

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 17, 2025 – Tenth Sunday After Pentecost

Worship Leader-Jayne Bruno, Elder-Linda Daniels, Elder-Tim Brooks,

Music-Regina Kellogg, Minister-Rev. Mark Willis

Gather to Worship

Prelude

Regina Kellogg

Invocation

Jayne Bruno

Call to Worship

Jayne Bruno

One: From every nation, from all tribes and all peoples in every language, we cry out:

Many: "Salvation belongs to our God, and to the Lamb!"

One: Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving!

Many: Honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever!

One: Amen!

Many: Amen!

(www.re-worship.com/ based on Revelation 9)

Songs of Praise

Congregation

"Lord I Lift Your Name on High" TFWS #2088 (All)

"Now Praise the Hidden God of Love" TFWS #2027 (All)

Scripture Reading: Revelation 7:1-4

Jayne Bruno

After this I saw four angels standing at the four corners of the earth, holding back the four winds of the earth so that no wind could blow on earth or sea or against any tree. I saw another angel ascending from the rising of the sun, with the seal of the living God, and he called with a loud voice to the four angels who had been given power to damage earth and sea, saying, "Do not damage the earth or the sea or the trees, until we have marked the servants of our God with a seal on their foreheads." And I heard the number of those who were sealed, one hundred forty-four thousand, sealed out of every tribe of the people of Israel.

Songs of Adoration

Congregation

"Sing a New Song to the Lord" TFWS #2045 (All)

"O God, You're Beautiful" TFWS #2064 (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

"Bless the Lord" TFWS #2013

*Bless the Lord my soul and bless God's holy name.
Bless the Lord my soul who leads me into life.*

Scripture Reading: Revelation 7:9-17

Jayne Bruno

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!"

And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one who knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. For this reason they are before the throne of God and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat, for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Message "Revelation: Everybody Everywhere All at Once"

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

"You Who Are Thirsty" TFWS #2132 (All)

Congregation

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

Elders will pass the offering plates. Place your tithe or offering in the plate, or you can give online through nocckc.org.

Congregation**Offering Prayer****Rev. Mark Willis****Closing Song****Congregation****“Lead Me, Guide Me” TFWS #2214 vs 1,3****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

Let's Do Lunch!

After the worship service next Sunday, August 24, all are invited to gather at Hawaiian Brothers on Barry Road for lunch. They serve 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!

Book Discussion with Pastor Mark

Pastor Mark is offering an online-zoom Book Discussion this fall on Richard Rohr’s “The Tears of Things: Prophetic Wisdom for an Age of Outrage.” The discussions will be on Monday evenings at 7:00 p.m. on Zoom from Monday, September 8-November 10. If you would like to participate, acquire the book and read the Introduction and first chapter prior to the first discussion. Email pastor@nocckc.org for the Zoom link.

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

NOCC Choir and Jubilation Ringers

At North Oak, we love making a joyful noise unto God. Both the choir and bell choir provide beautiful, uplifting music for worship throughout the year and you can join in! NOCC Choir rehearsals will start up on Wednesday, September 3, at 6:00 p.m. The Jubilation Ringers begin bell rehearsals on Sunday, September 8 immediately following morning worship. All are welcome to come make that joyful noise!

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