

NORTH OAK CHRISTIAN CHURCH-DISCIPLES OF CHRIST

April 14, 2024 – Third Sunday of Easter

Worship Leader- Amy Hearst, Elder- Susan Arnot, Elder- Ellen Lewis,

Music- Regina Kellogg, Minister-Rev. Mark Willis

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GATHER TO WORSHIP

Prelude

Regina Kellogg

Invocation

Amy Hearst

Call to Worship

Amy Hearst

One: In our Easter joy,

Many: We find a God of new starts and fresh growth.

One: In our Easter grace,

Many: We find a God of renewal and transformation.

One: In our Easter faith,

Many: We find a God to carry us from darkness and despair.

One: In our Easter peace,

Many: We find a God to nurture us in hope and love.

One: In our Easter lives,

Many: Let us glorify God's name, now and forevermore.

Opening Songs

Congregation

“He Is Exalted” TFWS #2070 (All)

“Shout to the Lord” TFWS #2074 (All)

“Lord of All Hopefulness” TFWS #2197 vs 1,3,4

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

“O Lord, Hear My Prayer” TFWS #2200

Sermon Scripture Reading: Acts 3:1-10

Amy Hearst

One day Peter and John were going up to the temple at the hour of prayer, at three o'clock in the afternoon. And a man lame from birth was being carried in. People would lay him daily at the gate of the temple called the Beautiful Gate so that he could ask for alms from those entering the temple. When he saw Peter and John about to go into the temple, he asked them for alms. Peter

looked intently at him, as did John, and said, “Look at us.” And he fixed his attention on them, expecting to receive something from them. But Peter said, “I have no silver or gold, but what I have I give you; in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, stand up and walk.” And he took him by the right hand and raised him up; and immediately his feet and ankles were made strong. Jumping up, he stood and began to walk, and he entered the temple with them, walking and leaping and praising God. All the people saw him walking and praising God, and they recognized him as the one who used to sit and ask for alms at the Beautiful Gate of the temple; and they were filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to him.

Message “LOOK!” **Rev. Mark Willis**

Special Music “You’re Beautiful” **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**
“Stay With Us” TFWS #2199 (All)

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 **Congregation**
Elders will pass the offering plates. Place your tithe and/or offering in the plate or you can give online through nocck.org.

Offering Prayer **Rev. Mark Willis**

Closing Song **Congregation**
“Shine Jesus Shine” TFWS #2173 vs1

Benediction **Rev. Mark Willis**

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

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).

Social Justice Seekers

The next NOCC Social Justice Seekers "4th Thursday" meeting will be held on April 25. In this session, we will be sharing an overview and discussing the recently announced "Building an Inclusive Church" initiative, our new quarterly meeting schedule, and a newly created process for identifying and nominating topics for future Seekers sessions. Meetings begin at 6:30 and can be accessed at

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6361322700?pwd=dmZ5ZGRic2dla3VHWXVS0Eg2V1NqZz09&omn=87071570030>.

All are welcome.

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!

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>

Backpack Ministry Updates

For the month of March, thank you to Ellen and Bob Lewis for fetching groceries with Ramie Beck and then packing and delivering the food for Bell Prairie families. And thank you to those who generously donated to purchase 10 Aldi gift cards for the families to use over spring break! As of February 29, the balance in the account was \$2,585.

Gratitude continues during for the generosity shown by members and friends at North Oak through their support of this ministry. We are blessed in our ability to help others.

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; a time for moral and spiritual discourse. At North Oak Christian Church we are welcoming to all members of the human family and celebrate the delightful diversity of God's creation. For the next few weeks, we will be discussing Broken We Kneel: Reflections on Faith and Citizenship by Diana Butler Bass.

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!