

NORTH OAK CHRISTIAN CHURCH-DISCIPLES OF CHRIST

January 8th 2023 - The First Sunday After the Epiphany

Worship Leader-Jayne Bruno, Elder Ellen Lewis, Elder Charlie Fillingham,

Music- Regina Kellogg, Minister-Rev. Mark Willis

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CELEBRATION OF GOD'S PRESENCE

Prelude "He Shall Reign Forever More" **NOCC Choir**

Invocation **Jayne Bruno**

Call to Worship **Jayne Bruno**

Leader: In the beginning when God created;

People: A wind swept over the waters,

L: A breath warmed the dark voids,

P: A Spirit called forth creation.

L: God gave in grace:

P: Let there be light for all to see,

L: Let there be water for all to pass through,

P: Let there be life in the midst of death and beyond death.

L: And God invited and invites us to respond, rejoicing!

P: It was good,

L: It was awesome and awe-filled,

P: It is good.

(<https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/resources/>)

Opening Hymn **Congregation**

"Come Christians Join to Sing" pg 90

Come, Christians, join to sing:

Alleluia! Amen!

loud praise to Christ we bring:

Alleluia! Amen!

let all with heart and voice,

before his throne rejoice;

praise we with gracious choice:

Alleluia! Amen!

Come, lift your hearts on high,

Alleluia! Amen!

let praises fill the sky:

Alleluia! Amen!

Christ is our guide and friend

on whom we can depend;

his love shall never end:

Alleluia! Amen!

Praise yet our Christ again:
Alleluia! Amen!
life shall not end the strain:
Alleluia! Amen!
on heaven's blissful shore
his goodness we'll adore,
singing for evermore:
Alleluia! Amen!

Scripture Reading: Matthew 3:1-12

Jayne Bruno

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.' This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said,

'The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

"Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight."'

Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, 'You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, "We have Abraham as our ancestor"; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

'I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing-floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.'

Prayers of the People

Rev. Mark Willis

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

Sermon Scripture Reading: Matthew 3:13-17

Jayne Bruno

Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, 'I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?' But Jesus answered him, 'Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfil all righteousness.' Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.'

Message

"A Brand New Day"

Rev. Mark Willis

Baptismal Hymn

“What Was Your Vow and Vision” pg177 Congregation

What was your vow and vision,
revealed and recognized,
Christ, when you came to Jordan
and asked to be baptized?
Was there a sudden splendor
of prophets, priests, and kings,
a wind that stirred the waters,
a blur of mighty wings?

Was this God's call, the crowning
of all you had become:
"Go, show and tell my coming,
my own, my chosen one?"
Did scripture join with scripture,
revealing in surprise
the triumph of a servant
rejected and despised?

We meet you at the water
and ponder why and how,
in hope that we may follow
where God is going now,
anointed with your Spirit,
reborn, and energized,
through deed and word proclaiming:
"In Christ we are baptized!"

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 Ellen Lewis

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

Rev. Mark Willis

Closing 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.

Benediction

Rev. Mark Willis

**Postlude
Kellogg**

Regina

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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

Souper Bowl Sunday

North Oak will once again celebrate Super Bowl Sunday with a Souper Bowl lunch after worship on February 12. Be ready to volunteer to bring your favorite soup to share. We will have a sign-up in the coming weeks.

Backpack Ministry Updates

Currently, NOCC is serving 13 Bell Prairie families and 12 families at Gateway 6th Grade Center by providing food for these neighbors. Ingredients for a family meal are sent home each

week for Bell Prairie families, while food items are provided in a supervised food pantry at Gateway for those families.

Once the December bill from Sun Fresh is received and paid for \$284.27, the balance in the Backpack Ministry account will be \$3911.99, as of December 27, 2022. NOCC is truly blessed with such good fortune. May good fortune and many blessings also be bestowed on those we serve in the coming new year.

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 for the past few years has been a major source of support for clothing and funds to help cover the costs of operations. The Tuesday Women's Bible Group are providing 20 new sleeping bags to be a major part of the CB season's gift giving to guests.

If you want to learn more about Cherith Brook and how you can be involved, please talk with Dale Herrick at drherrick03@gmail.com

Jubilation Ringers

The Jubilation Ringers handbell choir meet to practice on Sundays after church for an hour. Come learn 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! For questions, please feel free to reach out to the current ringers or email or call Stacey at: 816-519-5132 or confetti817@gmail.com

Sojourners Adult Sunday School Class

Sojourners Adult Class for the next 8 weeks will be focused on "The Bible: A Biography" by Karen Armstrong and My personal understanding and use of The Bible. All are welcome.

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. We are currently 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 is studying the book "Forgiving What You Can't Forget" by Lysa Terkeurst. The study meets 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