NORTH OAK CHRISTIAN CHURCH-DISCIPLES OF CHRIST

January 21, 2024 – Third Sunday After the Epiphany Worship Leader- Linda Daniels, Elder- Amy Hearst, Elder- Linda Daniels, Music- Regina Kellogg, Minister-Rev. Mark Willis

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GATHER IN WORSHIP

Regina Kellogg

Linda Daniels

Invocation

Prelude

Call to Worship Linda Daniels One: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good! Many: His faithful loves endures forever! One: The stone rejected by the builders has now become the cornerstone. Many: This is the Lord's doing, and it is marvellous to see! One: This is the day the Lord has made! Many: We will rejoice and be glad in it!

Opening Songs

Congregation

"He Has Made Me Glad" TFWS #2270

"What a Mighty God We Serve" TFWS #2021

"Honor and Praise" TFWS #2018

Children's Church is provided for all children. Children may leave worship now and go to Early Childhood Education (first door on left down hall)

Prayers of the People

Rev. Mark Willis

(Please make your requests & praises known by sharing aloud or emailing pastor@nocckc.org)

Prayer Response

"Come and Fill Our Hearts" TFWS #2157

Sermon Scripture Reading: Mark 5:1-20

They came to the other side of the lake, to the country of the Gerasenes. And when he had stepped out of the boat, immediately a man out of the tombs with an unclean spirit met him. He lived among the tombs; and no one could restrain him any more, even with a chain; for he had often been restrained with shackles and chains, but the chains he wrenched apart, and the shackles he broke in pieces; and no one had the strength to subdue him. Night and day among the tombs and on the mountains he was always howling and bruising himself with stones. When he saw Jesus from a distance, he ran and bowed down before him; and he shouted at the top of his voice, 'What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I adjure you by God, do

Linda Daniels

Congregation

not torment me.' For he had said to him, 'Come out of the man, you unclean spirit!' Then Jesus asked him, 'What is your name?' He replied, 'My name is Legion; for we are many.' He begged him earnestly not to send them out of the country. Now there on the hillside a great herd of swine was feeding; and the unclean spirits begged him, 'Send us into the swine; let us enter them.' So he gave them permission. And the unclean spirits came out and entered the swine; and the herd, numbering about two thousand, rushed down the steep bank into the lake, and were drowned in the lake.

The swineherds ran off and told it in the city and in the country. Then people came to see what it was that had happened. They came to Jesus and saw the demoniac sitting there, clothed and in his right mind, the very man who had had the legion; and they were afraid. Those who had seen what had happened to the demoniac and to the swine reported it. Then they began to beg Jesus to leave their neighborhood. As he was getting into the boat, the man who had been possessed by demons begged him that he might be with him. But Jesus refused, and said to him, 'Go home to your friends, and tell them how much the Lord has done for you, and what mercy he has shown you.' And he went away and began to proclaim in the Decapolis how much Jesus had done for him; and everyone was amazed.

Message	"Bringing the Outsider In"	Rev. Mark Willis	
Special Music	"Chain Breaker"	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 <u>all</u> to the Lord's Table as God has welcomed us.

Welcome to the Table/The Words of Institution	Rev. Mark Willis
Communion Hymn: "Let Us Be Bread" TFWS #2260	Congregation
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

CELEBRATION OF THE PEOPLE'S RESPONSE

Offering

Congregation

Elders will pass the offering plates. Place your tithe and/or offering in the plate or you can give online through nocckc.org.

Congragation

Regina Kellogg

Offering Prayer		Rev. Mark Willis
Closing Hymn	"The Family Prayer Song" TFWS #2188	Congregation
Benediction		Rev. Mark Willis
Postlude		Regina Kellogg
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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

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Our Life Together

Preschool Reading Time

Many of you have seen the pictures and stories of Pastor Mark reading to the Preschool children on Wednesdays. It is quite literally the best part of his week. Cindy O'Hara has set up an additional reading time with the Preschool for YOU to come read a book or two on Mondays at 10:30 a.m. The sign-up sheet is on the office window. Sign up for a Monday and come see what the excitement is all about!

Movie and Munchies

Movies and Munchies will be on Thursday, February 1, at 6:00 p.m. The film this month is "Bank of Dave" and it can be found on Netflix. The film is based on the real-life experiences of Dave Fishwick, a Burnley working class man and self-made millionaire, who struggles to set up a community bank to help the town's local businesses to thrive. To do so, he must battle London's elite financial institutions and compete for the first banking license in over 150 years. Please RSVP at humanagenda@gmail.com if you can come.

Social Justice Seekers

The SJS will not meet for the monthly Zoom meeting in January. SJS leadership will be using this time for planning and preparation. Watch for more information about when the next meeting will occur.In case you missed it, here is the new link to the Zoom meeting room for Social Justice Seekers: Meetings are now accessed at

https://uso2web.zoom.us/j/6361322700?pwd=dmZ5ZGRic2dla3VHWXVSOEg2V1NqZz09&omn=87071570030 and all are welcome.

Backpack Ministry Updates

It's never too late to volunteer for the Backpack Ministry. Schedules are flexible, so there's definitely one that would work for your schedule. For more information, contact Terry Becker, tennisterry40love@gmail.com.

Family Promise

Homelessness becomes more difficult with colder weather and rainy days. Donations of winter coats, warm hats and gloves, socks, and blankets are vital for enduring the frigid temperatures. Family Promise (located at 4406 NE 45 Terrace, Kansas City, MO, 64117), provides temporary shelter, a hot meal, a hot shower, clothing, hygiene supplies and laundry services for transient and unhoused people in KC. Contact Debbie Herrick (816.510.6859) or email (thompsod5000@att.net) for info about meal preparation, collecting and delivering clothing/food donations and volunteering on any Thursday! Choose a day in the center or take a van ride to multiple locations to serve meals! Pick which Thursday to help!

Cherith Brook

Cherith Brook provides guests' showers, a hot meal, laundry services and replacement clothing to transient, un-housed people in Kansas City. Many unhoused guests find this program a safe harbor to rest and restore their bodies and spirits. NOCC provides donations of clothing and other items, as well as volunteering. To help, contact Dale Herrick for more information at drherricko3@gmail.com

Sojourners Adult Sunday School Class

To "sojourn" is to "stay someplace for a short time." We invite you to bring your favorite cup of tea or coffee and join us for shared ideas and conversation. Bring an article, poem, or other interesting writing to share and discuss. This class meets from 9:00-10:00 a.m. every Sunday and is open to all.

Men's Bible Study

The Men's Bible Study meets on Tuesdays at 9:45 a.m. We discuss scripture and relevant topics together via Zoom. We are currently reading and discussing the Narrative Lectionary's 2023-24 Readings for Year 2 (https://www.workingpreacher.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/07/WP-Narrative-Lectionary-2023-24-Mark_rev.pdf) that Pastor Mark will be using to shape worship each week. All those who identify as male are welcome. Email David Nelson at humanagenda@gmail.com for the Zoom link and join in!