

NORTH OAK CHRISTIAN CHURCH-DISCIPLES OF CHRIST

January 15th 2023 - The Second Sunday After the Epiphany
Worship Leader-Linda Daniels, Elder Charlie Fillingham, Elder Ellen Lewis,
Music- Regina Kellogg, Minister-Rev. Mark Willis

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CELEBRATION OF GOD'S PRESENCE

Prelude

Regina Kellog

Invocation

Linda Daniels

Call to Worship

Linda Daniels

Leader: Because you have made the Lord your refuge, the Most High your dwelling-place,

People: God will command the angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways.

L: On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.

P: Those who love me, I will deliver; I will protect those who know my name.

L: When they call to me, I will answer them; I will be with them in trouble, I will rescue them and honour them.

P: With long life I will satisfy them, and show them my salvation.

(Based on Psalm 91)

Opening Hymn

Congregation

"We Sing the Mighty Power of God" pg 64

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: Matthew 4:1-11

Linda Daniels

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.' But he answered, 'It is written,

"One does not live by bread alone,

but by every word that comes from the mouth of God."'

Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, 'If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written,

"He will command his angels concerning you",

and "On their hands they will bear you up,

so that you will not dash your foot against a stone."'

Jesus said to him, 'Again it is written, "Do not put the Lord your God to the test."'

Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour; and he said to him, 'All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.' Jesus said to him, 'Away with you, Satan! for it is written,

"Worship the Lord your God,

and serve only him."'

Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

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 4:12-17

Linda Daniels

Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the lake, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

'Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali,

on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—

the people who sat in darkness

have seen a great light,

and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death

light has dawned.'

From that time Jesus began to proclaim, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.'

Message

"Jesus & Clark"

Rev. Mark Willis

Special Music

"Jesus, Draw Me Ever Nearer"

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

“All Who Hunger Gather Gladly” pg419

All who hunger gather gladly;
holy manna is our bread.
Come from wilderness and wand'ring.
Here in truth we will be fed.
You that yearn for days of fullness,
all around us is our food.
Taste and see the grace eternal.
Taste and see that God is good.

All who hunger, never strangers;
seeker, be a welcome guest.
Come from restlessness and roaming.
Here in joy we keep the feast.
We that once were lost and scattered
in communion's love have stood.
Taste and see the grace eternal.
Taste and see that God is good.

All who hunger, sing together,
Jesus Christ is living bread.
Come from loneliness and longing.
Here in peace we have been led.
Blest are those who from this table
live their days in gratitude.
Taste and see the grace eternal.
Taste and see that God is good.

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

Rev. Mark Willis

Closing Hymn

Congregation

“Abide with Me” pg636 vs1,3,5

Abide with me, fast falls the eventide;
The darkness deepens, God, with me abide:
When other helpers fail, and comforts flee,
help of the helpless, O abide with me.

I need thy presence every passing hour;
what but thy grace can foil the tempter's power?
Who, like thyself, my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, O abide with me.

Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes;
shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies;
Heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;
in life, in death, O God, abide with me.

Benediction

Rev. Mark Willis

Postlude
Kellogg

Regina

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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 today, January 15, after worship. Our discussion topic this month is Christian Nationalism. We will also be hearing from our breakout teams concerning their plans for pushing back against injustice in those

areas which they have chosen to address. The meeting should last about 1 hour and all are welcome.

Souper Bowl Sunday and Fellowship Sundays

North Oak will once again celebrate Super Bowl Sunday with a Souper Bowl lunch after worship on February 12. Sign up for this AND/OR sign up to provide refreshments for a First Sunday Fellowship. Talk to Cindy O'Hara if you have questions.

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. If you would like to help with this ministry, contact Terry Becker at tennisterry40love@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 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