

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 27, 2025 – Second Sunday **OE** Easter

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

Music-Regina Kellogg, Minister-Rev. Mark Willis

Come to Worship

Prelude

Regina Kellogg

Invocation

Linda Daniels

Call to Worship

Linda Daniels

One: You have changed our sadness into joy,

Many: You have taken away our clothes of mourning, and clothed us with joy!

One: So we will not stand silent,

Many: But will offer our hymns and songs of praise!

One: You, O God, are our God;

Many: We will give you thanks and praise!

(Based on Psalm 30)

Songs of Praise

Congregation

“My Life is in You Lord” TFWS #2032 (All)

“I Will Call Upon the Lord” TFWS #2002 (All)

First Scripture Reading: Luke 24:13-27

Linda Daniels

Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, “What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?” They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, “Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?” He asked them, “What things?” They replied, “The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see him.” Then he said to them, “Oh, how foolish you are and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things

and then enter into his glory?" Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

Songs of Adoration

Congregation

"I Sing Praises to Your Name" TFWS #2037 (All)

"Oh How He Loves You and Me" TFWS #2108 (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

"Blessed Assurance (w/Jesu Joy of Man's Desiring)" TFWS #

Scripture Reading: Luke 24:28-35

Linda Daniels

As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him, and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem, and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" Then they told what had happened on the road and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

Message

"It Ain't Over Till It's Over"

Rev. Mark Willis

Special Music

"Over My Head"

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

"Let Us Be Bread" TFWS #2260 (All)

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

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

"I'll Fly Away" TFWS #2282

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

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

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.

Easter Lilies

If you purchased an Easter Lily for our Easter service, you may take it home with you if you wish. Please make sure to have given your payment to "NOCC." The cost is \$13/lily; please indicate "Lillies" on the memo line or envelope.

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 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.

Beyond the Bridge Event

Cherith Brook and our Regional Becoming Beloved Community team are sponsoring a special film on **Wednesday, May 7th** at 6:00 p.m. at Intersect KC, 606 Gladstone Ave., KC, MO 64124. The event is FREE but you do need to register by going to <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/film-screening-and-panel-discussion-of-beyond-the-bridge-tickets-1236338946069?aff=oddtcreator>

The event will feature a documentary about two communities that came together for realistic solutions to homelessness. After the film, a panel will discuss the issue and homelessness here in KC and ways this community could work together for solutions.

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 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 Christian Church 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) 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. 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 for the link.