

NORTH OAK CHRISTIAN CHURCH-DISCIPLES OF CHRIST

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

October 20, 2024 – Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost
Worship Leader-Seth Bass, Elder-Ellen Lewis, Elder-Tim Brooks,
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: How beautiful are the places where you dwell, O Lord!

Many: This house cannot contain your glory; even the heavens are bursting with the goodness of your presence!

One: Happy are those who find their strength in you.

Many: Hear our prayers this day, Holy God, as we proclaim your praises to all the earth!

Opening Songs

Congregation

“How Majestic is Your Name” TFWS #2023 (All)

“Cry of My Heart” TFWS #2165 (All)

“We Will Glorify the King of Kings” TFWS #2087 (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

“Praise You” TFWS #2003

Praise you, praise you, let my life praise you.

Praise you, praise you, let my life, O Lord, praise you.

Sermon Scripture Reading: II Samuel 7:1-17

Seth Bass

Now when the king was settled in his house, and the Lord had given him rest from all his enemies around him, the king said to the prophet Nathan, “See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent.” Nathan said to the king, “Go, do all that you have in mind; for the Lord is with you.”

But that same night the word of the Lord came to Nathan: Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the Lord: Are you the one to build me a house to live in? I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and

a tabernacle. Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, “Why have you not built me a house of cedar?” Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the Lord of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel; and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover, the Lord declares to you that the Lord will make you a house. When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your ancestors, I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come forth from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. I will be a father to him, and he shall be a son to me. When he commits iniquity, I will punish him with a rod such as mortals use, with blows inflicted by human beings. But I will not take my steadfast love from him, as I took it from Saul, whom I put away from before you. Your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me; your throne shall be established forever. In accordance with all these words and with all this vision, Nathan spoke to David.

Message	“God’s House ”	Rev. Mark Willis
Special Music	“As the Deer”	NOCC Choir Flute: Lee-Ann Semsch

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
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Communion Hymn:	Congregation
“Broken for Me” TFWS #2263 (All)	

Communion Prayer	Elder-Tim Brooks
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
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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
“Shine Jesus, Shine” TFWS #2173 vs 1,3	
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

Currently, we are serving six families: 21 children, 12 adults. As of September 18, the balance in the Backpack Ministry account: \$3977.76 If you want 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 (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

Sojourners Adult Sunday School Class

To "sojourn" is to stay someplace a short time. We meet every Sunday from 9-10 a.m. to have moral and spiritual discourse. We invite you to bring your favorite cup of tea or coffee and join us for shared ideas and conversation. At North Oak Christian Church we are welcoming to all members of the human family and

celebrate the delightful diversity of God's creation. We are currently conversing about "Indigenous People Day" and the "Doctrine of Discovery." You are invited to join in and to suggest a current topic or issue for discussion.

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!

On Sunday, November 3, NOCC parishioners will be asked to determine whether we shall publicly identify as an Open and Affirming congregation as expressed in the Welcoming Statement below. We will make this determination by congregational vote immediately following worship that day. Everyone who identifies as part of this faith community is invited to stay for this meeting and participate in voting.

The diversity of this congregation is perhaps most pronounced in our myriad experiences of polity, processes and practices. We bring rich history from our previous churches to this one. At North Oak we honor such diversity of experience, as we now discover and are defining more specifically what it means for us as a congregation to celebrate diversity of gender identities and expressions. *(About here, Mark, would be a good place to reflect your spoken reference to this being an expression of intent. Would you take some editorial license here, please?)*

In various ways you have brought your voices and your views into our discernment dialogue. Thank you. Next, we invite you to bring your vote and join us after worship on November 3, as NOCC makes this important decision.

What is an “Open and Affirming” Church?

A church which practices full inclusion for members of all marginalized communities in every aspect of church life, including worship, fellowship, ministry participation, and leadership.

Our Welcoming Statement

Welcome to North Oak Christian Church.

We are Disciples of Christ, part of a movement toward wholeness in a fragmented world.
As a faith community which celebrates diversity, we are an Open and Affirming church.

However old or young you are...

Wherever your faith journey has taken you...

Whether you know anything about church or God or the Bible...

No matter how much you have in your bank account or where you live...

Whatever your country of origin, the color of your skin, or your first language...

Whether you are single, married, divorced, widowed, or partnered...

Regardless of who you love, or who loves you...

Whatever your gender expression...

We can't wait to meet you.

You are welcome here.