

NORTH OAK CHRISTIAN CHURCH-DISCIPLES OF CHRIST

January 22nd, 2023 - The Third Sunday After the Epiphany
Worship Leader-Mel Adams, Elder Ellen Lewis, Elder Charlie Fillingham
Music- Regina Kellogg, Minister-Rev. Mark Willis

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CELEBRATION OF GOD'S PRESENCE

Prelude Regina Kellogg

Invocation Mel Adams

Call to Worship Mel Adams

Leader: Jesus says we are salt of the earth, light of the world.

People: God's grace, hope, and love make it so.

L: But if salt isn't salty?

P: It isn't what it's meant to be.

L: And if a light doesn't shine?

P: It isn't what it's meant to be.

L: Jesus says we are salt of the earth, light of the world. Briny and bright, we are God's faithful people.

P: We shall be who we are meant to be in Christ: a welcoming oasis, a compassionate community, a justice-making people, giving glory to God!

(Based on Matthew 5:13-16)

Opening Hymn Congregation

"Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing" pg 16

Come, thou Fount of every blessing,
tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing,
call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,
mount of thy redeeming love.

Here I raise to thee an altar;
hither by thy help I've come;
and I hope, by thy good pleasure,
safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
wandering from the fold of God;
he, to rescue me from danger,
interposed his precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor
daily I'm constrained to be!

Let thy goodness, like a fetter,
bind my wandering heart to thee.
prone to wander, how I feel it,
prone to leave the God I love;
here's my heart, O take and seal it,
seal it for thy courts above.

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 5:1-16

Mel Adams

(Please stand, in body or spirit as able, for the reading of the Gospel)

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

‘Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

‘Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

‘Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

‘Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

‘Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

‘Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

‘Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

‘Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

‘Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

‘You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

‘You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hidden. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

Message

“Salty and Shiny”

Rev. Mark Willis

Special Music

“Lead Me Lord”

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

“I Need Thee Every Hour” pg578

I need Thee every hour,
Most gracious Lord;
No tender voice like Thine
Can peace afford.
I need Thee, oh, I need Thee;
every hour I need Thee;
O bless me now, my Savior,
I come to Thee.

I need Thee every hour;
Stay Thou near by;
Temptations lose their power
When Thou art nigh.
I need Thee, oh, I need Thee;
every hour I need Thee;
O bless me now, my Savior,
I come to Thee.

I need Thee every hour
In joy or pain;
Come quickly, and abide
Or life is vain.
I need Thee, oh, I need Thee;
every hour I need Thee;
O bless me now, my Savior,
I come to Thee.

I need Thee every hour,
Teach me Thy will,
And Thy rich promises
In me fulfill.
I need Thee, oh, I need Thee;
every hour I need Thee;
O bless me now, my Savior,
I come to Thee.

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

“Precious Name” pg625 vs1,2,3

Take the name of Jesus with you,
Child of sorrow and of woe;
It will joy and comfort give you;
Take it then, where'er you go.
Precious name, O how sweet!
Hope of earth and joy of heaven.
Precious name, O how sweet!
Hope of earth and joy of heaven.

Take the name of Jesus ever,
As a shield from every snare;
If temptations round you gather,
Breathe that holy name in prayer.
Precious name, O how sweet!
Hope of earth and joy of heaven.
Precious name, O how sweet!
Hope of earth and joy of heaven.

O the precious name of Jesus!
How it thrills our souls with joy,
When his loving arms receive us,
and his songs our tongues employ!
Precious name, O how sweet!
Hope of earth and joy of heaven.
Precious name, O how sweet!
Hope of earth and joy of heaven.

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

Souper Bowl Sunday

North Oak will once again celebrate Super Bowl Sunday, February 12th, with a Souper Bowl lunch after worship on February 12. Sign up to bring soup or crackers or bread. These are available before or after worship or call Cindy OHara, 816-808-6409 if you have questions.

Medical Mission Trip

Jan Brooks is participating in a medical mission trip to Jamaica Feb 25–Mar 6, 2023. The trip offers medical examinations and appointments for children and adults, access to medicines, dental care, vision exams, diabetes instruction, and more. They also are delivering sewing machines and training, and will leave the machines behind for use after the trip. Jan is collecting donations for medicine costs to help with the trip. Donations are needed by February 1st. If you would like to donate, contact Jan directly at jkbrn74@gmail.com

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 tennisterry4olove@gmail.com

Family Promise

NOCC Volunteers are needed to work at the Family Promise Day Center on Thursday, January 26 The Day Center from 10:00 am - 3:00 pm. If you're interested in volunteering and/or assisting with meal preparation for lunch, laundry, sorting clothing, or serving the meal, contact Amy Hearst (773-882-2094) or email (amyhearst@yahoo.com) for more information and to confirm your availability. The center location is: 4406 NE 45 Terrace, Kansas City, MO 64117.

Other ways to help include: Clothing donations (Men and Women) for warm winter seasonal wear, 2) Pantry items that are "easy to eat on the run", and/or 3) a financial donation to NOCC in support of the Family Promise ministry and our homeless community. Designate in the check memo line: Family Promise.

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 drherricko3@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