

NORTH OAK CHRISTIAN CHURCH-DISCIPLES OF CHRIST

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

November 10, 2024 – Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Worship Leader-Seth Bass, Elder-Tom Hawley, Elder-Linda Daniels,

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: For just this hour,

Many: Follow me

One: Listen to my word

Many: Follow me

One: Think about your life as my disciple every day

Many: Follow me

One: Pray

Many: Follow me

One: Sing

Many: Follow me

One: Come, let us worship God!

Opening Songs

Congregation

“We Have Come at Christ’s Own Bidding” TFWS#2103 (All)

“Jesus, Draw Me Close” TFWS#2159 (All)

“You Alone are Holy” TFWS#2077 (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

“In the Lord I’ll Ever Be Thankful” TFWS# 2195

In the Lord I’ll ever be thankful, in the Lord I will rejoice!

Look to God, do not be afraid. Lift up your voices, the Lord is near,

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Sermon Scripture Reading: Jonah 3:10-4:11

Seth Bass

When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. He prayed to the Lord and said, ‘O Lord! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. And now, O Lord, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live.’ And the Lord said, ‘Is it right for you to be angry?’ Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city.

The Lord God appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush. But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, ‘It is better for me to die than to live.’

But God said to Jonah, ‘Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?’ And he said, ‘Yes, angry enough to die.’ Then the Lord said, ‘You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labor and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand people who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?’

Message **“But God! I Don’t Like Those People!”** **Rev. Mark Willis**

Special Music **“He’s Got the Whole World in His Hands”** **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**

“In the Singing” TFWS# 2255 (All)

Communion Prayer **Elder-Tom Hawley**

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

Debbie Herrick

Offering

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

Congregation

Offering Prayer

Rev. Mark Willis

Closing Song

“Make Us One, Lord” TFWS# 2244 (All)

Congregation

Benediction

Rev. Mark Willis

One: As you go out into the world

Many: Follow me

One: At home with your household

Many: Follow me

One: At school and work

Many: Follow me

One: In everything you do this week

Many: Follow me

One: And as you do, remember that Christ is with you always, even to the end of the world. Amen.

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

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

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

'Tis the season—or seasonS! Currently, NOCC provides a weekly meal for nine Bell Prairie Elementary school families. For Thanksgiving and Christmas, we will provide Aldi gift cards to help over the holidays. To contribute to this ministry, make your donation to "NOCC" and indicate "gift cards" in the memo or on the envelope.

In late November, we will “adopt” seven Bell Prairie children by providing five gifts per child for Christmas. More information will be provided as the dates near.

If you would like to volunteer for the Backpack Ministry, times are flexible and can meet your schedule. Contact Terry Becker for questions and more information: tennisterry40love@gmail.com

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 (thompso5000@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 (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

for the Zoom link and join in!