

# 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.*

July 20, 2025 – Sixth Sunday After Pentecost

Worship Leader-David Nelson, Elder-Laraine Walters, Elder-Ellen Lewis,

Music-Dee Dee Brewer, Minister-Rev. Mark Willis

## Gather to Worship

**Prelude**

**Dee Dee Brewer**

**Invocation**

**David Nelson**

**Call to Worship**

**David Nelson**

One: The time is surely coming when our love for one another and all of God's children will increase.

**Many: We would live into that time with hope and joy.**

One: The day is surely coming when God will strengthen our hearts with humility and holiness.

**Many: We would anticipate that day as we reach out to serve all of those in need.**

One: The days are surely coming when we will walk the paths of faithfulness and steadfast love.

**Many: We begin this journey, knowing that all of God's promises will be fulfilled.**

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**Songs of Praise**

**Congregation**

**"Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing" Chalice Hymnal #16 (All)**

**"God of Grace and God of Glory" Chalice Hymnal #464 vs 1,3,4**

**First Scripture Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34**

**David Nelson**

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another or say to each other, "Know the Lord," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord, for I will forgive their iniquity and remember their sin no more.

**Songs of Adoration**

**Congregation**

**"There is a Balm in Gilead" Chalice Hymnal #501 (All)**

**"I Need Thee Every Hour" Chalice Hymnal #578 vs 1,3,4**

**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****"Nearer My God to Thee" Chalice Hymnal #577 vs 1**

*Nearer, my God, to thee, nearer to thee! E'en though it be a cross that raiseth me,  
Still all my song shall be, nearer, my God, to thee; nearer, my God, to thee, nearer to thee!*

**Scripture Reading: Jeremiah 33:14-18****David Nelson**

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David, and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved, and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness." For thus says the Lord: David shall never lack a man to sit on the throne of the house of Israel, and the Levitical priests shall never lack a man in my presence to offer burnt offerings, to make grain offerings, and to make sacrifices for all time.

**Message "Jeremiah: The Days Are Surely Coming...Right?!"****Rev. Mark Willis****Special Music****Dee Dee Brewer****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 Break Bread Together" Chalice Hymnal #425 (All)****Communion Prayer****Elder- Larraine 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****Dee Dee Brewer****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](http://nocckc.org).*

**Offering Prayer****Rev. Mark Willis****Closing Song****Congregation****"He Leadeth Me, O Blessed Thought" Chalice Hymnal #545 vs 1,3**

**Benediction**

**Rev. Mark Willis**

**Postlude**

**Dee Dee Brewer**

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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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## **Our Life Together**

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

We need your help! The labyrinth flowers and gardens 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#/>

### **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).

### **Movie and Munchies**

Movie and Munchies will be from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 7, 2025, at the home of David and Ann Nelson. The movie for discussion is “White Bird”, starring Helen Mirren, a story of loss and love set during the Holocaust. The movie is available on streaming services and from the library. Please watch the film PRIOR to attending. Please RSVP to [humanagenda@gmail.com](mailto:humanagenda@gmail.com) to participate. All are welcome! Bring an appetizer/snack food to share and whatever you wish to drink.

### **Backpack Ministry Updates**

The Backpack Ministry will be “at rest” for now, but we’ll be “back in business” next month, 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.

### **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](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. 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.

### **Women's Bible Study**

The Women's Bible Study meets monthly at Ann Nelson's home on the first Tuesday at 2:00 p.m. All those who identify as female are welcome to participate. Email Ann at [anncnelsonkc@gmail.com](mailto:anncnelsonkc@gmail.com) for the address.

### **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. All those who identify as male are welcome to participate. 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.