

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 23, 2025 – Seventh Sunday After the Epiphany

Worship Leader-Ramie Beck, Elder-Linda Daniels, Elder-Marcia Malotte,

Music-Regina Kellogg, Minister-Rev. Mark Willis

Gather to Worship

Prelude

“Sakura”

Jubilation Ringers

Invocation

Ramie Beck

Call to Worship

Ramie Beck

One: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me,

Many: Bless God's holy name.

One: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and do not forget all of God's blessings-

Many: God forgives all our iniquity,

One: God heals all our diseases,

Many: God redeems our life from the Pit,

One: God crowns us with steadfast love and mercy,

Many: God satisfies us with good as long as we live so that our youth is renewed like the eagle's.

One: The Lord works vindication,

Many: And justice for all who are oppressed.

(Based on Psalm 103)

Songs of Praise

Congregation

“Gather Us In” TFWS #2236 (All)

“Lord, I Lift Your Name on High” TFWS #2088 (All)

First Scripture Reading: Luke 7:36-39

Ramie Beck

One of the Pharisees asked Jesus to eat with him, and he went into the Pharisee's house and took his place at the table. And a woman in the city, who was a sinner, having learned that he was eating in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster jar of ointment. She stood behind him at his feet, weeping, and began to bathe his feet with her tears and to dry them with her hair. Then she continued kissing his feet and anointing them with the ointment. Now when the Pharisee who had invited him saw it, he said to himself, “If this man were a prophet, he would have known who and what kind of woman this is who is touching him—that she is a sinner.”

Songs of Adoration

Congregation

“Come and Find the Quiet Center” TFWS #2188 (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)

People's Response

Congregation

"Nearer My God to Thee" Chalice Hymnal #577

Still all my song shall be, nearer, my God, to thee;
nearer, my God, to thee, nearer to thee!

Scripture Reading: Luke 7:40-50

Ramie Beck

Jesus spoke up and said to him, "Simon, I have something to say to you." "Teacher," he replied, "speak." "A certain creditor had two debtors; one owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. When they could not pay, he cancelled the debts for both of them. Now which of them will love him more?" Simon answered, "I suppose the one for whom he cancelled the greater debt." And Jesus said to him, "You have judged rightly." Then turning towards the woman, he said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? I entered your house; you gave me no water for my feet, but she has bathed my feet with her tears and dried them with her hair. You gave me no kiss, but from the time I came in she has not stopped kissing my feet. You did not anoint my head with oil, but she has anointed my feet with ointment. Therefore, I tell you, her sins, which were many, have been forgiven; hence she has shown great love. But the one to whom little is forgiven, loves little." Then he said to her, "Your sins are forgiven." But those who were at the table with him began to say among themselves, "Who is this who even forgives sins?" And he said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you; go in peace."

Message

"Honest Humility"

Rev. Mark Willis

Special Music

"Sometimes I Feel Like a Motherless Child"

Jubilation Ringers

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

"In Remembrance of Me" TFWS #2254 (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

“Joy in the Morning” TFWS #2284 (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 HUMBL Y, LOVE DEEPLY, LIVE SIMPLY, AND SERVE JOYFULLY

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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

Ash Wednesday Service

On Wednesday, March 5, 2025, at 7:00 p.m., join in an Ash Wednesday Service of Word and song as we begin the Lenten Season. This service of communion and ashes is our start to the 40-day journey to Jerusalem with Jesus. All are encouraged to come start Lent together with prayer and music.

Lenten Soup Dinners

Starting **Wednesday**, March 12, 2025, at 5:30 p.m., join us during Lent for a soup-supper-and-devotion every Wednesday night. All are welcome to come – please bring a soup or a soup side (bread, crackers, veggies or fruit) to share. Additionally, we will have a sign-up for the devotion each week. Consider signing up to bring a good word on our journey of Lent.

NOCC 50th Anniversary Party Planning

Planning has begun for NOCC's landmark 50th Anniversary on June 8, 2025! If you are interested in helping with 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 Bob and Ellen Lewis for fetching groceries, packing, and delivering food to Bell Prairie during frigid February and to Ramie Beck for purchasing the groceries. NOCC's heartfelt generosity provides all of these opportunities. As of February 15, the account balance is \$3277.30.

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. Whether it's kitchen duties, serving meals, assisting in clothes donations, sorting food, laundry and cleaning, 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.

Monthly Men's Breakfast at Kate's Kitchen

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