

NORTH OAK CHRISTIAN CHURCH-DISCIPLES OF CHRIST

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

October 13, 2024 – Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost

Worship Leader-David Nelson, Elder-Ellen Lewis, Elder-Tim Brooks,

Music-Regina Kellogg, Minister-Rev. Mark Willis

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COME TO WORSHIP

Prelude

Regina Kellogg

Invocation

David Nelson

Call to Worship

David Nelson

One: There is no holy One, or no rock like our God

Many: Who causes my heart to rejoice and my strength to increase,

One: For the Lord is a God of knowledge, who judges our actions.

Many: Who breaks the power of the mighty, and clothes the feeble with strength,

One: The Lord makes rich and makes poor, brings low and lifts up.

Many: Raising up the poor from the dust and the needy from the ash heap;

One: Giving them seats of honor and guarding the feet of those who are faithful.

Many: We worship and praise God—redeemer of all the earth.

Opening Songs

Congregation

“He Has Made Me Glad” TFWS #2270 (All)

“He is Exalted” TFWS #2070 (All)

“All I Need is You” TFWS #2080 (All)

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

“Bless the Lord” TFWS #2013

Bless the Lord my soul and bless God’s holy name.

Bless the Lord my soul who leads me into life.

Sermon Scripture Reading: I Samuel 1:9-10, 19-20; 2:1-10

David Nelson

After they had eaten and drunk at Shiloh, Hannah rose and presented herself before the Lord.

Now Eli the priest was sitting on the seat beside the doorpost of the temple of the Lord. She was deeply distressed and prayed to the Lord, and wept bitterly. She made this vow: “O Lord of hosts, if only you will look on the misery of your servant, and remember me, and not forget your servant,

but will give to your servant a male child, then I will set him before you as a Nazirite until the day of his death. He shall drink neither wine nor intoxicants, and no razor shall touch his head.” They rose early in the morning and worshipped before the Lord; then they went back to their house at Ramah. Elkanah knew his wife Hannah, and the Lord remembered her. In due time Hannah conceived and bore a son. She named him Samuel, for she said, “I have asked him of the Lord.”

Hannah prayed and said, “My heart exults in the Lord; my strength is exalted in my God. My mouth derides my enemies, because I rejoice in my victory. There is no Holy One like the Lord, no one besides you; there is no Rock like our God. Talk no more so very proudly, let not arrogance come from your mouth; for the Lord is a God of knowledge, and by him actions are weighed. The bows of the mighty are broken, but the feeble gird on strength. Those who were full have hired themselves out for bread, but those who were hungry are fat with spoil. The barren has borne seven, but she who has many children is forlorn. The Lord kills and brings to life; he brings down to Sheol and raises up. The Lord makes poor and makes rich; he brings low, he also exalts. He raises up the poor from the dust; he lifts the needy from the ash heap, to make them sit with princes and inherit a seat of honor. For the pillars of the earth are the Lord’s, and on them he has set the world. ‘He will guard the feet of his faithful ones, but the wicked shall be cut off in darkness; for not by might does one prevail. The Lord! His adversaries shall be shattered; the Most High will thunder in heaven. The Lord will judge the ends of the earth; he will give strength to his king, and exalt the power of his anointed.’”

Message “When Our Faith is Barren” **Rev. Mark Willis**

Special Music “Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing” **Pop-Up 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**
“Sing Alleluia to the Lord” TFWS #2258 (All)

Communion Prayer **Elder-Ellen Lewis**
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

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

“Bind Us Together” TFWS #2226 (All)

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

Trunk or Treat

North Oak CC is hosting a Trunk or Treat for our Preschool kids on Wednesday, October 30, 2024, from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. All are invited to come join in the fun! We need people to bring their cars, decorate their trunks, maybe wear a costume(?), and hand out candy to our preschool kids and their families. This is an excellent way to meet our teachers, kids, and parents. If you can't be here in person, you can donate CANDY to the effort. Let's all pitch in and make this a great event for our kids.

NOCC 50th Anniversary Party Planning

Planning is starting now in anticipation of NOCC's landmark 50th Anniversary on June 8, 2025! 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 a 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 all week. You may bring the book(s) or you may 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, and it will then go out to the congregation (unless privacy is requested).

Backpack Ministry Updates

The Backpack Ministry is underway, with our first delivery on Wednesday, September 23. Thank you to everyone who helped gather, pack and deliver the food. Currently, we are serving six 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: \$3977.76

It isn't too late to help with the Backpack Ministry. Donations are always needed, and scheduling is flexible as is the time commitment. Contact Terry Becker with questions or to volunteer: 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 (thompsod5000@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

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) or Terry Becker (tennisterry4olove@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 for the Zoom link and join in!