

NORTH OAK CHRISTIAN CHURCH-DISCIPLES OF CHRIST

*In the grace of God, we embrace unity, we celebrate diversity
and demonstrate Christ's love as an open and affirming faith community.*

February 2, 2025 – Fourth Sunday After the Epiphany
Worship Leader-Seth Bass, Elder-Linda Daniels, Elder-Marcia Malotte,
Music-Regina Kellogg, Minister-Rev. Mark Willis

Gather to Worship

Prelude

Regina Kellogg

Invocation

Seth Bass

Call to Worship

Seth Bass

One: It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to your name, O Most High;

Many: To declare your steadfast love in the morning, and your faithfulness by night,

One: For you, O Lord, have made me glad by your work;

Many: At the works of your hands I sing for joy.

One: The righteous flourish like the palm tree, and grow like a cedar in Lebanon.

Many: We are planted in the house of the Lord and flourish in the courts of our God.

One: It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to your name, O Most High;

Many: To declare your steadfast love in the morning, and your faithfulness by night.

(Based on Psalm 92)

Songs of Praise

Congregation

“We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise” TFWS #2031 (All)

“He is Exalted” TFWS #2070 (All)

First Scripture Reading: Luke 6:12-16

Seth Bass

Now during those days he went out to the mountain to pray; and he spent the night in prayer to God. And when day came, he called his disciples and chose twelve of them, whom he also named apostles: Simon, whom he named Peter, and his brother Andrew, and James, and John, and Philip, and Bartholomew, and Matthew, and Thomas, and James son of Alphaeus, and Simon, who was called the Zealot, and Judas son of James, and Judas Iscariot, who became a traitor.

Songs of Adoration

Congregation

“His Eye is On the Sparrow” TFWS #2046 (All)

“More Like You” TFWS #2167 (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)***People's Response**

Congregation

“Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying” TFWS #2193

Lord, listen to your children praying, Lord, send your Spirit in this place;
 Lord, listen to your children praying, send us love, send us power, send us grace.

Scripture Reading: Luke 6:1-11

Seth Bass

One sabbath while Jesus was going through the cornfields, his disciples plucked some heads of grain, rubbed them in their hands, and ate them. But some of the Pharisees said, “Why are you doing what is not lawful on the sabbath?” Jesus answered, “Have you not read what David did when he and his companions were hungry? He entered the house of God and took and ate the bread of the Presence, which it is not lawful for any but the priests to eat, and gave some to his companions?” Then he said to them, “The Son of Man is lord of the sabbath.”

On another sabbath he entered the synagogue and taught, and there was a man there whose right hand was withered. The scribes and the Pharisees watched him to see whether he would cure on the sabbath, so that they might find an accusation against him. Even though he knew what they were thinking, he said to the man who had the withered hand, “Come and stand here.” He got up and stood there. Then Jesus said to them, “I ask you, is it lawful to do good or to do harm on the sabbath, to save life or to destroy it?” After looking around at all of them, he said to him, “Stretch out your hand.” He did so, and his hand was restored. But they were filled with fury and discussed with one another what they might do to Jesus.

Message**“A Movement for Healing in a Hurting World”**

Rev. Mark Willis

Special Music**“I Love You, Lord”**

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 Song

Congregation

“You Who are Thirsty” TFWS #2132 (All)**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

"They'll Know We are Christians by Our Love" TFWS #2223 (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

Movies and Munchies

"Movies and Munchies" will be on Thursday, February 6, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the home of David and Ann Nelson. They provide the space; you provide your own drinks and munchies to share. Munchies are from 6-7, and then there is a conversation about the movie from 7-8. The movie for discussion in February is "Six Triple Eight," a story based on a true event. (The movie can be found on Netflix.) Please watch the movie prior to attending, and please RSVP to David Nelson at humanagenda@gmail.com if you are planning to attend.

SOUP-ER Bowl Potluck

After worship on Sunday, February 9, 2025, we will have a SOUP-er potluck lunch. All are invited to come, bring food to share, and join in a warm, delicious meal together. Sign up with Ellen Lewis to bring a soup, side, or dessert and invite friends and family for a good meal and fun fellowship.

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.

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

Thank you to Jill and Larry Rodgers for packing food during January and to Bob Bruno for delivering it to Bell Prairie each week – except for one icy Wednesday. At the end of January, the balance in the account was \$3337.30, which will pay for the grocery order for February and March as well as for gift cards for Spring Break.

NOCC's dedication to helping our neighbors never wavers.

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 by volunteering to serve at Family Promise of the Northland, located at 4406 NE 45th Terrace, Kansas City, MO, 64117. Family Promise provides temporary shelter and services for transient and unhoused people in the Northland and Kansas City area. 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 this: your gift of time and loving aid will have a significant impact on the lives of others.

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. Items in need now: sleeping bags, summer sausages, bike locks, nice gloves, hand warmers, winter coats, winter socks, tarps, bike toolkits, and men's pants (especially size 30-34). 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. 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 Daytime Women's Bible Study group is on hiatus until April. We will meet from 2:00-3:30 on the first Tuesdays, April-December 2025, at Ann Nelson's home. If you are interested in joining, please contact Jayne Bruno (jaynesuebruno@gmail.com) now to learn about our study, "Awakened: A 52-Week Progressive Christian Devotional" by Caleb J. Lines (Chalice Press). See you in April!

Monthly Men's Breakfast at Kate's Kitchen

On the first Saturday of every month at 7:45 a.m., all those who identify as male, are invited to a men's breakfast at Kate's Kitchen, 8002 North Oak Trafficway. This gathering is for fellowship and connection as we begin our Saturday together with some good food and good friends.

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!