

NORTH OAK CHRISTIAN CHURCH-DISCIPLS OF CHRIST

February 19th, 2023 - The Seventh Sunday After the Epiphany
Worship Leader-Courtney Holt, Elder Ramie Beck, Elder Linda Daniels,
Music- Regina Kellogg, Minister-Rev. Mark Willis

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Sunday of Transfiguration

Prelude Regina Kellogg

Invocation Courtney Holt

Call to Worship Courtney Holt

Leader: Beyond our busyness, Above the cold winter floor, there is a glory rising born of heaven and reaching out to each one of us

People" A light that shines through the clouds, an invitation seeking all of who we are, that transfigures the world

L: That transforms darkness into hope, that brings life from a cross, where old life ends and new life is born

P: In glory Jesus meets us here, raising us from depths of valley to the height of the mountain, carrying the weight of our humanity to the heights of heavens glory.

L: Let us worship from the mountain and hear again

P: "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!"

(Rev. Rob Smith, Spirit of Life Presbyterian Church, Apple Valley, MN)

Opening Hymn Congregation

"Praise the Lord, the Almighty" pg 25 vs1,2,5

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, who rules all creation.

O my soul, worship the wellspring of health and salvation.

All ye who hear,

now to God's temple draw near.

join me in in glad adoration.

**Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
who, as on wings of an eagle uplifted, sustaineth.**

Hast thou not seen?

All that is needful hath been

granted in what God ordaineth?

**Praise to the Lord! O let all of earth's peoples and races,
All that hath life and breath, give thanks for manifold graces.**

Let the amen

sound from God's people again.

gladly for ever sing praises.

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 16:24-7:9

Courtney Holt

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

Then Jesus told his disciples, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?

'For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.'

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, 'Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!' When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, 'Get up and do not be afraid.' And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, 'Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.'

Message

"Transfiguration Moment"

Rev. Mark Willis

Special Music

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

"Transform Us" pg182

Transform us as you, transfigured,
Stood a part on Tabor's height.
Lead us up our sacred mountains,
Search us with revealing light.
Lift us from where we have fallen,
Full of questions, filled with fright.

Transform us as you, transfigured,
Once spoke with those holy ones.

We, surrounded by the witness
Of those saints whose work is done,
Live in this world as your Body,
Chosen daughters, chosen sons.

Transform us as you, transfigured,
Would not stay within a shrine.
Keep us from our great temptation
Time and truth we quickly bind.
Lead us down those daily pathways
Where our love is not confined.

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

“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

Regina Kellogg

LENTEN DEVOTIONALS ARE AVAILABLE ON THE BACK TABLE – PLEASE TAKE ONE FOR YOU AND ONE FOR A FRIEND.

*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

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

There will be an Ash Wednesday service here, this Wednesday, February 22nd at 7:00PM. Come join in prayer and scripture and song as we “turn our face” to the Lenten path and the Easter destination. All are welcome to begin Lent together here.

Social Justice Seekers – More2 Meeting

More2, a Kansas City organization that works for social justice, is having an open, informational meeting **Thursday, February 23rd at 6:00PM** to learn more about their initiatives and how churches and individuals can participate. The meeting is at Overland Park Christian Church, 7600 W 75th St, Overland Park, KS 66204. ALL are welcome to attend.

Movie and Munchies

Movies and Munchies will be March 4th (Saturday) at 6 p.m. at Nelsons. Because February is Black History month, the movie is "The Great Debaters" with Denzel Washington and Forest Whitaker. You may have to rent it online. Please RSVP to humanagenda@gmail.com if you plan to attend.

Lenten Soup Suppers

We are excited to bring back a NOCC staple – Lenten Soup Suppers! These suppers will be on **THURSDAY** evenings, beginning **MARCH 2ND AT 6:00 pm**. All are invited to come sup, and join in a short devotion from the book, "The Women of Easter". Talk to Cindy O'Hara if you have questions.

Backpack Ministry Updates

We need donations to keep the Backpack Ministry going. Our resources will be depleted this month. If you wish to help support this vital ministry, write "Backpacks" in the memo line of your check or on the envelope with your donation. Thank you for your continued support.

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 tennisterry4olove@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

Cherith Brook is pleased to announce that they have reached their goal for the Building Repair Fund. The campaign started in October 2022, to raise funds to make required safety repairs to the front of their 120-year-old building. Several repairs and upgrades are needed and planned now. They will continue the weekly services to their guests delivered by only volunteers.

NOCC's partnership is a wonderful blessing to the dozens of people in need of personal hygiene supplies, new or gently use clothing, tennis shoes and boots. Volunteers can call CB to schedule a time to volunteer at 816-241-8047. Information also available from Bob Lewis or Dale Herrick- drherrick03@gmail.com or 816-215-4369.

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.**