

NORTH OAK CHRISTIAN CHURCH-DISCIPLES OF CHRIST

March 12th, 2023 - The Third Sunday of Lent
Worship Leader-Amy Hearst, Elder Tom Hawley, Elder Mel Adams,
Music- Regina Kellogg, Minister-Rev. Mark Willis

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THE LENTEN JOURNEY

Prelude

Regina Kellogg

Invocation

Amy Hearst

Call to Worship

Amy Hearst

Leader: We are on a journey of faith, walking toward Jerusalem with its trials and triumphs.

People: Jesus is our leader and our guide.

L: Jesus has been with us on this path the whole time, loving us, forgiving us, and pushing us.

P: We place our trust in him.

L: As the daylight hours grow longer, our journey takes on an urgency.

P: We must prepare our hearts for Jerusalem, the time grows near!

L: Do not fear! God goes before us, into Jerusalem, into the world.

P: Amen!

Opening Hymn

Congregation

"Trust and Obey" p556 vs1,2,4

When we walk with the Lord
in the light of his word,
what a glory he sheds on our way!
While we do his good will,
he abides with us still,
and with all who will trust and obey.
Trust and obey,
for there's no other way
to be happy in Jesus,
but to trust and obey.

Not a burden we bear,
not a sorrow we share,
but our toil he will richly repay;
not a grief or a loss,
not a frown or a cross,
but is blest if we trust and obey.

Trust and obey,
for there's no other way
to be happy in Jesus,
but to trust and obey.

Then in fellowship sweet
we will sit at his feet,
or we'll walk by his side in the way;
What he says we will do,
where he sends we will go--
never fear, only trust and obey.
Trust and obey,
for there's no other way
to be happy in Jesus,
but to trust and obey.

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 22:1-14

Amy Hearst

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

Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, "Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet." But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, maltreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, "The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet." Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

'But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, "Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?" And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, "Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth." For many are called, but few are chosen.'

Message

"All Are Invited, But Who Will Show Up"

Rev. Mark Willis

Special Music

"Grace Like Rain"

Regina Kellogg and Mark Willis

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

“Great is Thy Faithfulness” pg86
Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father,
there is no shadow of turning with thee;
Thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;
as thou hast been thou forever wilt be.
Great is thy faithfulness!
Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided.
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.
Great is thy faithfulness!
Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided.
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thy own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!
Great is thy faithfulness!
Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided.
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Communion Prayer

Elder Tom Hawley

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

**“Fill My Cup, Lord” pg351
Like the woman at the well
I was seeking
For things that could not satisfy
And then I heard my Savior speaking
"Draw from My well that never shall run dry"
Fill my cup, Lord
I lift it up, Lord
Come and quench this thirsting of my soul
Bread of Heaven, feed me 'til I want no more
Fill my cup, fill it up and make me whole**

**There are millions in this world
Who are craving
The pleasures, earthly things afford
But none can match the wondrous treasure
That I find in Jesus Christ my Lord
Fill my cup, Lord
I lift it up, Lord
Come and quench this thirsting of my soul
Bread of Heaven, feed me 'til I want no more
Fill my cup, fill it up and make me whole**

**So, my friend, if all the things this world gave you
Leave hungers that won't pass away,
My blessed Lord will come and save you,
If you kneel to him and humbly pray:
Fill my cup, Lord
I lift it up, Lord
Come and quench this thirsting of my soul
Bread of Heaven, feed me 'til I want no more
Fill my cup, fill it up and make me whole**

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 for 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 an NOCC staple – Lenten Soup Suppers! These suppers will be on **THURSDAYS 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 \$365 goal 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 Tuesdays at 9:45 AM. 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 PM. 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.**