

# NORTH OAK CHRISTIAN CHURCH-DISCIPLES OF CHRIST

February 11, 2024 – Transfiguration Sunday

Worship Leader- Linda Daniels, Elder- Tim Brooks, Elder- Linda Daniels,

Music- Regina Kellogg, Minister-Rev. Mark Willis

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## GATHER IN WORSHIP

**Prelude** Regina Kellogg

**Invocation** Linda Daniels

**Call to Worship** Linda Daniels

One: As darkness gives way to light and winter sleep to fresh beginnings,

**Many: We come today to be reminded of God's love for us.**

One: Like the green shoots of renewed life stirring beneath the soil,

**Many: We welcome an awakening of God's word in our lives.**

One: In this time of reflection and repentance,

**Many: We affirm our identity and claim our security as children of God.**

**Opening Songs** Congregation

“Great is the Lord” TFWS #2022

“Honor and Praise” TFWS #2018

“Lord God Almighty” TFWS #2006

*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** Congregation

“Bless the Lord” TFWS #2013

**Sermon Scripture Reading: Mark 8:27-9:8** Linda Daniels

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, ‘Who do people say that I am?’ And they answered him, ‘John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.’ He asked them, ‘But who do you say that I am?’ Peter answered him, ‘You are the Messiah.’ And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him. Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and

looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, ‘Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.’

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, ‘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, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.’ And he said to them, ‘Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death until they see that the kingdom of God has come with power.’

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, ‘Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.’ He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, ‘This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!’ Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them anymore, but only Jesus.

**Message** “Who Am I?” **Rev. Mark Willis**

**Special Music** “Creation Will Be at Peace” **NOCC Choir**

#### **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**

“Taste and See” TFWS #2267

**Communion Prayer** **Elder-Tim Brooks**

**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** **Congregation**

Elders will pass the offering plates. Place your tithe and/or offering in the plate or you can give online through [nocckc.org](http://nocckc.org).

<b>Offering Prayer</b>		<b>Rev. Mark Willis</b>
<b>Closing Song</b>	<b>“From the Rising of the Sun” TFWS#2024</b>	<b>Congregation</b>
<b>Benediction</b>		<b>Rev. Mark Willis</b>
<b>Postlude</b>		<b>Regina Kellogg</b>

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**TO OUR GUESTS---WELCOME!  
SHAPED BY GOD’S WORD AND GRACED AT CHRIST’S TABLE  
WE WALK HUMBLLY, 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](http://www.nocckc.org) [www.kcdisciples.org](http://www.kcdisciples.org) [www.disciples.org](http://www.disciples.org)  
Contact Pastor Mark Willis at 816-616-9746 [pastor@nocckc.org](mailto:pastor@nocckc.org)

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## **Our Life Together**

### **Jamaican Mission Trip**

Jan Brooks is preparing to go to Jamaica on a medical mission trip in late February. If you would like to help support this mission, talk to Jan directly. They could use Tylenol or Ibuprofen (tablets/caplets only, NO GEL CAPS), acne creams, children’s Tylenol liquid, and A&D Ointment (generics are OK), fun things for children like small stuffed animals, stickers, children's books, bound notebooks, colored pencils, markers, pencils and erasers or you can donate funds (give to Jan) that will be used to purchase discounted medicines through Blessings International.

### **Lenten Events**

**Ash Wednesday Service - Wednesday February 14 at 7:00 p.m. - Come start the Lenten season together in spirit and song. All are invited to this celebration of God's love for us on a day centered on love.**

**Thursday Soup Suppers - 6:00 p.m. on Thursdays during Lent, February 15 through March 21 - Thursday night soup suppers are back! Bring a soup and join in this time of devotion, fellowship, and warm eats. We will gather in the fellowship room each Thursday, take a moment for devotion and prayer, and then sit together and sup. All are invited.**

### **Lenten Devotional Books**

Lenten devotional books are available to pick up today. These daily devotions are provided by the Society of St. Andrew, an organization that works to glean fields and provide food to hungry people. If you would

prefer a digital copy of the devotion, follow this link:  
[https://endhunger.org/docs\\_church/lent/Lenten\\_Devotions\\_Booklet.pdf](https://endhunger.org/docs_church/lent/Lenten_Devotions_Booklet.pdf)

### **Worship Leaders Needed**

It is time to check your calendars and see when you would love to be worship leader in March and April. These are good months to sign-up with Lent, Easter and Spring on the calendar!  
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050444A8A96-47796493-worship/5436143#/>

### **Prayer Requests**

Jayne Bruno is coordinating and disseminating prayer requests via email. If you would like to make a prayer request, send it to her at [prayers@nocckc.org](mailto:prayers@nocckc.org) and it will then go out to the congregation (unless you ask for privacy).

### **Preschool Reading Time**

We need readers for February 12 and 26! 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!

### **Backpack Ministry Updates**

We will need help loading groceries for delivery after worship; see Terry if you can help. 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](mailto: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 ([thompso5000@att.net](mailto:thompso5000@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 [drherrick03@gmail.com](mailto:drherrick03@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](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](mailto:humanagenda@gmail.com) for the Zoom link and join in!