

NORTH OAK CHRISTIAN CHURCH-DISCIPLES OF CHRIST

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

November 17, 2024 – Twenty-Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

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

Music-Regina Kellogg, Minister-Rev. Mark Willis

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Open and Inclusive Celebration

Prelude "Rainbow Connection" **STRUM**

Welcome **Mel Adams**

Invocation **Tom Hawley**

Call to Worship **Tom Hawley**

One: 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.

Many: 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 identity or expression...

We can't wait to meet you. You are welcome here.

Opening Songs **Congregation**

"Gather Us In" Chalice Hymnal #284 (All)

Prayer from the People **Ramie Beck**

"Sing a New World into Being" Insert

Prayer from the People **Randi Struxness**

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).

Sermon Scripture Reading: Isaiah 6:1-13 **Tom Hawley**

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts;

the whole earth is full of his glory.” The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. And I said: “Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!”

Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: “Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.” Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” And I said, “Here am I; send me!”

And he said, “Go and say to this people: “Keep listening, but do not comprehend; keep looking, but do not understand.” Make the mind of this people dull, and stop their ears, and shut their eyes, so that they may not look with their eyes, and listen with their ears, and comprehend with their minds, and turn and be healed.” Then I said, “How long, O Lord?” And he said: “Until cities lie waste without inhabitant, and houses without people, and the land is utterly desolate; until the Lord sends everyone far away, and vast is the emptiness in the midst of the land. Even if a tenth part remains in it, it will be burned again, like a terebinth or an oak whose stump remains standing when it is felled.” The holy seed is its stump.

Songs of Praise

Congregation

“Love Astounding” Insert

Prayer from the People

Linda Tyree

“God of Many Faces” Insert

Prayer from the People

Tom Hawley

Message

“Here I Am! Send Me Where?!”

Rev. Mark Willis

Prayers of the People

Rev. Mark Willis

(Please make your requests & praises known by sharing aloud or emailing pastor@nocckc.org)

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 Special Music

“At This Table”

Regina Kellogg

Communion Prayer

Elder-Linda Daniels

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 or offering in the plate, or you can give online through nocckc.org.

Offering Prayer

Rev. Mark Willis

Closing Song

Congregation

“Here I Am, Lord” Chalice Hymnal #452 (All)

Recognition of Inclusion Team

Rev. Mark Willis

Benediction

Rev. Mark Willis

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Postlude

“Somewhere Over the Rainbow”

STRUM

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 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

Thanksgiving is approaching fast! And Christmas is on its heels! Please consider purchasing Aldi gift cards for the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays for our 9 families at Bell Prairie Elementary School. Currently, for the two holidays we will purchase the following based on the number of people in each family: 8-\$25.00 cards, 6-\$30.00 cards, and 4-\$35.00 cards. Meghan Shipley, our contact at Bell Prairie, has told us how much the families appreciate such generosity, especially during the holiday breaks. 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

Movie and Munchies in November

Movies and Munchies will be on Thursday, December 5, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. at the Nelsons' home. All are welcome to join in. Watch the movie "August Rush", a 2007 drama about a musically gifted orphan and his search for his real parents, 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.

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 drherricko3@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. 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!