

NORTH OAK CHRISTIAN CHURCH-DISCIPLES OF CHRIST

November 6th 2022—Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost

Worship Leader-Courtney Holt, Elder Charlie Fillingham, Elder Ramie Beck, Music- Regina Kellogg, Minister-Rev. Mark Willis

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CELEBRATION OF GOD'S PRESENCE

Prelude	"SONG WITHOUT WORDS"	Jubilation Bell Choir
Invocation		Courtney Holt
Call to Worship		Courney Holt

Leader: Welcome, friends, to this holy day.

People: We come to offer thanks; we come to sing and pray.

L: Welcome, friends, to this time set apart,

P: A time to remember those we love, and time to remember the holy promises of God.

L: Welcome, friends, to this table of remembrance and joy,

P: The table where we are fed, the feast we share with many.

L: Welcome, friends, and let us worship God.

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Opening Hymn		Congregation
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" Trust and Obey" pg556
When we walk with the Lord
in the light of his word,
what a glory he sheds on our way!
While we do his good will,
he abides with us still,
and with all who will trust and obey
Trust and obey,
for there's no other way
to be happy in Jesus,
but to trust and obey.

Not a burden we bear,
not a sorrow we share,

but our toil he will richly repay;
not a grief or a loss,
not a frown or a cross,
but is blest if we trust and obey.

Trust and obey,
for there's no other way
to be happy in Jesus,
but to trust and obey.

But we never can prove
the delights of his love
until all on the altar we lay;
for the favor he shows
and the joy he bestows
are for them who will trust and obey.

Trust and obey,
for there's no other way
to be happy in Jesus,
but to trust and obey.

Then in fellowship sweet
we will sit at his feet,
or we'll walk by his side in the way;
What he says we will do,
where he sends we will go--
never fear, only trust and obey.

Trust and obey,
for there's no other way
to be happy in Jesus,
but to trust and obey.

Scripture Reading: 2 Kings 5:1-14

Courtney Holt

Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favor with his master, because by him the Lord had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from leprosy. Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. She said to her mistress, 'If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy.' So Naaman went in and told his lord just what the girl from the land of Israel had said. And the king of Aram said, 'Go then, and I will send along a letter to the king of Israel.' He went, taking with him ten talents of silver, six thousand shekels of gold, and ten sets of garments. He brought the letter to the king of Israel, which read, 'When this letter reaches you, know that I have sent to you my servant Naaman, that you may cure him of his leprosy.' When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, 'Am I God, to give death

or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his leprosy? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me.’

But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, ‘Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel.’ So Naaman came with his horses and chariots, and halted at the entrance of Elisha’s house. Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, ‘Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored and you shall be clean.’ But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, ‘I thought that for me he would surely come out, and stand and call on the name of the Lord his God, and would wave his hand over the spot, and cure the leprosy! Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them, and be clean?’ He turned and went away in a rage. But his servants approached and said to him, ‘Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, “Wash, and be clean”?’ So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean.

Prayers of the People

Rev. Mark Willis

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

Sermon Scripture Reading: 2 Kings 5:15-24

Courtney Holt

Then [Naaman] returned to the man of God, he and all his company; he came and stood before him and said, ‘Now I know that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel; please accept a present from your servant.’ But he said, ‘As the Lord lives, whom I serve, I will accept nothing!’ He urged him to accept, but he refused. Then Naaman said, ‘If not, please let two mule-loads of earth be given to your servant; for your servant will no longer offer burnt-offering or sacrifice to any god except the Lord. But may the Lord pardon your servant on one count: when my master goes into the house of Rimmon to worship there, leaning on my arm, and I bow down in the house of Rimmon, when I do bow down in the house of Rimmon, may the Lord pardon your servant on this one count.’ He said to him, ‘Go in peace.’ But when Naaman had gone from him a short distance, Gehazi, the servant of Elisha the man of God, thought, ‘My master has let that Aramean Naaman off too lightly by not accepting from him what he offered. As the Lord lives, I will run after him and get something out of him.’ So Gehazi went after Naaman. When Naaman saw someone running after him, he jumped down from the chariot to meet him and said, ‘Is everything all right?’ He replied, ‘Yes, but my master has sent me to say, “Two members of a company of prophets have just come to me from the hill country of Ephraim; please give them a talent of silver and two changes of clothing.”’ Naaman said, ‘Please accept two talents.’ He urged him, and tied up two talents of silver in two bags, with two changes of clothing, and gave them to two of his servants, who carried them in front of Gehazi. When he came to the citadel, he took the bags from them, and stored them inside; he dismissed the men, and they left.

Message

“How Will I Serve?”

Rev. Mark Willis

Special Music

“O GOD BEYOND ALL PRAISING”

Jubilation Bell Choir

Thank you to Gloria Dei Lutheran for lending us some of the chimes for today's pieces.

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

“Here at Thy Table Lord” pg384

Here at thy table, Lord,
this sacred hour,
O let us feel thee near,
in loving power;
calling our thoughts away
from self and sin.
as to thy banquet hall
we enter in.

Sit at the feast, dear Lord,
break thou the bread;
fill thou the cup that brings
life to the dead;
that we may find in thee
pardon and peace;
and from all bondage win
a full release.

Come then, O holy Christ,
feed us, we pray;
touch with thy pierced hand
each common day;
making this earthly life
full of Thy grace,
till in the home of heaven
we find our place.

Communion Prayer

Elder Charlie Fillingham

The Lord's Prayer

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

“Why I Give”

Dale Herrick

Closing Hymn

Congregation

“No, Not One!” pg544 vs 1, 2, 4
There's not a friend like the lowly Jesus--
No, not one! no, not one!
None else could heal all our soul's diseases--
No, not one! no, not one!
Jesus knows all about our struggles,
He will guide till the day is done;
There's not a friend like the lowly Jesus--
No, not one! no, not one!

No friend like Him is so high and holy,
No, not one! no, not one!
And yet no friend is so meek and lowly,
No, not one! no, not one!
Jesus knows all about our struggles,
He will guide till the day is done;
There's not a friend like the lowly Jesus--
No, not one! no, not one!

Was e'er a gift like the Savior given?
No, not one! no, not one!
Will He refuse us a home in heaven?
No, not one! no, not one!
Jesus knows all about our struggles,
He will guide till the day is done;
There's not a friend like the lowly Jesus--
No, not one! no, not one!

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 HUMBLLY, 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

Social Justice Seekers

The NOCC Social Justice Seekers will be meeting in the sanctuary after our hospitality hour today. As this will be the only meeting in November, we plan an extended (up to 90 minutes) session during which we will be exploring "justice vs. charity" and establishing our issue oriented breakout groups. Note that our sole December meeting will also be held on the 1st Sunday of that month, 12/4. All are welcome to attend.

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.

On behalf of the families we serve, appreciation goes to Lee-Ann and Jerry Semsch for their work for the Backpack Ministry in October. They fetched groceries from Sun Fresh, stored them in the pantry, then packed the food and delivered it to Bell Prairie Elementary School each week in October. Thank you, Team Semsch!

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

The Christmas Cantata will be Sunday, December 11th at 2:00PM here at NOCC. We will perform with the choir from North Kansas City Christian Church. Make plans to attend and enhance your Advent season with beautiful music, worship, and fellowship. 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

CHERITH BROOK honeybees are busy all summer supporting the work of this special organization by providing wonderful honey. Using volunteers Rev. Eric Garbison directs the harvest and asks supporters and friends to donate \$10 for one or more jars to help CB. They are available for the next few Sundays from Dale Herrick. Check or cash and for special orders see Dale. Thanks from CB and their Bees.

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 (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