

# NORTH OAK CHRISTIAN CHURCH-DISCIPLES OF CHRIST

January 29th, 2023 - The Fourth Sunday After the Epiphany  
Worship Leader-Trish Stripling, Elder Charlie Fillingham, Elder Ellen Lewis,  
Music- Regina Kellogg, Minister-Rev. Mark Willis

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## CELEBRATION OF GOD'S PRESENCE

**Prelude**

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

**Jubilation Ringers**

**Invocation**

**Trish Stripling**

**Call to Worship**

**Trish Stripling**

Leader: Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns and yet God provides for the basic sustenance of life.

**People: May our hearts be open to trust you.**

L: Look at the birds of the air; they neither study nor plan nor plot their course and yet God writes the instinct for migration into their hearts.

**P: May our eyes be open to see you.**

L: Look at the birds of the air; they neither talk nor vote nor debate their responsibility yet God weaves them into communities which nurture and defend.

**P: May our hands be open to serve you.**

(written by Katherine Hawker [www.liturgyoutside.net](http://www.liturgyoutside.net))

**Opening Hymn**

**Congregation**

**"Praise Him! Praise Him!" pg 93**

Praise him! praise him! Jesus, our blessed redeemer!

Sing, O earth, his wonderful love proclaim!

Hail him! hail him! Highest archangels in glory;

Strength and honor give to his holy name!

Like a shepherd, Jesus will guard his children,

In his arms he carries them all day long:

Praise him! Praise him, tell of his excellent greatness;

Praise him! Praise him ever in joyful song!

Praise him! praise him! Jesus, our blessed redeemer!

For our sins he suffered, and bled and died;

He our rock, our hope of eternal salvation,

hail him! hail him! Jesus the crucified.

Sound his praises! Jesus who bore our sorrows;

love unbounded, wonderful, deep, and strong:

Praise him! Praise him, tell of his excellent greatness;

Praise him! Praise him ever in joyful song!

Praise him! praise him! Jesus our blessed redeemer!

Heavenly portals, loud with hosannas ring!

Jesus, Savior, reigneth for ever and ever;

Crown him! crown him! prophet and priest and king!  
Christ is coming! over the world victorious,  
Power and glory unto the Lord belong:  
Praise him! Praise him, tell of his excellent greatness;  
Praise him! Praise him ever in joyful song!

**Prayers of the People**

**Rev. Mark Willis**

*(Please make your requests & praises known by sharing aloud or emailing [pastor@nocckc.org](mailto:pastor@nocckc.org))*

**Sermon Scripture Reading: Matthew 6:1-8, 16-21**

**Trish Stripling**

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

‘Beware of practicing your piety before others in order to be seen by them; for then you have no reward from your Father in heaven.

‘So whenever you give alms, do not sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, so that they may be praised by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your alms may be done in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

‘And whenever you pray, do not be like the hypocrites; for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, so that they may be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But whenever you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

‘When you are praying, do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do; for they think that they will be heard because of their many words. Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him.

‘And whenever you fast, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces so as to show others that they are fasting. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, so that your fasting may be seen not by others but by your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

‘Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

**Message**

**“You’re Doing It All Wrong”**

**Rev. Mark Willis**

**Special Music**

**“Precious Lord”**

**Jubilation Ringers**

**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**

**“More Love to Thee, O Christ” pg527 vs1,2,4**

More love to Thee, O Christ,  
More love to Thee!  
Hear Thou the prayer I make  
On bended knee;  
This is my earnest plea,  
More love, O Christ, to Thee,  
More love to Thee,  
More love to Thee.

Once earthly joy I craved,  
Sought peace and rest;  
Now Thee alone I seek,  
Give what is best;  
This all my pray'r shall be,  
more love, O Christ, to thee,  
more love to thee,  
more love to thee.

Then shall my latest breath  
Whisper Thy praise;  
This be the parting cry  
My heart shall raise;  
This still its pray'r shall be,  
More love, O Christ, to Thee;  
More love to Thee,  
More love to Thee.

**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**

**“Take My Life” pg609 vs1,2,5,6**

Take my life, and let it be  
consecrated, Lord, to thee.  
take my moments and my days;  
let them flow in ceaseless praise,  
let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands, and let them move  
at the impulse of thy love.  
take my feet, and let them be  
swift and beautiful for thee,  
swift and beautiful for thee.

Take my will, and make it thine;  
it shall be no longer mine.  
take my heart, it is thine own;  
it shall be thy royal throne,  
it shall be thy royal throne.

Take my love, my Lord, I pour  
at thy feet its treasure-store.  
take myself, and I will be  
ever, only, all for thee,  
ever, only, all for thee.

**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](http://www.nocckc.org) [www.kcdisciples.org](http://www.kcdisciples.org) [www.disciples.org](http://www.disciples.org)**

**Contact Pastor Mark Willis at 816-616-9746 [pastor@nocckc.org](mailto:pastor@nocckc.org)**

**Our Life Together**

### **Souper Bowl Sunday**

North Oak will once again celebrate Souper Bowl Sunday, February 12<sup>th</sup>, 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](mailto:jkbrn74@gmail.com)

### **Backpack Ministry Updates**

On behalf of the families at Bell Prairie, thank you to Team January, Lee-Ann and Jerry Semsch. They fetched and stored groceries then packed and delivered food to Bell Prairie.

And thank you, too, to Ramie Beck for fetching and delivering groceries to Gateway 6th Grade Center. Currently at Bell Prairie, we provide a meal each week for 42 children and 23 adults. At Gateway 6th Grade Center, we are helping 12 families by stocking a supervised pantry. Friends and members of NOCC continue to support this vital ministry for our neighbors through prayer, time, and finances. We are blessed. If you would like to help with this ministry, contact Terry Becker at [tennisterry40love@gmail.com](mailto:tennisterry40love@gmail.com)

### **Family Promise**

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](mailto: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: 1) 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 [drherrick03@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:ccfillingham@gmail.com) or 816-289-7858.

### **Evening Women’s Bible Study**

The women’s evening Bible study group will resume twice-monthly meetings on the first and third Tuesdays of the month **beginning April 4**. 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](mailto:jaynesuebruno@gmail.com)