

NORTH OAK CHRISTIAN CHURCH-DISCIPLES OF CHRIST

March 17, 2024 – Fifth Sunday of Lent

Worship Leader- Amy Hearst, Elder- Mel Adams, Elder- Susan Arnot,

Music- Regina Kellogg, Minister-Rev. Mark Willis

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GATHER IN WORSHIP

Prelude

Regina Kellogg

Lenten Candle Liturgy

Amy Hearst

Call to Worship

Amy Hearst

One: Holy God, Creator of Life,

Many: You call us out of our dark places,

One: Offering us the grace of new life.

Many: When we see nothing but hopelessness,

One: You surprise us with the breath of your spirit.

Many: Call us out of our complacency and routines,

One: Set us free from our self-imposed bonds,

Many: And fill us with your spirit of life, compassion, and peace. Amen

Opening Songs

Congregation

“Come Thou Almighty King” Chalice Hymnal #27 (All)

Come, thou almighty King,

help us thy name to sing;

help us to praise:

one God, all-glorious,

o'er all victorious,

come and reign over us,

ancient of days.

Come, thou incarnate Word,

gird on thy mighty sword,

our prayer attend;

come, and thy people bless,

and give thy word success;

Spirit of holiness,

on us descend.

Come, holy Comforter,

thy sacred witness bear,

in this glad hour!

Thou, who almighty art,

now rule in every heart,

and ne'er from us depart,
Spirit of power.

To the great One in Three,
eternal praises be,
hence evermore!
Thy sovereign majesty,
may we in glory see,
and to eternity
love and adore.

“We Walk with Jesus” (Insert)

“Where He Leads Me” Chalice Hymnal #346 (All)

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,
where he leads me I will follow,
where he leads me I will follow—
I'll go with him, with him all the way.

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

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)

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

Prayer Response

Congregation

“Sing Hallelujah” Chalice Hymnal #32
Sing hallelujah to the Lord.
Sing hallelujah to the Lord.
Sing hallelujah, sing hallelujah.
Sing hallelujah to the Lord.

Sermon Scripture Reading: Mark 13:1-8, 28-37

Amy Hearst

As he came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, "Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!" Then Jesus asked him, "Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down."

When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, "Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?" Then Jesus began to say to them, "Beware that no one leads you astray. Many will come in my name and say, "I am he!" and they will lead many astray. When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birth pangs.

From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake."

Message

“Don’t Hit Snooze”

Rev. Mark Willis

Special Music

“Great is Thy Faithfulness”

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

“In Remembrance of Me” Chalice Hymnal #403 (All)
In remembrance of me, eat this bread.
In remembrance of me, drink this wine.
In remembrance of me, pray for the time

When God's own will is done.

In remembrance of me, heal the sick
In remembrance of me, feed the poor
In remembrance of me, open the door
And let your neighbor in let Him in

Take, eat, and be comforted;
Drink and remember too.
That this is my body and precious blood
Shed for you, shed for you.

In remembrance of me, search for truth.
In remembrance of me, always love.
In remembrance of me, don't look above,
But in your heart look for God.
Do this in remembrance of Me.

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

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

Congregation

“Have Thine Own Way, Lord!” Chalice Hymnal #588 (All)
Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way!
Thou art the potter, I am the clay.
Mold me and make me after thy will,
while I am waiting, yielded and still.

Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way!

Search me and try me,
Savior today!
Wash me just now, Lord, wash me just now,
as in thy presence humbly I bow.

Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way!
Wounded and weary, help me I pray!
Power, all power, surely is thine!
Touch me and heal me, Savior divine!

Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way!
Hold o'er my being absolute sway.
Fill with thy Spirit till all shall see
Christ only, always, living in me!

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

Lenten Soup Suppers

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 to share 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.

Easter Egg Hunts

Thank you to everyone who donated candy and eggs for our Easter Egg hunts! The response was marvelous!

Easter Lilies

If you purchased an Easter Lily for Easter morning, please turn in payment by March 31. The cost is \$13, and checks should be made out to "North Oak CC" with "Lily" in the memo line. Thank you to all who ordered.

Easter Week

Thursday, March 28, 7:00 p.m. - Maundy-Thursday Communion Service
Friday, March 29, 7:00 p.m. - Good Friday Service at First Christian Church North Kansas City

Easter Sunday March 31

8:00 a.m. - Prayer Service in Labyrinth
9:00-9:45 a.m. - Brunch in Fellowship room (Bring a breakfast item to share and join in)
10:15 a.m. - Easter Celebration Service!

Movies and Munchies

Movies and Munchies will be on Thursday, April 4, 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.

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@nocck.org and it will then go out to the congregation (unless privacy is requested).

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. The church 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

Appreciation for February goes to the Backpack Ministry team of Corky Sandusky and Linda Daniels, packers, and Linda Daniels, who also delivered the food to Bell Prairie!

For Spring Break, as is the custom at NOCC, we will purchase Aldi gift cards totaling \$255.00 for the Bell Prairie families. If you would like to donate money toward the gift cards, please write checks to NOCC and in the memo, write "Backpack Ministry, Gift Cards".

Family Promise

The upcoming spring/summer months can make unhoused individuals increasingly vulnerable to health risks like severe sunburn, dehydration, heat exhaustion, and heat stroke. Think about saving and donating summer wear and smaller items for hygiene, sunburn, lip balm, band-aids, non-perishable snacks, water, tissue, foot care, etc. A "BIG" thanks to the donations received in February to support this ministry! 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 the Northland and 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!