

# 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.*

June 29, 2025 – Third Sunday After Pentecost

Worship Leader-Lee-Ann Semsch, Elder-Susan Arnot, Elder-Tom Hawley,

Music-Regina Kellogg, Minister-Rev. Mark Willis

## Gather to Worship

**Prelude**

**Regina Kellogg**

**Invocation**

**Lee-Ann Semsch**

**Call to Worship**

**Lee-Ann Semsch**

One: O God, giver of all good gifts, you have given us life. You have bestowed upon us your love and that love includes your plans for us.

**Many: What are we to do?**

One: All life is a call and a response. We pray for grace to hear God's voice and hearts eager to respond.

**Many: We are ready to listen.**

One: We shall listen to the voices of those witnesses who have lived before us and to those who are here to give us guidance and encouragement, for it is clear, that whatever plans you have for us,

**Many: We will never journey alone.**

One: And even though we want easy answers, we know you want relationship. So when we answer you, may our response be full of your love and grace for all your creation.

**Many: Let us serve with the gifts you give us.**

One: O God, we know that your call to us is truly a gift of your love. What are we to do?

**Many: We are ready to listen.**

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**Songs of Praise**

**Congregation**

**"He is Exalted" TFWS#2070 (All)**

**"We Will Glorify the King of Kings" TFWS #2087 (All)**

**First Scripture Reading: Jeremiah 36:1-8, 14-19**

**Lee-Ann Semsch**

In the fourth year of King Jehoiakim son of Josiah of Judah, this word came to Jeremiah from the Lord: Take a scroll and write on it all the words that I have spoken to you against Israel and Judah and all the nations, from the day I spoke to you, from the days of Josiah until today. It may be that, when the house of Judah hears of all the disasters that I intend to do to them, all of them may turn from their evil ways, so that I may forgive their iniquity and their sin.

Then Jeremiah called Baruch son of Neriah, and Baruch wrote on a scroll at Jeremiah's dictation all the words that the Lord had spoken to him. And Jeremiah ordered Baruch, saying, "I am prevented from entering the house of the Lord, so you go, and on a fast day in the hearing of the people in the Lord's house you shall read the words of the Lord from the scroll that you have

written at my dictation. You shall read them also in the hearing of all the people of Judah who come up from their towns. It may be that their plea will come before the Lord and that all of them will turn from their evil ways, for great is the anger and wrath that the Lord has pronounced against this people.” And Baruch son of Neriah did all that the prophet Jeremiah ordered him about reading from the scroll the words of the Lord in the Lord’s house.

Then all the officials sent Jehudi son of Nethaniah son of Shelemiah son of Cushi to say to Baruch, “Bring the scroll that you read in the hearing of the people, and come.” So Baruch son of Neriah took the scroll in his hand and came to them. And they said to him, “Sit down and read it to us.” So Baruch read it to them. When they heard all the words, they turned to one another in alarm and said to Baruch, “We certainly must report all these words to the king.” Then they questioned Baruch, “Tell us now, how did you write all these words? Was it at his dictation?” Baruch answered them, “He dictated all these words to me, and I wrote them with ink on the scroll.” Then the officials said to Baruch, “Go and hide, you and Jeremiah, and let no one know where you are.”

### **Songs of Adoration**

### **Congregation**

**“Thou Art Worthy” TFWS #2041 (All)**

**“Make Me a Servant” TFWS #2176 (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 [prayers@nocckc.org](mailto:prayers@nocckc.org))*

### **People’s Response**

### **Congregation**

**“Sanctuary” TFWS #2164**

*Lord prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true.  
With thanksgiving, I’ll be a living sanctuary for you.*

### **Scripture Reading: Jeremiah 36:20-31**

### **Lee-Ann Semsch**

Leaving the scroll in the chamber of Elishama the secretary, they went to the court of the king, and they reported all the words in the hearing of the king. Then the king sent Jehudi to get the scroll, and he took it from the chamber of Elishama the secretary, and Jehudi read it in the hearing of the king and all the officials who stood beside the king. Now the king was sitting in his winter apartment (it was the ninth month), and there was a fire burning in the brazier before him. As Jehudi read three or four columns, he would cut them off with a penknife and throw them into the fire in the brazier, until the entire scroll was consumed in the fire that was in the brazier. Yet neither the king nor any of his servants who heard all these words was alarmed, nor did they tear their garments. Even when Elnathan and Delaiah and Gemariah urged the king not to burn the scroll, he would not listen to them. And the king commanded Jerahmeel the king’s son and Seraiah son of Azriel and Shelemiah son of Abdeel to arrest the secretary Baruch and the prophet Jeremiah. But the Lord hid them.

Now after the king had burned the scroll with the words that Baruch wrote at Jeremiah’s dictation, the word of the Lord came to Jeremiah: Take another scroll and write on it all the

former words that were in the first scroll, which King Jehoiakim of Judah has burned. And concerning King Jehoiakim of Judah you shall say: Thus says the Lord, You have burned this scroll, saying, “Why have you written in it that the king of Babylon will certainly come and destroy this land and will cut off from it human beings and animals?” Therefore thus says the Lord concerning King Jehoiakim of Judah: He shall have no one to sit upon the throne of David, and his dead body shall be cast out to the heat by day and the frost by night. And I will punish him and his offspring and his servants for their iniquity; I will bring on them and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem and on the people of Judah all the disasters with which I have threatened them, but they would not listen.

**Message                      “Jeremiah: They Would Not Listen”                      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** **Congregation**  
**“Here is Bread, Here is Wine” TFWS #2266 (All)**

Communion Prayer	Elder- Susan Arnot
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

<b>Offering</b>	<b>Congregation</b>
<i>Elders will pass the offering plates. Place your tithe or offering in the plate, or you can give online through <a href="http://nocckc.org">nocckc.org</a>.</i>	

**Offering Prayer** **Rev. Mark Willis**

**Closing Song** **Congregation**  
**“They’ll Know We Are Christians by Our Love” TFWS #2223 (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 HUMBLY, LOVE DEEPLY, LIVE SIMPLY, AND SERVE JOYFULLY**

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**[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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## **Our Life Together**

### **Waterers Needed for Labyrinth Flowers**

We need your help! All of the new spring plantings in the labyrinth need to be watered regularly. We will show how and where this is done. Consider volunteering to help keep the water flowing. Let us know you can help by signing up at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050444A8A96-56754325-water/5436143#/>

### **Mowers Needed**

We have the equipment and will teach you how to use it. MOWING MAY BE DONE ANY DAY OF THE WEEK, WHATEVER WORKS BEST FOR YOUR SCHEDULE. Question? See Bob Lewis for questions. Please consider signing up to help mow by following this link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050444A8A96-55138393-2025/69580391#/>

### **Movies and Munchies**

Movies and Munchies will meet on Thursday, July 3, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. at David and Ann Nelson's home. The movie for July is "Mr. Smith Goes to Washington", a classic with Jimmy Stewart. Please watch the movie prior to attending. Bring a sharable food item and your favorite beverage. At 7:00 p.m. there is a guided discussion of the movie and its themes. All are welcome, contact David Nelson to RSVP at [humanagenda@gmail.com](mailto:humanagenda@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**

The Backpack Ministry will be "at rest" for now, but we'll be "back in business" in August, preparing for the 2025-26 school year. Thank you to all who have supported this ministry financially, prayerfully, and have volunteered your time to pack and deliver the much-needed food. The balance in the Backpack Ministry account for the end-of-the-year 2024-25 school year is \$4,166.37!  
NOCC is so blessed that we can help our neighbors.

### **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. 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**

NOCC has provided donations of 405 rolls of toilet paper, 4 quarts of hand sanitizer and a dozen disposable razors. In addition, over 40 bags of clothing have been provided by our ministry partner, The Resale Shop.

The Lenten offering taken up for Cherith was \$1,645, which will be donated to expenses in Cherith's program. Thank you, Church, for the gifts of support to our community. 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/2025/01/narrative\\_lectionary\\_summer\\_2025.pdf](https://www.workingpreacher.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/01/narrative_lectionary_summer_2025.pdf). All those who identify as male are welcome. Email Pastor Mark at [markswillis@gmail.com](mailto:markswillis@gmail.com) for the link.