

NORTH OAK CHRISTIAN CHURCH-DISCIPLES OF CHRIST

February 5th, 2023 - The Fifth Sunday After the Epiphany
Worship Leader-Ramie Beck, Elder Ramie Beck, Elder Linda Daniels,
Music- Regina Kellogg, Minister-Rev. Mark Willis

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CELEBRATION OF GOD'S PRESENCE

Prelude Regina Kellogg

Invocation Ramie Beck

Call to Worship Ramie Beck

Leader: We are here,

People: In the name of Christ Jesus.

L: So ask right now,

P: And it shall be given to you.

L: Seek right now,

P: And you will find.

L: Knock right now,

P: And the door will be opened.

(Based on Matthew 7:7-8)

Opening Hymn Congregation

"O Worship the King" pg 17 vs1,2,5

O worship the King all glorious above,
and gratefully sing God's wonderful love,
our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days,
pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.

How great is your might! How steadfast your grace!
Your robe is the light; your canopy, space;
your chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,
in majesty riding the wings of the storm.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
in you do we trust, nor find you to fail;
your mercies how tender, how firm to the end,
our maker, defender, redeemer, and friend!

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 7-14, 24-29 Ramie Beck
(Please stand, in body or spirit as able, for the reading of the Gospel)

'Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for

everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for bread, will give a stone? Or if the child asks for a fish, will give a snake? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good things to those who ask him!

‘In everything do to others as you would have them do to you; for this is the law and the prophets.

‘Enter through the narrow gate; for the gate is wide and the road is easy that leads to destruction, and there are many who take it. For the gate is narrow and the road is hard that leads to life, and there are few who find it.

‘Everyone then who hears these words of mine and acts on them will be like a wise man who built his house on rock. The rain fell, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on rock. And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not act on them will be like a foolish man who built his house on sand. The rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell—and great was its fall!’

Now when Jesus had finished saying these things, the crowds were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as their scribes.

Message

“Shifting Sand”

Rev. Mark Willis

Special Music

“Be Thou My Vision”

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

“The Voice of Jesus Calls His People” pg426

The voice of Jesus calls his people,
"Come to my table and be fed!"
For those who come to him believing,
he is the Wine, he is the Bread.
All who are lost, or bear great burdens,
all who need comfort or release,
come where the presence of Christ Jesus
will nourish us with rest and peace.

Children and elders, men and women,
whatever color, race or tongue,
in Jesus find themselves united,
in him a home where they belong.
We hear your loving voice, O Jesus,
we long, we hunger to be fed;
in joy we gather at the table

where you are Wine, and you are Bread.

Communion Prayer

Elder Ramie Beck

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

“God Dismiss Us with Your Blessing” pg439

God, dismiss us with your blessing;
fill our hearts with joy and peace;
Let us each, your love possessing,
triumph in redeeming grace;
O refresh us, O refresh us
traveling through this wilderness.

Thanks we give and adoration
for your gospel's joyful sound.
may the fruits of your salvation
in our hearts and lives abound;
Ever faithful, ever faithful,
to your truth may we be found.

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.

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

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) 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

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 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