

# 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.*

April 13, 2025 – Palm and Passion Sunday

Worship Leader-Linda Miller, Elder-Laraine Walters, Elder-Tom Hawley,

Music-Regina Kellogg, Minister-Rev. Mark Willis

## Praise and Passion

**Prelude**

**Regina Kellogg**

**Invocation**

**Linda Miller**

**Call to Worship**

**Linda Miller**

One: Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter, and give thanks to the Lord.

**Many: We will give You thanks, for You have answered us; You have become our salvation.**

One: The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

**Many: This is the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes.**

One: This is the day that the Lord has made;

**Many: We will rejoice and be glad in it.**

*(Based on Psalm 118:19-24)*

**Songs of Praise**

**Congregation**

**"Ride On, Ride On in Majesty" Chalice Hymnal #191 (All)**

**"All Glory, Laud and Honor" Chalice Hymnal #192 (All)**

**First Scripture Reading: Luke 19:29-40**

**Linda Miller**

When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, saying, "Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this: 'The Lord needs it.'" So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" They said, "The Lord needs it." Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, saying, "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!" Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop." He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."

**Special Music**

**"Rejoice in the One Who Comes"**

**NOCC Choir**

***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****Scripture Reading: Luke 19:41-44****Linda Miller**

As he came near and saw the city, he wept over it, saying, "If you, even you, had only recognized on this day the things that make for peace! But now they are hidden from your eyes. Indeed, the days will come upon you, when your enemies will set up ramparts around you and surround you, and hem you in on every side. They will crush you to the ground, you and your children within you, and they will not leave within you one stone upon another; because you did not recognize the time of your visitation from God."

**Message****"Triumph and Tragedy"****Rev. Mark Willis****Special Music****Regina Kellogg****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****"The Voice of Jesus Calls His People" Chalice Hymnal #426 (All)****Congregation****Communion Prayer****Elder- Laraine Walters****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****Mission Moment****Cherith Brook****Friends from Cherith**

*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.*

**Offering****Congregation**

Elders will pass the offering plates. Place your tithe or offering in the plate, or you can give online through [nocckc.org](http://nocckc.org).

Offering Prayer Rev. Mark Willis

Closing Song Congregation  
"Take My Life" Chalice Hymnal #609 vs 1,2,3,6

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 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](http://www.nocckc.org) [www.kcdisciples.org](http://www.kcdisciples.org) [www.disciples.org](http://www.disciples.org)

Contact Pastor Mark Willis at 816-616-9746 [pastor@nocckc.org](mailto:pastor@nocckc.org)

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### **EASTER LILIES AVAILABLE!**

We have Easter lilies available for purchase for Easter morning. You may purchase a lily in honor of or in memory of a loved one, or simply because you like lilies. The cost is \$13 each. Checks should be made out to "NOCC". Please indicate clearly that this money is for "Easter Lilies". The lilies will decorate the worship space on Easter morning, April 20th, and can then be taken home after worship.

## **EASTER WEEK SCHEDULE**

**Easter Egg Hunt - Wednesday, April 16th - 3:00 p.m.** - NOCC will put on an Easter Egg Hunt for our preschool kids. Come help us hide eggs and watch the chaos as they are found by our preschool kids.

**Maundy-Thursday Drive-Thru - April 17, 2025 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.** - Come-and-Go-Communion in the Labyrinth. Stop by anytime between 5:30 and 7:30 p.m. on Maundy-Thursday in the labyrinth to receive communion and spend a few moments in prayer in the garden. There is no specific service during this time. It is simply a quiet time to commune with God as the Holy Week festivities kick into high gear. You can spend as short and as long as you would like in prayer.

**Good Friday Service - Friday, April 18, 2025 - 6:00 PM** in sanctuary. Come join in a Good Friday service of Word and song and we enter the Easter weekend together.

**Easter Morning - Sunday, April 20, 2025**

- **8:30 a.m. - Early Morning Prayers in the Labyrinth** - Join in early morning prayers in the labyrinth. Come between 8:30 and 9:00 and spend time in prayer. You can come for as long or as short a time as you wish. All are welcome to begin their Easter Sunday with this time of prayerful connection with God.

- **9:15 a.m. - Easter Breakfast** - Come in for a donut and coffee as we prepare to gather for Easter Worship. Spend some time before worship in Easter fellowship. Sign up with Ellen Lewis to bring a delicious morning delicacy.

- **10:15 a.m. - Easter Morning Worship** - Come celebrate Easter together in joyful praise. Bring someone with you to Easter as we remember and rejoice in the grace of God given to us.

## **Our Life Together**

### **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 these 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](mailto:drherrick03@gmail.com)

### **Mowers Needed**

We need your help! To help keep costs down, we need volunteers to sign up to mow the church lawn this summer. We have the equipment and will teach you how to use it. Sign up today to spend some beautiful summer days keeping the grass shorn. See Bob Lewis or Dale Herrick with questions.

MOWING MAY BE DONE ANY DAY OF THE WEEK, WHATEVER WORKS BEST FOR YOUR SCHEDULE.

Go here to pick a week: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050444A8A96-55138393-2025/69580391#/>

### **Movie and Munchies**

Movies and Munchies will meet on **Thursday, May 1**, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Email David Nelson at [humanagenda@gmail.com](mailto:humanagenda@gmail.com) to RSVP. The group gathers at 6:00 p.m. for good food; bring a dish to share and a favorite drink of your choice! Then at 7:00 p.m. we engage in a directed discussion about a movie. This month we are discussing the 1992 Steve Martin movie, "Leap of Faith." Please watch the movie prior to attending.

### **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 Lee-Ann and Jerry Semsch for packing and delivering food during the month of March! Neither snow nor heat nor gloomy days kept these couriers from transporting food to the Bell Prairie Elementary School families! North Oak provided nine Aldi gift cards for the families for Spring Break, and again, Culver's provided meal coupons for every adult and child. Generosity of the heart abounds at North Oak and in our neighborhood for people in our community!  
As of March 15, the balance in the Backpack Ministry account was \$2,858.02.

### **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.

### **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. The first Sunday each month is led by Pastor Linda Miller and the last Sunday each month is led by Pastor Mark Willis. 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 Pastor Mark at [markswillis@gmail.com](mailto:markswillis@gmail.com) for the link.