

NORTH OAK CHRISTIAN CHURCH-DISCIPLES OF CHRIST

March 24, 2024 – Sixth Sunday of Lent

Worship Leader- Seth Bass, Elder- Susan Arnot, Elder- Mel Adams,

Music- Regina Kellogg, Minister-Rev. Mark Willis

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PALM SUNDAY

Prelude

“Hosanna!”

NOCC Choir

Lenten Candle Liturgy

Seth Bass

Call to Worship

Seth Bass

One: Let us enter the city with God today,

Many: And sing hosannas to our king,

One: Let us turn our backs on the powers that grasp and control,

Many: And open our hearts to the son of God riding on a donkey.

One: Let us join his parade,

Many: Surrounded by outcasts and prostitutes, the blind and the leper.

One: Let us follow the one who brought freedom and peace,

Many: And walk in solidarity with the abandoned and oppressed.

One: Let us shout for joy at Christ’s coming and join his disciples,

Many: Welcoming the broken, healing the sick, dining with outcasts.

One: Let us touch grace and find hope as God draws near,

Many: Riding in triumph towards the Cross.

Opening Songs

Congregation

“Come Christians, Join to Sing” Chalice Hymnal #90 (All)

Come, Christians, join to sing:

Alleluia! Amen!

Loud praise to Christ we bring:

Alleluia! Amen!

Let all with heart and voice,

before his throne rejoice;

praise we with gracious choice:

Alleluia! Amen!

Come, lift your hearts on high,

Alleluia! Amen!

Let praises fill the sky:

Alleluia! Amen!

Christ is our Guide and Friend

on whom we can depend;

his love shall never end:

Alleluia! Amen!

Praise yet our Christ again:
Alleluia! Amen!
Life shall not end the strain:
Alleluia! Amen!
On heaven's blissful shore
his goodness we'll adore,
singing for evermore:
Alleluia! Amen!

“I Will Sing of the Mercies of the Lord” Chalice Hymnal #87

I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever,
I will sing, I will sing.

I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever,
I will sing the mercies of the Lord.
With my mouth will I make known
thy faithfulness, thy faithfulness;
with my mouth will I make known
thy faithfulness to all generations.

I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever,
I will sing of the mercies of the Lord.

“Praise Him! Praise Him!” Chalice Hymnal #93 (All)

Praise him! praise him! Jesus, our blessed Redeemer!
Sing, O Earth, his wonderful love proclaim!
Hail him! hail him! highest archangels in glory;
strength and honor give to his holy name!
Like a shepherd, Jesus will guard his children,
in his arms he carries them all day long:
Praise him! praise him, tell of his excellent greatness;
praise him! praise him ever in joyful song!

Praise him! praise him! Jesus, our blessed Redeemer!
For our sins he suffered, and bled and died;
he our Rock, our hope of eternal salvation,
hail him! hail him! Jesus the crucified.
Sound His praises! Jesus who bore our sorrows;
love unbounded, wonderful, deep. and strong:
Praise him! praise him, tell of his excellent greatness;
praise him! praise him ever in joyful song!

Praise him! praise him! Jesus our blessed Redeemer!
Heavenly portals, loud with hosannas ring!
Jesus, Savior, reigneth for ever and ever;
crown him! crown him! Prophet and Priest and King!

**Christ is coming! over the world victorious,
power and glory unto the Lord belong:
Praise him! praise him, tell of his excellent greatness;
praise him! praise him ever in joyful song!**

***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

**“In the Name of the Lord” Chalice Hymnal #28
There is strength in the name of the Lord
There is power in the name of the Lord
There is hope in the name of the Lord
Blessed is He who comes
In the name of the Lord**

Sermon Scripture Reading: Mark 11:1-11

Seth Bass

When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples and said to them, “Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, “Why are you doing this?” just say this, “The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.”” They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, some of the bystanders said to them, “What are you doing, untying the colt?” They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,

“Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David! Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

Message

“A Tale of Two Cities”

Rev. Mark Willis

Special Music

“The King of Love My Shepherd Is”

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

“Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee” Chalice Hymnal #102 (All)

Jesus, the very thought of thee
with sweetness fills my breast;
but sweeter far thy face to see,
and in thy presence rest.

No voice can sing, no heart can frame,
nor can the mind recall
a sweeter sound than thy blest name,
O Savior of us all.

O hope of every contrite heart,
O joy of all the meek,
to those who ask, how kind thou art!
How good to those who seek!

Jesus, our only joy be thou,
as thou our prize wilt be;
Jesus, be thou our glory now;
and through eternity.

Communion Prayer

Elder-Susan Arnot

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

“O, How I Love Jesus” Chalice Hymnal #99 (All)

There is a name I love to hear,
I love to speak its worth;

it sounds like music in my ear,
the sweetest name on earth.

O, how I love Jesus,
O, how I love Jesus,
O, how I love Jesus,
because he first loved me!

It tells me of a Savior's love,
who died to set me free;
it tells me of his precious blood,
the sinner's perfect plea.

O, how I love Jesus,
O, how I love Jesus,
O, how I love Jesus,
because he first loved me!

It tells of one whose loving heart
can feel my deepest woe,
who in my sorrow bears a part
that none can bear below.

O, how I love Jesus,
O, how I love Jesus,
O, how I love Jesus,
because he first loved 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

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 here at NOCC

Friday, March 29, 7:00 p.m. - Good Friday Service at First Christian Church North Kansas City, 2018 Gentry St, North Kansas City, MO 64116.

Easter Sunday March 31

8:30 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!

Hospitality Sunday April 7

We are looking for someone(s) to host the Hospitality time after worship on Sunday April 7. This is a time for snacks and sharing after worship. Talk to Cindy O'Hara if interested or if you can help.

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.

Tall Oaks Capital Campaign

Tall Oaks is conducting a capital campaign to raise \$1,000,000 to revive, operate, and improve the Tall Oaks camp site. Many of our children have gone to and been impacted by the ministry of Tall Oaks. Prayerfully consider contributing to this worthwhile endeavor. More information can be found at <https://www.talloaks.org/capital-campaign>

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, who packed and 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 write "Backpack Ministry, Gift Cards" in the memo line.

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!