NORTH OAK CHRISTIAN CHURCH-DISCIPLES OF CHRIST

March 31, 2024 – Easter Sunday

Worship Leader- Lee-Ann Semsch, Elder- Mel Adams, Elder- Susan Arnot, Music- Regina Kellogg, Minister-Rev. Mark Willis

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GATHER TO WORSHIP

Prelude

"Ah, Holy Jesus" "That Easter Day with Joy was Bright" Jubilation Ringers

Easter Proclamation and Invocation

Lee-Ann Semsch

Call to WorshipLee-Ann SemschOne: This new day is fresh with possibility to encounter the Living Christ.Many: With bright eyes, let us search.One: This new day is fresh with possibility to understand the Living Christ.Many: With engaged minds, let us ponder.One: This new day is fresh with possibility to be moved by the Living Christ.Many: With compassionate hearts, let us feel.One: This new day is fresh with possibility to respond to the Living Christ.Many: With solid devotion, let us follow.One: This new day is fresh with possibility to serve the Living Christ.Many: With humble intention, let us act.One: This new day is fresh with possibility to praise the Living Christ.Many: With strong voices, let us sing.

Opening Songs

Congregation

"Christ the Lord is Risen Today" Chalice Hymnal #216 (All) Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia! All creation join to say, Alleluia! Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia! Sing, O heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!

> Lives again our glorious king; Alleluia! Where, O death, is now your sting? Alleluia! Jesus died, our souls to save, Alleluia! Where your victory, O grave? Alleluia!

Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia! Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia! Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia! Christ has opened paradise. Alleluia!

Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia! Following our exalted head, Alleluia! Made like him, like him we rise, Alleluia! Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!

"Christ is Risen, Shout Hosanna!" Chalice Hymnal #222 (All) Christ is ris-en! Shout Ho-san-na! Celebrate this day of days! Christ is ris-en! Hush in won-der: All cre-ation is am-azed. In the de-sert all-sur-round-ing, See, a spread-ing tree has grown. Healing leaves of grace abound-ing Bring a taste of love un-known.

> Christ is ris-en! Raise your spi-rits From the ca-verns of des-pair. Walk with glad-ness in the morn-ing. See what love can do and dare. Drink the wine of re-sur-rect-ion, Not a ser-vant, but a friend. Jesus is our strong com-pan-ion. Joy and peace shall ne-ver end.

Christ is ris-en! Earth and Hea-ven Nevermore shall be the same. Break the bread of new cre-ation Where the world is still in pain. Tell its grim, de-mon-ic cho-rus: Christ is ris-en! Get you gone! God the First and Last is with us, Sing Ho-san-na, ev-ery-one!

"Christ Arose" Chalice Hymnal #224 (All) Low in the grave he lay, Jesus my Savior, waiting the coming day, Jesus my Lord! Up from the grave he arose, with a mighty triumph o'er his foes; he arose a victor from the dark domain, and he lives forever with his saints to reign. He arose! (he arose) He arose! (he arose) Hallelujah! Christ arose!

> Vainly they watch his bed, Jesus my Savior; vainly they seal the dead, Jesus my Lord! Up from the grave he arose,

with a mighty triumph o'er his foes; he arose a victor from the dark domain, and he lives forever with his saints to reign. He arose! (he arose) He arose! (he arose) Hallelujah! Christ arose!

Death cannot keep its prey, Jesus my Savior; he tore the bars away--Jesus my Lord! Up from the grave he arose, with a mighty triumph o'er his foes; he arose a victor from the dark domain, and he lives forever with his saints to reign. He arose! (he arose) He arose! (he arose) Hallelujah! Christ arose!

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

"Alleluia" Chalice Hymnal #106 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Sermon Scripture Reading: Mark 16:1-8

When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, 'Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?' When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, 'Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you.' So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

Message	"Easter = 41"	Rev. Mark Willis
Special Music	"This is the Day the Lord Has Made"	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 <u>all</u> to the Lord's Table as God has welcomed us.

Lee-Ann Semsch

Congregation

Welcome to the Table/The Words of Institution

Rev. Mark Willis

Communion Hymn:

Congregation

"Alleluia, Sing to Jesus" Chalice Hymnal #233 (All) Alleluia! sing to Jesus, risen now to reign in love. Alleluia! Praise the Savior; with the multitudes above. There the songs of saints and martyrs thunder like a mighty flood, "Jesus out of every nation has redeemed us by his blood."

Alleluia! not as orphans are we left in sorrow now. Alleluia! Christ is near us: faith believes, nor questions how. Though the cloud from sight received him when the forty days were o'er, shall our hearts forget the promise, "I am with you evermore"?

> Alleluia! Bread of Heaven. be on earth our food and stay. Alleluia! here the sinful flee to you from day to day. Intercessor, friend of sinners, earth's redeemer, plead for me, where the songs of all the sinless sweep across the crystal sea.

Communion Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

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

Regina Kellogg

Offering

Congregation

Elder-Mel Adams

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

Closing Song

Rev. Mark Willis

Congregation

"He Lives" Chalice Hymnal #226 (All) I serve a risen Saviour, He's in the world today I know that He is living, whatever others say I see His hand of mercy, I hear His voice of cheer And just the time I need Him He's always near He lives (He lives), He lives (He lives), Christ Jesus lives today He walks with me and talks with me Along life's narrow way He lives (He lives), He lives (He lives), Salvation to impart You ask me how I know He lives? He lives within my heart

In all the world around me I see His loving care And though my heart grows weary I never will despair I know that He is leading, through all the stormy blast The day of His appearing will come at last He lives (He lives), He lives (He lives), Christ Jesus lives today He walks with me and talks with me Along life's narrow way He lives (He lives), He lives (He lives), Salvation to impart You ask me how I know He lives? He lives within my heart

Rejoice, rejoice, O Christian Lift up your voice and sing Eternal hallelujahs to Jesus Christ, the King The Hope of all who seek Him, the Help of all who find None other is so loving, so good and kind He lives (He lives), He lives (He lives), Christ Jesus lives today He walks with me and talks with me Along life's narrow way He lives (He lives), He lives (He lives), Salvation to impart You ask me how I know He lives? He lives within my heart

Benediction

Postlude

Rev. Mark Willis

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 today's worship service, please turn in payment today. The cost is \$13, and checks should be made out to "North Oak CC" with "Lily" in the memo line. You can also pay with debit/credit card through nocckc.org. Thank you to all who ordered. You may take your lily with you after worship.

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@nocckc.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 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.

Women's Daytime Bible Study

The original Women's Bible study group is moving to daytime! The group will start Tuesday, April 2 and then meet the first Tuesday of each month, from 2:00-3:30 at Terry Becker's home, 9430 N Bradford Ave. All are welcome. Please let Jayne Bruno (jaynesuebruno@gmail.com) or Terry Becker (tennisterry40love@gmail.com) know if you would like to join the group as they begin a new study from "Just Women", a Disciples' publication. This year's study is "Through the Looking Glass: Seeing the World Through the Eyes of Faith".

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!