designed the universe,

Leader: A hope that cannot be quenched,

People: A pursuit of reconciliation no matter the cost:

Leader: These are the things that are of God,

People: Then let us worship God.

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Opening Hymn Congregation

" Standing in the Need of Prayer" pg579

It's me (it's me), it's me, O Lord,

Standing in the need of prayer.

It's me (it's me), it's me, O Lord,

Standing in the need of prayer.

Not my brother, not my sister, but it's me, O Lord,

Standing in the need of prayer.

Not my brother, not my sister, but it's me, O Lord,

Standing in the need of prayer.

It's me (it's me), it's me, O Lord,

Standing in the need of prayer.

It's me (it's me), it's me, O Lord,

Standing in the need of prayer.

Not the preacher, not the teacher, but it's me, O Lord,

Standing in the need of prayer.

Not the preacher, not the teacher, but it's me, O Lord,

**Standing in the need of prayer.
It's me (it's me), it's me, O Lord,
Standing in the need of prayer.
It's me (it's me), it's me, O Lord,
Standing in the need of prayer.**

**Not my father, not my mother, but it's me, O Lord,
Standing in the need of prayer.
Not my father, not my mother, but it's me, O Lord,
Standing in the need of prayer.
It's me (it's me), it's me, O Lord,
Standing in the need of prayer.
It's me (it's me), it's me, O Lord,
Standing in the need of prayer.**

**Not the stranger, not my neighbor, but it's me, O Lord,
Standing in the need of prayer.
Not the stranger, not my neighbor, but it's me, O Lord,
Standing in the need of prayer.
It's me (it's me), it's me, O Lord,
Standing in the need of prayer.
It's me (it's me), it's me, O Lord,
Standing in the need of prayer.**

Scripture Reading: 1 Kings 3:4-14

Amy Hearst

The king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there, for that was the principal high place; Solomon used to offer a thousand burnt-offerings on that altar. At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, 'Ask what I should give you.' And Solomon said, 'You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart towards you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. And now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?'

It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. God said to him, 'Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you. I give you also what you have not asked, both riches and honor all your life; no other king shall compare with you. If you will walk in my ways, keeping

my statutes and my commandments, as your father David walked, then I will lengthen your life.'

Prayers of the People

Rev. Mark Willis

(Please make your requests & praises known by sharing aloud or emailing pastor@nocckc.org)

Sermon Scripture Reading: 1 Kings 3:16-28

Amy Hearst

Later, two women who were prostitutes came to the king and stood before him. One woman said, 'Please, my lord, this woman and I live in the same house; and I gave birth while she was in the house. Then on the third day after I gave birth, this woman also gave birth. We were together; there was no one else with us in the house, only the two of us were in the house. Then this woman's son died in the night, because she lay on him. She got up in the middle of the night and took my son from beside me while your servant slept. She laid him at her breast, and laid her dead son at my breast. When I rose in the morning to nurse my son, I saw that he was dead; but when I looked at him closely in the morning, clearly it was not the son I had borne.' But the other woman said, 'No, the living son is mine, and the dead son is yours.' The first said, 'No, the dead son is yours, and the living son is mine.' So they argued before the king.

Then the king said, 'One says, "This is my son that is alive, and your son is dead"; while the other says, "Not so! Your son is dead, and my son is the living one."' So the king said, 'Bring me a sword', and they brought a sword before the king. The king said, 'Divide the living boy in two; then give half to one, and half to the other.' But the woman whose son was alive said to the king—because compassion for her son burned within her—'Please, my lord, give her the living boy; certainly do not kill him!' The other said, 'It shall be neither mine nor yours; divide it.' Then the king responded: 'Give the first woman the living boy; do not kill him. She is his mother.' All Israel heard of the judgement that the king had rendered; and they stood in awe of the king, because they perceived that the wisdom of God was in him, to execute justice.

Message

"Wisdom in an Age of Ignorance"

Rev. Mark Willis

Special Music

"You Are Mine"

NOCC 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

"Sweet Hour of Prayer" pg570
Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer!
That calls me from a world of care,
And bids me at my Father's throne
Make all my wants and wishes known.

In seasons of distress and grief,
My soul has often found relief,
And oft escaped the tempter's snare
By thy return, sweet hour of prayer!

Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer!
the joys I feel, the bliss I share
of those whose anxious spirits burn
with strong desires for thy return!
With such I hasten to the place
where God my Savior shows his face,
and gladly take my station there,
And wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer!

Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer!
thy wings shall my petition bear
to him whose truth and faithfulness
engage the waiting soul to bless.
And since he bids me seek his face,
believe his word, and trust his grace,
I'll cast on him my every care,
and wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer!

Communion Prayer
The Lord's Prayer

Elder Jerry Semsch
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.

LORD'S PRAYER CHORAL REPONSE
Choir

NOCC

Partaking of Communion
Music During Communion

Regina Kellogg

CELEBRATION OF THE PEOPLE'S RESPONSE

Offering Moment

Rev. Mark Willis

Closing Hymn

Congregation

"What a Friend We Have in Jesus" pg585
What a friend we have in Jesus,

all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
everything to God in prayer!
Oh, what peace we often forfeit,
oh, what needless pain we bear,
all because we do not carry
everything to God in prayer.

Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged;
take it to the Lord in prayer!
Can we find a friend so faithful
who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness;
take it to the Lord in prayer!

Are we weak and heavy laden,
cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge,
take it to the Lord in prayer!
Do your friends despise, forsake you?
Take it to the Lord in prayer!
In his arms he'll take and shield you;
you will find a solace there.

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 www.kcdisciples.org www.disciples.org

Contact Pastor Mark Willis at 816-616-9746 pastor@nocckc.org

Our Life Together

Chili Lunch Returns!

The Community Life Team invites everyone to enjoy an after-worship chili lunch **TODAY!** Stay after worship for great food and wonderful fellowship together. **ALL** are welcome to stay and eat. The table is full of good offerings.

Movies and Munchies

November 3rd at 6 p.m. at Ann and David Nelson's home. The movie will be "Father Stu", available on Netflix. Please watch prior to attending so you can share your insights and thoughts. Fully vaccinated welcome. RSVP, as space is limited, at humanagenda@gmail.com

Backpack Ministry Updates for the Upcoming Holidays

With both Thanksgiving and Christmas approaching, the Family Backpack "arm" of the Community Outreach Ministries (COM) is announcing new opportunities to assist the Bell Prairie families.

1. For the Thanksgiving and Christmas breaks, it is our custom to provide Sun Fresh gift cards for each family.
2. With the current number of families, we will need a total of \$280.00 for Thanksgiving, aka "Turkey Day". (If the number of families doesn't change, we will need the same amount for Christmas.)
3. Please consider donating any amount toward these gift cards that will aid families during the holidays.
4. When writing a check, please put "COM" (Community Outreach Ministries) in the memo.

Christmas adoptions information:

For Christmas, NOCC will once again "adopt" 10 Bell Prairie children by providing wrapped gifts, items that children will have requested. We elves should have their lists before Thanksgiving. Details coming soon! Want to learn more or volunteer? Contact Terry Becker: 816-516-5085 or tennisterry40love@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 11th 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

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

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

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 tennisterry40love@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

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](https://www.workingpreacher.org/narrative_lectionary_matthew_2022-23.pdf) ([workingpreacher.org](https://www.workingpreacher.org))) which Pastor Mark will be using to shape worship each week. All men are welcome. Email David Nelson at 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 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