

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 9, 2025 – First Sunday of Lent

Worship Leader-Seth Bass, Elder-Susan Arnot, Elder-Ellen Lewis,

Music-Regina Kellogg, Minister-Rev. Mark Willis

The Journey of Lent

Prelude

Regina Kellogg

Invocation

Seth Bass

Call to Worship

Seth Bass

One: Who may worship in your sanctuary, Lord? Who may enter your presence on your holy hill?

Many: Those who live with integrity, who do what is right, and who speak the truth from sincere hearts.

One: Those who refuse to gossip or harm their neighbors or speak evil of their friends.

Many: Those who honor the followers of God, and who keep their promises no matter the cost.

One: Those who lend money without charging interest, and who cannot be bribed to lie about the innocent.

Many: Such people will stand firm forever.

(Based on Psalm 15)

Songs of Praise

Congregation

“Be Thou My Vision” Chalice Hymnal #595 (All)

**Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art
thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.**

**Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou my redeemer, my love thou hast won,
thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.**

**Riches I heed not, nor vain empty praise,
thou mine inheritance, now and always:
thou and thou only, first in my heart,
Great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.**

**Great God of heaven, my victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.**

“Trust and Obey” Chalice Hymnal #556 (All)

When we walk with the Lord
in the light of his word,
what a glory he sheds on our way!
While we do his good will,
he abides with us still,
and with all who will trust and obey.
Trust and obey, for there's no other way
to be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.

Not a burden we bear, not a sorrow we share,
but our toil he will richly repay;
not a grief or a loss, not a frown or a cross,
but is blest if we trust and obey.
Trust and obey, for there's no other way
to be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.

But we never can prove
the delights of his love
until all on the altar we lay;
for the favor he shows
and the joy he bestows
are for them who will trust and obey.
Trust and obey, for there's no other way
to be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.

Then in fellowship sweet
we will sit at his feet,
or we'll walk by his side in the way;
what he says we will do,
where he sends we will go--
never fear, only trust and obey.
Trust and obey, for there's no other way
to be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.

First Scripture Reading: Luke 10:38-42

Seth Bass

Now as they went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me." But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."

Songs of Adoration

Congregation

“Abide with Me” Chalice Hymnal #636 (All)

**Abide with me, fast falls the eventide;
the darkness deepens, God, with me abide:
when other helpers fail, and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, O abide with me.**

**Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;
earth's joys grow dim; its glories pass away;
change and decay in all around I see;
O thou who changest not, abide with me.**

**I need thy presence every passing hour;
what but thy grace can foil the tempter's power?
Who, like thyself, my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, O abide with me.**

**I fear no foe, with thee at hand to bless;
ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness;
where is death's dark sting? Where, grave, thy victory?
I triumph still, if thou abide with me.**

**Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes;
shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies;
heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;
in life, in death, O God, abide with me.**

“You are My Hiding Place” Chalice Hymnal #554 (All)

**You are my hiding place
You always fill my heart
With songs of deliverance
Whenever I am afraid
I will trust in You
I will trust in You
Let the weak say I am strong
In the strength of the Lord**

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

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

Rev. Mark Willis

People's Response

“Alleluia” Chalice Hymnal #106

Congregation

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Scripture Reading: Luke 10:25-37

Seth Bass

Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" He said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." And he said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live."

But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan while travelling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, "Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend." Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

Message

"Where is Your Heart?"

Rev. Mark Willis

Special Music

"I Know the Lord's Laid His Hands on Me"

Pop-Up 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

"The Voice of Jesus Calls His People" Chalice Hymnal #426 (All)

**The voice of Jesus calls his people,
"Come to my table and be fed!"
For those who come to him believing,
he is the Wine, he is the Bread.
All who are lost, or bear great burdens,
all who need comfort or release,
come where the presence of Christ Jesus
will nourish us with rest and peace.**

**Children and elders, men and women,
whatever color, race or tongue,
in Jesus find themselves united,
in him a home where they belong.**

**We hear your loving voice, O Jesus,
we long, we hunger to be fed;
in joy we gather at the table
where you are Wine, and you are Bread.**

Communion Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

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.

Elder-Susan Arnot

Congregation

Partaking of Communion

Music During Communion

Regina Kellogg

CELEBRATION OF THE PEOPLE'S RESPONSE

Mission Moment

Cherith Brook

**Friends from Cherith
Ray, Lonnie and Dave**

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

Congregation

"Lead Me, Guide Me" Chalice Hymnal #583 (All)

I am weak, and I need Thy strength and power

To help me over my weakest hour;

Let me through the darkness Thy face to see,

Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

Lead me, guide me along the way;

For if You lead me, I cannot stray;

Lord, let me walk each day with Thee.

Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

Help me tread in the paths of righteousness;

Be my aid when Satan and sin oppress.

I am putting all my trust in Thee,

Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

Lead me, guide me along the way;

For if You lead me, I cannot stray;

Lord, let me walk each day with Thee.

Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

I am lost, if you take your hand from me;
I am blind, without Thy Light to see;
Lord, just always let me Thy servant be,
Lead me, O Lord, lead me.
Lead me, guide me along the way;
For if You lead me, I cannot stray;
Lord, let me walk each day with Thee.
Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

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

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, 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.

Lenten Soup Dinners

Starting this **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.

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

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 Elementary School 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 (thompsod5000@att.net) for more information.

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!