

# NORTH OAK CHRISTIAN CHURCH-DISCIPLES OF CHRIST

*In the grace of God, we embrace unity, we celebrate diversity, and demonstrate Christ's love*

October 6, 2024 – Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

Worship Leader-Seth Bass, Elder-Tim Brooks, Elder-Ellen Lewis,

Music-Regina Kellogg, Minister-Rev. Mark Willis

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## COME TO WORSHIP

Prelude

Regina Kellogg

Invocation

Seth Bass

Call to Worship

Seth Bass

One: Welcome to this place: where disciples seeking Jesus gather, where heaven and earth embrace in peace, where God has been, is, and always will be.

**Many: Welcome to this place, as we gather with all of God's children: where we find God's love, where we hear the tender voice of Jesus, where the Spirit teaches us new songs.**

One: Welcome to this place, where all is made ready by our God:

**Many: Where we bring our hunger, and find food;**

One: Where we bring our brokenness, and find healing;

**Many: Where we bring our very selves, and find acceptance.**

Opening Songs

Congregation

**“All Who Hunger Gather Gladly” Chalice Hymnal #419 (All)**

All who hunger, gather gladly;

Holy manna is our bread.

Come from wilderness and wand'ring.

Here, in truth, we will be fed.

You that yearn for days of fullness,

All around us is our food.

Taste and see the grace eternal.

Taste and see that God is good.

All who hunger, never strangers,

Seeker, be a welcome guest.

Come from restlessness and roaming.

Here in joy we keep the feast.

We that once were lost and scattered

In communion's love have stood.

Taste and see the grace eternal.

Taste and see that God is good.

All who hunger, sing together;

Jesus Christ is living bread.

Come from loneliness and longing.  
Here in peace we have been led.  
Blest are those who from this table  
Live their days in gratitude.  
Taste and see the grace eternal.  
Taste and see that God is good.

**“Come, Share the Lord” Chalice Hymnal #408 (All)**

We gather here in Jesus' name  
His love is burning in our hearts like living flame  
For through His loving Son the Father makes us one  
Come take the bread come drink the wine  
Come share the Lord

No one is a stranger here  
Everyone belongs  
Finding our forgiveness here  
We in turn forgive all wrongs

He joins us here He breaks the bread  
The Lord who pours the cup is risen from the dead  
The One we love the most is now our gracious host  
Come take the bread come drink the wine  
Come share the Lord

We are now the family  
Of which the Lord is head  
Though unseen He meets us here  
In the breaking of the bread

We'll gather soon where angels sing  
We'll see the glory of our Lord and coming King  
Now we anticipate the feast for which we wait  
Come take the bread come drink the wine  
Come share the Lord

**“Take Our Bread” Chalice Hymnal #413 (All)**

Take our bread, we ask you;  
take our hearts, we love you.  
Take our lives, O Father,  
we are yours, we are yours.

Yours as we stand at the table you set;  
yours as we eat the bread our hearts can't forget.  
We are the sign of your life with us yet,

we are yours, we are yours.  
Take our bread, we ask you;  
take our hearts, we love you.  
Take our lives, O Father,  
we are yours, we are yours.

Your holy people standing washed in your blood,  
Spirit-filled yet hungry we await your food.  
We are poor, but we've brought ourselves  
the best that we could;  
we are yours, we are yours.  
Take our bread, we ask you;  
take our hearts, we love you.  
Take our lives, O Father,  
we are yours, we are yours.

***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](mailto:pastor@nocckc.org))*

**Prayer Response**

**Congregation**

**"One Bread, One Body" Chalice Hymnal #393 (Chorus Only)**

One bread, one body, one Lord of all,  
One cup of blessing which we bless.  
And we, though many, throughout the earth,  
We are one body in this one Lord.

**Sermon Scripture Reading: Exodus 32:1-14**

**Seth Bass**

When the people saw that Moses delayed to come down from the mountain, the people gathered around Aaron and said to him, 'Come, make gods for us, who shall go before us; as for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him.' Aaron said to them, 'Take off the gold rings that are on the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters, and bring them to me.' So all the people took off the gold rings from their ears, and brought them to Aaron. He took the gold from them, formed it in a mold, and cast an image of a calf; and they said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!' When Aaron saw this, he built an altar before it; and Aaron made proclamation and said, 'Tomorrow shall be a festival to the Lord.' They rose early the next day, and offered burnt-offerings and brought sacrifices of well-being; and the people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to revel.

The Lord said to Moses, 'Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshipped it and sacrificed to it, and said, "These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!"' The Lord



**Partaking of Communion**  
Music During Communion

Regina Kellogg

**CELEBRATION OF THE PEOPLE'S RESPONSE**

**Mission Moment**

**Family Promise**

**Rev. Mark Willis**

**Offering**

**Congregation**

Elders will pass the offering plates. Place your tithe or offering in the plate or you can give online through nocckc.org.

**Offering Prayer**

**Rev. Mark Willis**

**Closing Song**

**Congregation**

**“Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ” Chalice Hymnal #422 (All)**

Let us talents and tongues employ.  
Reaching out with a shout of joy:  
Bread is broken, the wine is poured,  
Christ is spoken and seen and heard.  
Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again,  
pass the Word around: loaves abound!

Christ is able to make us one.  
At the table he sets the tone,  
teaching people to live to bless,  
love in word and in deed express.  
Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again,  
pass the Word around: loaves abound!

Jesus calls us in, sends us out  
bearing fruit in a world of doubt,  
gives us love to tell, bread to share:  
God (Immanuel) everywhere!  
Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again,  
pass the Word around: loaves abound!

**Benediction**

**Rev. Mark Willis**

**Postlude**

**Regina Kellogg**

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**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**

### **Blessing of the Pets**

NOCC will offer a blessing for pets today. Sunday, October 6, 2024, at 5:00 p.m. in the Labyrinth! Bring your pet and join in the fun and fellowship as we recognize the role our beloved animals play in our lives. Strum will be on hand as well. All are invited – bring a friend!

### **October Vespers**

In October, every Monday at 5:30 p.m. Pastor Mark will be offering an evening vespers service and communion on the labyrinth. Vespers are a simple prayer service of praise and thanksgiving. This quiet, simple service is meant to be a time of rest and rehabilitation. All are welcome. Please bring a lawn chair to sit in.

### **NOCC 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Party Planning**

In anticipation of NOCC's landmark 50th Anniversary on June 8, 2025, planning is starting now! If you are interested in participating in the planning and execution of this momentous occasion, please contact Corrie Tice at corriegravestice@gmail.com.

### **NOCC Choir!**

Come make a joyful noise! The choir rehearses on Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. If you enjoy good music during worship, if you want to bellow out praise to God, or even if you are just a virtuoso in the shower each morning, there is place in the choir for you. The only requirement for singing in the choir is a desire to praise God and a willingness to make a joyful noise. Questions? Email Regina at reginakaye1971@gmail.com

### **Come Read to the Preschool Kids!**

On Monday mornings, you can sign up to come read a book or two with our preschool kids. It is the most amazing thing you will do this week. You can bring the book(s) or you can borrow a couple from the preschool. The sign-up sheet for Monday reading is on the office window. If you have any questions or want to know how awesome reading to preschoolers can be, please see Pastor Mark who reads to the kids every Wednesday.

### **Movie and Munchies in November**

Movies and Munchies will be on November 7 at 6:00 p.m. at the Nelsons' home. All are welcome to join in. Watch the movie "Captain Fantastic," a 2016 American comedy-drama prior to attending. Bring your own drinks of choice, food to share, and wisdom to spread. RSVP if you can come to Ann and David Nelson 816.896.3835 or humanagenda@gmail.com

### **Wednesday Morning Devotions**

Join Pastor Mark on Wednesday mornings in the labyrinth at 8:30 a.m. for prayerful devotions and spiritual meditations. This will be a quiet time to contemplate our connection to God and spend some time in a faithful pause to simply be with God in the middle of our week. All are invited and welcome.

### **Prayer Requests**

Jayne Bruno is coordinating and disseminating prayer requests via email. If you would like to make a prayer request, send it to Jayne at [prayers@nocckc.org](mailto:prayers@nocckc.org), and it will then go out to the congregation (unless privacy is requested).

### **Backpack Ministry Updates**

The Backpack Ministry is underway, starting with our first delivery on Wednesday, September 23. Thank you to everyone who helped gather, pack and deliver the food. Currently, we are serving 6 families: 21 children, 12 adults. Thank you to all who have contributed financially during the summer months in preparation for the new school year! As of September 18, the balance in the Backpack Ministry account: \$3692.24.

It isn't too late to help with the Backpack Ministry. Scheduling is flexible as is the time commitment. Contact Terry Becker with questions or to volunteer: [tennisterry40love@gmail.com](mailto:tennisterry40love@gmail.com)  
Thank you to all who continue to keep the Bell Prairie children and families in your prayers.

### **Family Promise**

Give the gift of time: Volunteer on November 21, 2024, to serve at Family Promise. The ability to provide guests with basic human needs such as food and clothing is vital for their survival. Whether it's kitchen duties, serving meals, assisting in clothes donations, sorting food, laundry and cleaning, the promise to you is: your gift of time and loving aid will have a significant effect on the lives of others.

Family Promise of the Northland (located at 4406 NE 45 Terrace, Kansas City, MO, 64117), provides temporary shelter and services for transient and unhoused people in the Northland and Kansas City area. The Center is open on Thursday from 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Contact Debbie Herrick (816.510.6859) or email ([thomsod5000@att.net](mailto:thomsod5000@att.net)) for more information.

### **Cherith Brook**

Cherith Brook provides its guests with showers, a hot meal, laundry services and replacement clothing. 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](mailto: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, and 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 "Baptizing America: How Mainline Protestants Helped Build Christian Nationalism" by Brian Kaylor and Beau Underwood.

### **Women's Daytime Bible Study**

The Women's Bible Study group meets on the first Tuesday of each month, from 2:00-3:30 p.m. at Terry Becker's home, 9430 N Bradford Ave. All are welcome. Please let Jayne Bruno ([jaynesuebruno@gmail.com](mailto:jaynesuebruno@gmail.com)) or Terry Becker ([tennisterry40love@gmail.com](mailto: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 following the Narrative Lectionary which can be found at: <https://www.workingpreacher.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/09/WP-Narrative-Lectionary-2024-25-Luke.pdf>. All those who identify as male are welcome. Email David Nelson at [humanagenda@gmail.com](mailto:humanagenda@gmail.com) for the Zoom link and join in!