

# 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.*

August 3, 2025 – Eighth Sunday After Pentecost

Worship Leader-Linda Miller, Elder-Linda Daniels, Elder-Tim Brooks,

Music-Regina Kellogg, Minister-Rev. Mark Willis

## Gather to Worship

**Prelude**

**Regina Kellogg**

**Invocation**

**Rev. Linda Miller**

**Call to Worship**

**Rev. Linda Miller**

One: From comfortable pews, from bicycle seats, from easy chairs in front of TVs:

**Many: God gathers us in to fill our hearts with Good News to proclaim.**

One: At kitchen sinks, at laptops and blackboards, at water coolers and office desks:

**Many: Christ calls us to share in serving all creation.**

One: In communities gathered to pray, in moments where lives are touched, in glimpses of the coming kin-dom:

**Many: The Holy Spirit fills us with God's joy.**

([www.re-worship.com/](http://www.re-worship.com/))

**Songs of Praise**

**Congregation**

**“God Beyond All Praising” TFWS #2009 (All)**

**“Honor and Praise” TFWS #2018 (All)**

**First Scripture Reading: John 17:1-5**

**Rev. Linda Miller**

After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, “Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.”

**Songs of Adoration**

**Congregation**

**“Come and Find the Quiet Center” TFWS #2128 (All)**

**“More Like You” TFWS #2167 (All)**

**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**

**“More Precious Than Silver” TFWS #2065**

*Lord, you are more precious than silver. Lord, you are more costly than gold.  
Lord, you are more beautiful than diamonds, and nothing I desire compares with you.*

**Scripture Reading: Revelation 4:1-11**

**Rev. Linda Miller**

After this I looked, and there in heaven a door stood open! And the first voice, which I had heard speaking to me like a trumpet, said, "Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after this." At once I was in the spirit, and there in heaven stood a throne, with one seated on the throne! And the one seated there looks like jasper and carnelian, and around the throne is a rainbow that looks like an emerald. Around the throne are twenty-four thrones, and seated on the thrones are twenty-four elders, dressed in white robes, with golden crowns on their heads. Coming from the throne are flashes of lightning and rumblings and peals of thunder, and in front of the throne burn seven flaming torches, which are the seven spirits of God, and in front of the throne there is something like a sea of glass, like crystal.

Around the throne, and on each side of the throne, are four living creatures, full of eyes in front and back: the first living creature like a lion, the second living creature like an ox, the third living creature with a face like a human, and the fourth living creature like a flying eagle. And the four living creatures, each of them with six wings, are full of eyes all around and inside. Day and night without ceasing they sing, "Holy, holy, holy, the Lord God the Almighty, who was and is and is to come."

And whenever the living creatures give glory and honor and thanks to the one who is seated on the throne, who lives forever and ever, the twenty-four elders fall before the one who is seated on the throne and worship the one who lives forever and ever; they cast their crowns before the throne, singing, "You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created."

**Message**

**"Revelation: Just a Peek"**

**Rev. Mark Willis**

**Special Music**

**Jubilation Ringers**

**"Come Christians Join to Sing/Leaning on the Everlasting Arms"**

**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 the Singing" TFWS #2255 (All)**

**Communion Prayer**

**Elder- Linda Daniels**

**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](http://nocckc.org).*

**Offering Prayer**

**Rev. Mark Willis**

**Closing Song**

**Congregation**

**“Make Us One, Lord” TFWS #2224 (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](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)**

*Music used with permission through our CCLI Copyright License Number 21523835 and Streaming License Number 21523842.*

## **Our Life Together**

### **Movie and Munchies**

Movie and Munchies will be from 6:00-8:00 p.m. on Thursday, **SEPTEMBER 4**, 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.

### **Let's Do Lunch!**

After worship service on Sunday, August 24th, all are invited to gather at Hawaiian Brothers on Barry Road. 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!

### **Tri-Regional Service Day**

On Saturday, August 16, 2025, at Hillcrest Christian Church, 11411 S Quivira Rd, Overland Park, KS, churches from the Greater Kansas City, Nebraska, and Kansas regions will gather for a day of service. All the work will be indoors in the a/c. There is childcare available for 6 mo. To 2 yrs. All are welcome to participate. NOCC will be collecting jars of jelly and clean, empty pill bottles for this event. Bring your donations on Sundays through August 10<sup>th</sup>.

### **Backpack Ministry Updates**

The Backpack Ministry is “back in business” this 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**

Cherith Brook is a Catholic-Worker House in Kansas City that helps and supports unhoused and transient peoples. They provide a place to get a good meal, do laundry, take showers, and just sit for a minute. NOCC takes donations of clothing and other supplies to support this ministry. 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](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.