

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 26, 2025 – Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost
Worship Leader-Seth Bass, Elder-Tom Hawley, Elder-Linda Daniels,
Music-Regina Kellogg, Minister-Rev. Mark Willis

Gather to Worship

Prelude

Regina Kellogg

Call to Worship: Psalm 84:1-4

Seth Bass

How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts! My soul longs, indeed it faints, for the courts of the Lord; my heart and my flesh sing for joy to the living God. Even the sparrow finds a home and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, at your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Happy are those who live in your house, ever singing your praise.

Invocation

Seth Bass

Songs of Praise

Congregation

"We Sing to You, O God" TFWS #2001 (All)

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

Scripture Reading: I Kings 5:1-5

Seth Bass

Now King Hiram of Tyre sent his servants to Solomon when he heard that they had anointed him king in place of his father, for Hiram had always been a friend to David. Solomon sent word to Hiram, saying, "You know that my father David could not build a house for the name of the Lord his God because of the warfare with which his enemies surrounded him, until he put them under the soles of his feet. But now the Lord my God has given me rest on every side; there is neither adversary nor misfortune. So I intend to build a house for the name of the Lord my God, as the Lord said to my father David, 'Your son, whom I will set on your throne in your place, shall build the house for my name.'"

Song of Adoration

Congregation

"You Alone are Holy" TFWS #2077 (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

"Change My Heart, O God" TFWS #2152

*Change my heart, O God, make it ever true. Change my heart, O God, may I be like you.
You are the potter; I am the clay. Mold me and make me, this is what I pray.*

Change my heart, O God, make it ever true. Change my heart, O God, may I be like you.

Scripture Reading: I Kings 8:1-13

Seth Bass

Then Solomon assembled the elders of Israel and all the heads of the tribes, the leaders of the ancestral houses of the Israelites, before King Solomon in Jerusalem, to bring up the ark of the covenant of the Lord out of the city of David, which is Zion. All the people of Israel assembled to King Solomon at the festival in the month Ethanim, which is the seventh month. And all the elders of Israel came, and the priests carried the ark. So they brought up the ark of the Lord, the tent of meeting, and all the holy vessels that were in the tent; the priests and the Levites brought them up. King Solomon and all the congregation of Israel, who had assembled before him, were with him before the ark, sacrificing so many sheep and oxen that they could not be counted or numbered. Then the priests brought the ark of the covenant of the Lord to its place, in the inner sanctuary of the house, the most holy place, underneath the wings of the cherubim. For the cherubim spread out their wings over the place of the ark, so that the cherubim made a covering above the ark and its poles. The poles were so long that the ends of the poles were seen from the holy place in front of the inner sanctuary, but they could not be seen from outside; they are there to this day. There was nothing in the ark except the two tablets of stone that Moses had placed there at Horeb, where the Lord made a covenant with the Israelites when they came out of the land of Egypt. And when the priests came out of the holy place, a cloud filled the house of the Lord, so that the priests could not stand to minister because of the cloud, for the glory of the Lord filled the house of the Lord. Then Solomon said, "The Lord has said that he would dwell in thick darkness. I have built you an exalted house, a place for you to dwell forever."

Message

"Build God a House"

Rev. Mark Willis

Special Music

"Only a Holy God"

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

"Broken for Me" TFWS #2263 (All)

Congregation

Communion Prayer

Elder-Tom Hawley

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. Mark Willis

Closing Song

Congregation

“Sent Out in Jesus’ Name” TFWS #2184 (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

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!

Coffee Conversations

Board Moderator Corrie, Vice-Moderator Amy, and Pastor Mark would like to invite everyone who participates in the ministry and mission of North Oak CC to a time of coffee and conversation about the future of this faith community. North Oak has much it can and does offer our community in worship and service. As church we must actively engage discernment to find where God is calling us as a church today. All are encouraged and welcome to join in these talks. Dates to be announced.

Racial Justice Summit

There is a Racial Justice Summit Hosted by Intersect KC at Independence Boulevard CC, 606 Gladstone Ave. Kansas City, Mo 64124 on Saturday, November 1, 2025. Check In will begin at Noon and Events begin at 12:30. You will have the opportunity to attend two workshops with local organizations who leverage racial justice in our community. Orientation and closing worship feature Rev. William Lamar IV, a dynamic preacher, scholar, and social justice advocate from Washington, D.C. To register, go to:
<https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/racial-justice-summit--2025>
For those who are unable to buy tickets but would still like to attend use code: RJS2025 for a free ticket.

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 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, November 6, 2025, at the home of David and Ann Nelson. The movie for discussion is “The Candidate” starring Robert Redford. The film follows Bill McKay, a candidate for the U.S. Senate from California with no hope of winning, so he is willing to tweak the establishment. 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.

Good Shepherd UMC Justice Ministry Event

The Justice Ministry Team at Good Shepherd UMC (96th and Oak Trafficway) is conducting their Fall event, “Grace Filled Conversations: Understanding and Supporting Our Transgender Neighbors,” on Saturday, November 8, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. The event will feature a panel of people who are transgender, parents of transgender teens, panelists who love and care for transgender folks, and others who champion the LGBTQ+ community. Together we’ll share stories, bust myths, and celebrate the many ways God’s grace shows up in the lives of all people. Come curious, leave inspired! Register here <https://goodshepherdkc.churchcenter.com/calendar/event/200224400>

REZOUND! Handbell Concert

The REZOUND! Handbell Choir will be in concert on December 12, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. at St. James Lutheran Church, 1104 NE Vivion Rd., Kansas City, MO, 64118. There will be a love offering. We would love to get a group from NOCC to go, as REZOUND will be doing a concert HERE in December 2026! If interested, let Pastor Mark know at pastor@nocckc.org

Backpack Ministry Updates

The Backpack Ministry is serving weekly meals to seven families from Bell Prairie Elementary School, including 28 children and 19 adults. On behalf of these families, thank you to everyone who volunteered in September and October. 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.