

**Let us love our God supremely,
let us love each other, too;
Let us pray for all earth's people
till our God makes all things new.
Christ will call us home to heaven,
at the table we'll sit down;
Christ will welcome us and serve us
living manna all around.**

First Scripture Reading: Matthew 18:15-20

Trish Stripling

'If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax-collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.'

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 18:21-35

Trish Stripling

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

Then Peter came and said to him, 'Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?' Jesus said to him, 'Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.'

'For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything." And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow-slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, "Pay what you owe." Then his fellow-slave fell down and pleaded with him, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you." But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he should pay the debt. When his fellow-slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, "You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow-slave, as I had mercy on you?" And in anger his lord handed

him over to be tortured until he should pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.'

Message

"Confession and Forgiveness"

Rev. Mark Willis

Special Music "Prelude on Kelvingrove (The Summons)"

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

"Near to the Heart of God" pg581

There is a place of quiet rest
near to the heart of God,
a place where sin cannot molest,
near to the heart of God.
O Jesus, blest Redeemer,
sent from the heart of God,
hold us, who wait before you
near to the heart of God.

There is a place of comfort sweet
near to the heart of God,
a place where we our Savior meet,
near to the heart of God.
O Jesus, blest Redeemer,
sent from the heart of God,
hold us, who wait before you
near to the heart of God.

There is a place of full release
near to the heart of God,
a place where all is joy and peace,
near to the heart of God.
O Jesus, blest Redeemer,
sent from the heart of God,
hold us, who wait before you
near to the heart of God.

Communion Prayer

Elder Linda Daniels

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

“Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me” pg214

Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
let me hide myself in thee;
let the water and the blood,
from thy wounded side which flowed,
be of sin the double cure,
save from wrath and make me pure.

Not the labors of my hands
can fulfill thy law's demands;
could my zeal no respite know,
could my tears forever flow,
all for sin could not atone;
thou must save, and thou alone.

Nothing in my hand I bring,
simply to the cross I cling;
naked, come to thee for dress,
helpless, look to thee for grace;
foul, I to the fountain fly,
wash me, Savior, or I die.

While I draw this fleeting breath,
when mine eyes shall close in death,
when I soar to worlds unknown,
see thee on thy judgment throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
let me hide myself in thee.

Benediction

Rev. Mark Willis

Postlude

Regina Kellogg

LENTEN DEVOTIONALS ARE AVAILABLE ON THE BACK TABLE – PLEASE TAKE ONE

*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

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.

NOCC Youth Group

NOCC Youth Group Kick-off on Sunday, Feb 26, 6-7:30pm. Any and all youth in 6th-12th grade are invited. Bring a friend! We will have pizza!

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. If you would like to help with this ministry, contact Terry Becker at tennisterry4olove@gmail.com

Family Promise

Thursday, February 23, is an invitation to NOCC!

If you're available to volunteer, meal preparation for lunch is already planned! The lunch menu is Sloppy Joes. There's a wonderful group of 15-20 guests that would enjoy your favorite side dish! (If you'd like to prepare a side and are not available to volunteer, there is now an option to deliver your dish ahead of time.) Volunteers are also welcome to assist with laundry, sorting clothing, and serving the meal.

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

Cherith Brook

Cherith Brook is pleased to announce that they have reached their goal for the Building Repair Fund. 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

During the Sundays of Lent. from 9-10 a.m., we will use the Lenten Devotions "Redeemed" for our conversations about connecting faith and life. Members will take turns facilitating the conversations. The booklets are available on line or can be picked up at church. 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 \(workingpreacher.org\)](https://www.workingpreacher.org/narrative-lectionary-matthew-2022-23.pdf)) 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 "Gospel Parallels: A Synopsis of The First Three Gospels" by Burton H. Throckmorton and 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.**