

NORTH OAK CHRISTIAN CHURCH-DISCIPLES OF CHRIST

February 18, 2024 – First Sunday of Lent

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

Music- Regina Kellogg, Minister-Rev. Mark Willis

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GATHER IN WORSHIP

Prelude

Regina Kellogg

Lenten Candle Liturgy

Ramie Beck

Call to Worship

Ramie Beck

One: The dust that shapes the journey,

Many: The cross that guides it,

One: The colour that surrounds it,

Many: The light that fades through it,

One: The word that foretells it,

Many: The wilderness that invites it.

One: This is Lent,

Many: And into its wilderness God calls us.

One: Come, brothers and sisters,

Many: Christ is heading for Jerusalem.

Opening Songs

Congregation

“O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing” Chalice Hymnal #5 (All)

O for a thousand tongues to sing
my great Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and king,
the triumphs of God's grace!

Jesus, the name that charms our fears,
that bids our sorrows cease;
'tis music in the sinner's ears,
'tis life, and health, and peace.

My loving Savior and my God,
assist me to proclaim
to spread through all the earth abroad
the honors of thy name.

Glory to God and praise and love
be ever, ever given
by saints below and saints above,
the church in earth and heaven.

“We Walk with Jesus” (Insert)

“I Need Thee Every Hour” Chalice Hymnal #578 vs 1,4

**I need thee every hour, most gracious Lord;
no tender voice like thine can peace afford.**

**I need thee, oh, I need thee;
every hour I need thee;
O bless me now, my Savior,
I come to thee.**

**I need thee every hour,
teach me thy will,
and thy rich promises in me fulfill.**

**I need thee, oh, I need thee;
every hour I need thee;
O bless me now, my Savior,
I come to thee.**

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

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

Rev. Mark Willis

Prayer Response

“Sing Hallelujah” Chalice Hymnal #32

**Sing hallelujah to the Lord.
Sing hallelujah to the Lord.
Sing hallelujah, sing hallelujah;
Sing hallelujah to the Lord.**

Congregation

Sermon Scripture Reading: Mark 10:17-31

Ramie Beck

As he was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, “Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” Jesus said to him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: “You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honour your father and mother.”” He said to him, “Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth.” Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, “You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.” When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions. Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!” And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, “Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.” They

were greatly astounded and said to one another, “Then who can be saved?” Jesus looked at them and said, “For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.” Peter began to say to him, “Look, we have left everything and followed you.” Jesus said, “Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.”

Message **“The Inconvenience of Being Christian”** **Rev. Mark Willis**

Special Music **“Turning Away”** **Regina Kellogg**

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**

“Let Us Break Bread Together” Chalice Hymnal #425 (All)

Let us break bread together on our knees; (on our knees)

let us break bread together on our knees. (on our knees)

**When I fall on my knees,
with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me. (on me)**

Let us drink wine together on our knees; (on our knees)

let us drink wine together on our knees. (on our knees)

**When I fall on my knees,
with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me. (on me)**

Let us praise God together on our knees; (on our knees)

let us praise God together on our knees. (on our knees)

**When I fall on my knees,
with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me. (on me)**

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

Spotlight on Cherith Brook

Rev. Mark Willis

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.

Offering Prayer

Rev. Mark Willis

Closing Song

“Shalom to You Now” Chalice Hymnal #436

Congregation

**Shalom to you now, shalom my friends,
May God’s full mercies bless you, my friends.
In all your living and all your loving,
Christ be your shalom, Christ be your shalom.**

Benediction

Rev. Mark Willis

Postlude

Regina Kellogg

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

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

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/len/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#/#](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 and it will then go out to the congregation (unless you ask for privacy).

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!

Backpack Ministry Updates

Much appreciation goes to the volunteers for January: Jill and Larry Rodgers and Ramie Beck for fetching groceries from Aldi, the Rodgers for storing and packing the food for the Bell Prairie families, and to Bob Bruno for delivering the food each week to the school. As of February 9, the balance for this ministry is \$2496.42.

Spring Break for the North Kansas City School District is March 22-March 29. As has been our custom, we will provide Aldi gift cards for use during the break totaling \$255.00. If you would like to donate money toward these gift cards, please write a check to NOCC and include "Backpack Ministry" in the memo portion of your check. 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 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) 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!