

# 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.*

March 2, 2025 – Transfiguration Sunday

Worship Leader-Jill Rodgers, Elder-Ellen Lewis, Elder-Susan Arnot,

Music-Regina Kellogg, Minister-Rev. Mark Willis

## Scout Sunday

Welcome	Rev. Mark Willis
Presentation of Colors	Boy Scout Honor Guard
State of the Troop	Boy Scout Leader
Prayer for Our Troop	Rev. Mark Willis

## Gather to Worship

<b>Prelude</b>	<b>Regina Kellogg</b>
<b>Invocation</b>	<b>Jill Rodgers</b>
<b>Call to Worship</b>	<b>Jill Rodgers</b>
One: We do not know what to say, <b>Many: For we are afraid.</b>	
One: But a cloud overshadows us, <b>Many: And a voice comes to us—</b>	
One: “This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!” <b>Many: Lord, we listen today!</b>	
<i>(Based on Luke 9)</i>	

<b>Songs of Praise</b>	<b>Congregation</b>
<b>“We Sing to You, O God” TFWS #2001 (All)</b>	
<b>“Bless His Holy Name” TFWS #2015 (All)</b>	

<b>First Scripture Reading: Luke 9:18-24</b>	<b>Jill Rodgers</b>
Once when Jesus was praying alone, with only the disciples near him, he asked them, “Who do the crowds say that I am?” They answered, “John the Baptist; but others, Elijah; and still others, that one of the ancient prophets has arisen.” He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered, “The Messiah of God.” He sternly ordered and commanded them not to tell anyone, saying, “The Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, chief priests, and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised.” Then he said to them all, “If any	

want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will save it.”

**Songs of Adoration**

**Congregation**

**“Sanctuary” TFWS #2164 (All)**

**“Lord, Be Glorified” TFWS #2150 (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](mailto:pastor@nocckc.org))*

**People’s Response**

**Congregation**

**“Come and Fill Our Hearts” TFWS #2157**

Come and fill our hearts peace. You alone, O Lord, are holy.

Come and fill our hearts peace, alleluia!

**Scripture Reading: Luke 9:28-36**

**Jill Rodgers**

Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, “Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah”—not knowing what he said. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, “This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!” When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

**Message**

**“A Journey of Transformation”**

**Rev. Mark Willis**

**Special Music**

**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**

**“Come, Share the Lord” TFWS #2269 (All)**

**Communion Prayer**  
**The Lord's Prayer**

**Elder-Ellen Lewis**  
**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**

**"May You Run and Not Be Weary" TFWS #2281 (All)**

**Benediction**

**Rev. Mark Willis**

**Postlude**

**Regina Kellogg**

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**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**

**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**

**Ash Wednesday Service**

This 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 Daily Devotionals**

We have Daily Lenten Devotional Books available for Lent. You can follow this link for the digital copy, [https://endhunger.org/wp-content/uploads/2025\\_Lent\\_booklet\\_low\\_res\\_online\\_revised.pdf](https://endhunger.org/wp-content/uploads/2025_Lent_booklet_low_res_online_revised.pdf), or there are physical copies of the devotional in the sanctuary you may take. These devotionals feature a short, daily reading and prayer to bless your Lenten journey.

### **Movies and Munchies**

Join in Movies and Munchies this Thursday, March 6, 2025, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at David and Ann Nelson's home. We will gather at 6:00 for munchies; bring a snack or dish to share. At 7:00 we will discuss the movie, "Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid." Please watch the movie prior to attending. To RSVP, email David at [humanagenda@gmail.com](mailto:humanagenda@gmail.com)

### **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.

### **Lenten Missional Offering**

During the season of Lent, NOCC will be taking a special offering for Cherith Brook, a missional partner and organization that assists the transient and unhoused community in Kansas City. For the next six weeks we will be collecting donations of money as well as toilet paper and hand sanitizer. Donations are made out to NOCC, but please indicate on your donation "Cherith." You can bring toilet paper and hand sanitizer to worship, and we will collect on a back table.

### **NOCC 50<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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 ([thompsod5000@att.net](mailto:thompsod5000@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](mailto: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](mailto:humanagenda@gmail.com) for the Zoom link and join in!