

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.*

September 14, 2025 – Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Worship Leader-David Nelson, Elder-Debbie Herrick, Elder-Marcia Malotte,

Music-Regina Kellogg, Minister-Rev. Steve Roberts

Gather to Worship

Prelude

Regina Kellogg

Invocation

David Nelson

Call to Worship

David Nelson

One: For God so loved the world;

Many: The sparrows, the mountain lions, the fish and the people.

One: For God so loved the world;

Many: In success and failure, in sickness and health, in mediocrity and extraordinary.

One: For God so loved the world;

**Many: Enough to become one of us, enough to suffer along with us, enough to offer
new life for us.**

One: For God so loved the world;

Many: Let us worship God!

([www.re-worship.com/John 3](http://www.re-worship.com/John3))

Songs of Praise

Congregation

“I Will Call Upon the Lord” TFWS # 2002 (All)

“What a Mighty God We Serve” TFWS # 2021 (All)

Scripture Reading: Numbers 21:4b-9

David Nelson

but the people became discouraged on the way. The people spoke against God and against Moses, “Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food.” Then the Lord sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. The people came to Moses and said, “We have sinned by speaking against the Lord and against you; pray to the Lord to take away the serpents from us.” So Moses prayed for the people. And the Lord said to Moses, “Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole, and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live.” So Moses made a serpent of bronze and put it upon a pole, and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

Songs of Adoration

Congregation

“Holy, Holy” TFWS # 2039 (All)

Prayers of the People

Rev. Steve Roberts

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

People's Response**Congregation****"Taste and See" TFWS #2267***Taste and see, taste and see the goodness of the Lord.**O' taste and see, taste and see the goodness of the Lord, of the Lord.***Scripture Reading: John 3:13-17****David Nelson**

No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

"Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world but in order that the world might be saved through him."

Message**"Lifting Up!"****Rev. Steve Roberts****Special Music****NOCC Choir****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. Steve Roberts****Communion Song****Congregation****"Here is Bread, Here is Wine" TFWS # 2266 (All)****Communion Prayer****Elder-Debbie Herrick****The Lord's Prayer****Congregation**

Our Creator, 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. Steve Roberts**

Closing Song

“I’m Going to Live So God Can Use Me” TFWS #2153 (All)

Congregation

Benediction

Rev. Steve Roberts

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

Congregational Meeting

The Board is calling a congregational meeting on Sunday, September 28, 2025 after morning worship. This meeting is to discuss and decide on upcoming needed repairs to the foundation. All those who participate in the ministry and mission of NOCC are encouraged to be present for this conversation.

Book Discussion with Pastor Mark

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

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 are on Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. The Jubilation Ringers rehearse on Sundays after the worship service. All are welcome to come make that joyful noise!

Movie and Munchies

Movie and Munchies will be from 6:00-8:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 9, 2025, at the home of David and Ann Nelson. The movie for discussion is “Sing Sing”, the story of Divine G, a man imprisoned at Sing Sing for a crime he didn't commit. While there he finds purpose by acting in a theatre group alongside other incarcerated men in this story of resilience, humanity, and the transformative power of art. 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.

Backpack Ministry Updates

The Backpack Ministry is gearing up for the new school year providing meals to families in need from Bell Prairie Elementary School. We provide a full meal each week to each family. If you would like to help serve by packing and delivering the meals, please contact Terry Becker at tennisterry40love@gmail.com

Cherith Brook

This cool weather is such a relief, but it brings on early concerns at Cherith as they look at their Fall and Winter clothing supplies. Cherith is asking for donations of clothing. Most of the clients (95%) who come to Cherith are outside 24/7 and they seek food, a shower and fresh clothing that help them with outside temperatures.

As you go through your fall and winter clothing, please consider sharing items that you no longer need. Warm jeans, pants, sweaters, sweatshirts, and jackets/coats are always appreciated. Long underwear is a luxury. Stocking caps, warm gloves, heavy socks and boots are needed. Ground tarps/tarpettes, sleeping bags and backpacks are always important.

Thanks to all for your consideration. Place your donations in the donation containers at NOCC.

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/2025/02/WP-Narrative-Lectionary-2025-26-John.pdf>. All those who identify as male are welcome. Email Pastor Mark at markswillis@gmail.com for the link.