

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.*

October 5, 2025 – Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost

Worship Leader-Rev. Linda Miller, Elder-Ellen Lewis, Elder-Tom Hawley,

Music-Regina Kellogg, Minister-Rev. Mark Willis

Gather to Worship

Prelude

Regina Kellogg

Call to Worship

Rev. Linda Miller

“Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever, and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.”

([www.re-worship.com/John 6:47-51](http://www.re-worship.com/John%206:47-51))

Invocation

Rev. Linda Miller

Songs of Praise

Congregation

“Let Us Talent and Tongues Employ” Chalice Hymnal #422 (All)

“All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly” Chalice Hymnal #419 (All)

Scripture Reading: Exodus 16:1-10

Rev. Linda Miller

The whole congregation of the Israelites set out from Elim and came to the wilderness of Sin, which is between Elim and Sinai, on the fifteenth day of the second month after they had departed from the land of Egypt. The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. The Israelites said to them, “If only we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the pots of meat and ate our fill of bread, for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger.”

Then the Lord said to Moses, “I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not. On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on other days.” So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, “In the evening you shall know that it was the Lord who brought you out of the land of Egypt, and in the morning you shall see the glory of the Lord, because he has heard your complaining against the Lord. For what are we, that you complain against us?” And Moses said, “When the Lord gives you meat to eat in the evening and your fill of bread in the morning, because the Lord has heard the complaining that you utter against him—what are we? Your complaining is not against us but against the Lord.” Then Moses said to Aaron, “Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites: ‘Draw near to the Lord, for he has heard your complaining.’ ” And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud.

Songs of Adoration

Congregation

“In Remembrance of Me” Chalice Hymnal #403 (All)

“Take Our Bread” Chalice Hymnal #413 (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

“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: Exodus 3:11-18

Rev. Linda Miller

The Lord spoke to Moses, “I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, ‘At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the Lord your God.’ ” In the evening quails came up and covered the camp, and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, “What is it?” For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, “It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat. This is what the Lord has commanded: Gather as much of it as each of you needs, an omer per person according to the number of persons, all providing for those in their own tents.” The Israelites did so, some gathering more, some less. But when they measured it with an omer, those who gathered much had nothing over, and those who gathered little had no shortage; they gathered as much as each of them needed.

Message

“Enough is Enough”

Rev. Mark Willis

Special Music

“Remember Me”

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. Mark Willis

Communion Song

Congregation

“One Bread, One Body” Chalice Hymnal #393 (All)

Communion Prayer

Elder-Ellen Lewis

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.

The Lord's Prayer in the Voices of the World

GERMAN (David Nelson)

Vater unser im Himmel
Geheiligt werde dein name

Our Father who art in heaven
Hallowed be Thy name

SPANISH (Jill Rodgers)

Venga a nosotros tu reino
Hágase tu voluntad
En la tierra como en el cielo

Thy kingdom come
Thy will be done
On Earth as it is in heaven

NORWEGIAN (Randi Struxness)

Gi oss idag vårt daglige brød
Og forlat oss var skyld
Som vi og forlater våre skyldnere

Give us this day our daily bread
And forgive us our sins
As we forgive those who sin against us

TAGALOG (Becky Ganaban)

At huwag Mo kaming ipahintulot sa tukso
Kung 'di iwasan mo kami sa masama
Sapagka't sa iyo ang kaharian
At ang kapangyarihan magpakailanman

And lead us not into temptation
But deliver us from evil
For Thine is the kingdom
And the power forever.

ALL: 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

"I'm Gonna Eat at the Welcome Table" Chalice Hymnal #424 vs 1,2,3

Benediction

Rev. Mark Willis

Postlude

Regina Kellogg

**TO OUR GUESTS---WELCOME!
SHAPED BY GOD'S WORD AND GRACED AT CHRIST'S TABLE**

WE WALK HUMBLLY, LOVE DEEPLY, LIVE SIMPLY, AND SERVE JOYFULLY
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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

Nominating Committee

It is that time of year again when our Board Moderator forms a committee to reach out to church participants and ask them serve in different capacities at the church, including as an Elder, as a Board Member, or as a Board Officer. If you are contacted and asked about serving next year, please take time to prayerfully consider it. We are all called to service; find where you are being called.

Pop-Up Choir!

Come join in a one-day Pop-Up Choir on Sunday, October 19. A Pop-Up Choir is a one-time choral event. Anybody and everybody are welcome to come sing in the choir for this one Sunday morning. We will meet at 9:00 a.m. in the sanctuary to rehearse! Regina will email music and rehearsal recordings in advance, so you are familiar with the piece. If you want to join in the fun for the 19th, email Regina at reginakaye1971@gmail.com.

Fellowship Sunday Snacks

On the first Sunday of each month, we pause after worship to take some time to just be together. These fellowship times work better with snacks! Volunteers provide simple snacks or treats for after worship on the first Sunday, so we can stay and see each other. If you would like to sign up to bring snacks for a First Sunday Fellowship, you can sign up below. Thanks!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080B4AA4A62AA0FC1-54977434-sunday/179400945#/>

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.

Friday Night Lights

On Friday, October 24 at 7:00 p.m., our own Seth Bass will be leading his Princeton HS Tigers into battle against St. Joseph Christian School in St. Joseph, Missouri. If you would like to carpool up to St. Joe to see the game and cheer Seth on, let Pastor Mark know. We will leave around 5:30 p.m. and return after the game.

Trunk or Treat

NOCC is putting on a Trunk-or-Treat event for our Preschool families on Wednesday, October 29, 2025, from 3:30-5:00 p.m. We are looking for fun people to decorate their car trunk for Halloween and/or dress up in costume and bring candy or games for the kids. Let Pastor Mark know if you can come help!

Backpack Ministry Updates

The Backpack Ministry is serving weekly meals to seven families from Bell Prairie Elementary School, including 27 children and 19 adults. On behalf of these families, thank you to everyone who volunteered in September and October to:

--Pray for the Bell Prairie families: NOCC Congregation

--Order groceries: Ramie Beck

--Pick up and store food from Aldi AND pack for September: Jill and Larry Rodgers

--Deliver food in September and October: Linda Daniels

--Pack food in October: Laraine Walters and Terry Becker

--Help finance this ministry through generous donations: NOCC Congregation

We are part of the village that serves our community. Thanks be to God!

If you would like to help, please contact Terry Becker at tennisterry40love@gmail.com.

Cherith Brook

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

If you would like to join in the daytime women’s Bible study next year starting in April, there is room for you here! The group meets on the first Tuesday of each month, April-December, from 2:00-3:30 p.m. at the home of Ann Nelson. The book chosen for next year’s study is “12 Daring Women of the Bible.”

If you would like to explore the book, go to this Amazon link to see and read samples from the book:

<https://www.amazon.com/Daring-Women-Bible-Study-Streaming/dp/0310170699>

To join in next April, let Terry know NOW that you want to order a book. She will order all the books together by December 2025 and then be reimbursed by each person. For more information or to join, please contact tennisterry40love@gmail.com.

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.