

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 27, 2025 – Seventh Sunday After Pentecost

Worship Leader-Ramie Beck, Elder-Ellen Lewis, Elder-Laraine Walters,

Music-Regina Kellogg, Minister-Rev. Mark Willis

Gather to Worship

Prelude

Regina Kellogg

Invocation

Ramie Beck

Call to Worship

Ramie Beck

One: Grace to you and peace from the One who is and who was and who is to come, and from Jesus Christ,

Many: The faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

One: To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, made us to be a kingdom,

Many: Priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

(www.re-worship.com/)

Songs of Praise

Congregation

“How Lovely, Lord, How Lovely” Chalice Hymnal #285 (All)

“This is the Day” Chalice Hymnal #286 (All)

First Scripture Reading: John 8:13-20

Ramie Beck

Then the Pharisees said to him, “You are testifying on your own behalf; your testimony is not valid.” Jesus answered, “Even if I testify on my own behalf, my testimony is valid because I know where I have come from and where I am going, but you do not know where I come from or where I am going. You judge by human standards; I judge no one. Yet even if I do judge, my judgment is valid, for it is not I alone who judge but I and the Father who sent me. In your law it is written that the testimony of two witnesses is valid. I testify on my own behalf, and the Father who sent me testifies on my behalf.” Then they said to him, “Where is your Father?” Jesus answered, “You know neither me nor my Father. If you knew me, you would know my Father also.” He spoke these words while he was teaching in the treasury of the temple, but no one arrested him, because his hour had not yet come.

Songs of Adoration

Congregation

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus” Chalice Hymnal #585 (All)

“Near to the Heart of God” Chalice Hymnal #581 (All)

Prayers of the People

Rev. Mark Willis

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

People's Response**Congregation****"Jesus, Remember Me" Chalice Hymnal #569***Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.**Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.***Scripture Reading: Revelation 1:4-8****Ramie Beck**

John to the seven churches that are in Asia:

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood and made us a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him, and all the tribes of the earth will wail on account of him. So it is to be. Amen.

"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

Message**"Revelation: Ugh! Not This Book!"****Rev. Mark Willis****Special Music****"The Goodness of God"****Nicole Lewis****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****"In Remembrance of Me" Chalice Hymnal #403 (All)****Communion Prayer****Elder- Ellen Lewis****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

“Lord, I Want to Be a Christian” Chalice Hymnal #589 (All)

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

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, 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 to participate. All are welcome! Bring an appetizer/snack food to share and whatever you wish to drink.

Let's Do Lunch!

After worship service on Sunday, August 24th, all are invited to gather at Hawaiian Brothers on Barry Rd. for lunch. If you have never eaten there, it is Hawaiian food, rice and vegetables and teriyaki chicken with delicious Pineapple Dole Whips for dessert. Mark this day on your calendars and plan on gathering for good food and good fellowship after church. See you there!

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

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 annnelsonkc@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. All those who identify as male are welcome. Email Pastor Mark at markswillis@gmail.com for the link.