

NORTH OAK CHRISTIAN CHURCH-DISCIPLES OF CHRIST

March 5th, 2023 - The Second Sunday of Lent
Worship Leader-Corrie Tice, Elder Mel Adams, Elder Tom Hawley
Music- Regina Kellogg, Minister-Rev. Mark Willis

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THE LENTEN JOURNEY

Prelude	“Joshua Fought the Battle of Jericho”	Strum
Invocation		Corrie Tice
Call to Worship		Corrie Tice
Leader: Pilgrims, we are invited to journey through this season of Lent		
People: Towards the One who calls us each by a new name.		
L: Disciples, we walk with Jesus wherever he leads us,		
P: Pulling our fears, our doubts, our longings behind us.		
L: Believers, we seek to trust the God who always surprises us,		
P: Whose promises take on flesh and blood in the good news called Jesus.		
(https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/worship-planning/)		
Opening Hymn		Congregation
	"How Lovely Lord, How Lovely" p285	
	How lovely, Lord, how lovely is your abiding place; my soul is longing, fainting, to feast upon your grace. The sparrow finds a shelter, a place to build her nest; and so your temple calls us within its walls to rest.	
	In your blest courts to worship, O God, a single day is better than a thousand if I from you should stray. I'd rather keep the entrance and claim you as my Lord than revel in the riches the ways of sin afford.	
	A sun and shield forever are you, O God Most High; you shower us with blessings; no good will you deny. The saints, your grace receiving,	

from strength to strength shall go,
and from their life shall rivers
of blessing overflow.

First Scripture Reading: Exodus 16:13-21

Corrie Tice

In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, 'What is it?' For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, 'It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat. This is what the Lord has commanded: "Gather as much of it as each of you needs, an omer to a person according to the number of persons, all providing for those in their own tents." ' The Israelites did so, some gathering more, some less. But when they measured it with an omer, those who gathered much had nothing over, and those who gathered little had no shortage; they gathered as much as each of them needed. And Moses said to them, 'Let no one leave any of it over until morning.' But they did not listen to Moses; some left part of it until morning, and it bred worms and became foul. And Moses was angry with them. Morning by morning they gathered it, as much as each needed; but when the sun grew hot, it melted.

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 20:1-16

Corrie Tice

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

'For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire labourers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the labourers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the market-place; and he said to them, "You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right." So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, "Why are you standing here idle all day?" They said to him, "Because no one has hired us." He said to them, "You also go into the vineyard." When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, "Call the labourers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first." When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, "These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat." But he replied to one of them, "Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?" So the last will be first, and the first will be last.'

Message **“Give Us This Day Their Daily Bread”** Rev. Mark Willis

Special Music **“By the Boab Tree”** Strum

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**

“My Shepherd, You Supply My Need” pg80

My shepherd, you supply my need;
most holy is your name;
in pastures fresh you make me feed,
beside the living stream.
You bring my wand'ring spirit back,
when I forsake your ways;
you lead me, for your mercy's sake,
in paths of truth and grace.

When through the shades of death I walk,
your presence is my stay;
one word of your supporting breath
drives all my fears away.
Your hand, in sight of all my foes,
does still my table spread;
my cup with blessings overflows,
your oil anoints my head.

Your sure provisions, gracious God,
attend me all my days;
O may your house be my abode,
and all my work be praise.
Here would I find a settled rest,
while others go and come;
no more a stranger, nor a guest,
but like a child at home.

Communion Prayer **Elder Mel Adams**

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

"Where He leads Me" pg346

I can hear my Savior calling,
I can hear my Savior calling,
I can hear my Savior calling,
"Take thy cross and follow, follow Me."
where he leads me I will follow--
I'll go with Him, with Him all the way.

I'll go with Him through the judgment,
I'll go with Him through the judgment,
I'll go with Him through the judgment,
I'll go with him, with him all the way.
where he leads me I will follow--
I'll go with Him, with Him all the way.

He will give me grace and glory,
He will give me grace and glory,
He will give me grace and glory,
And go with me, with me all the way.
where he leads me I will follow--
I'll go with Him, with Him all the way.

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

Lenten Soup Suppers

We are excited to bring back a NOCC staple – Lenten Soup Suppers! These suppers will be on **THURSDAY** evenings, beginning **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 Choir

SEEKING SINGERS FOR HOLY WEEK!! NOCC Choir is taking a hiatus from regular Wednesday night rehearsals until March 29. We will sing during Holy Week on Palm Sunday, Good Friday, and Easter Sunday and we would love for you to join us! See Regina for details or send an email to reginakaye1971@gmail.com

Tall Oaks Summer Church Camps

Summer Camp is right around the corner! Get your Tall Oaks campers ready for another season of summer fun! Registrations are officially open with a full schedule of offerings for youth from kindergarten to 12th grade. Early bird registrations end May 1st! Register today and get more information at <https://www.kcdisciplescamps.org/registration>

Backpack Ministry Updates

The Backpack Ministry needs YOUR help. We are striving to collect \$1000 by Easter to fully fund this ministry through the end of this school year. Thank you for your continued support.

On behalf of the Bell Prairie families, a sincere thank you goes to the February Backpack Ministry team—to Courtney Holt for fetching and storing groceries, to Laraine Walters and Norma Sollman for packing, and to Jami Larson for delivering the food to Bell Prairie—even on an icy day! To all who contributed to the 13 Sun Fresh gift cards for families, another sincere thanks. The goal, \$365.00, was reached! For more information or to volunteer—even on a one-time basis—please contact Terry Becker. Tennisterry40love@gmail.com

Family Promise

Our NOCC Star Volunteers at the Family Promise Center on February 23 began with Jami Larson! Jami helped with laundry, cleaning, and riding the bus with Rev Jeff Hon! Terry Becker added a salad (slaw) to the Sloppy Joe lunch menu that was a big hit! In the meantime, the Women’s Tuesday Daytime Bible Study has donated multiple pantry items for “eat & run!” There were 43 people served at the center! Other ways we can 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

NOCC's partnership is a wonderful blessing to the dozens of people in need of personal hygiene supplies, new or gently used 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 \(workingpreacher.org\)](#)) 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.**