

# SHAPED BY GOD'S WORD-GRACED AT CHRIST'S TABLE

NORTH OAK CHRISTIAN CHURCH-DISCIPLES OF CHRIST

May 5, 2019

In Jesus' Name, Greetings!

Music for Gathering

Resurrection Bells

In the morning light, Risen Presence, may we glimpse again your image deep within us

**THE THREADS OF ETERNAL GLORY ARE WOVEN INTO THE FABRIC OF EVERY PERSON**

Release in us the power of your resurrection.

**IN THE UNSETTLED WATERS OF THE WORLD TODAY AND IN THE CURRENTS OF OUR OWN HEARTS**

**LET THERE BE BIRTHINGS OF YOUR MIGHTY SPIRIT**

Lighting of the Candles

"...the most important activity of the Church consists in looking at the face of Jesus." Andre Louf

**234 Crown Him with Many Crowns**

We Welcome One Another as Christ

**117 He is Lord 2X**

The Morning Prayer and Musical Response

Silence

"...you do not know when the moment will come." Mark 13

Children's Circle

All children thru 5<sup>th</sup> grade are welcome to come forward. A small outreach offering will be collected for our money jar. Following this time of sharing and prayer, children may attend their very own

"Worship and Wonder" time together in our classroom annex. Child care is offered for infants and toddlers but they are also welcome in the sanctuary.

Prayer for Illumination

Gracious Beloved, help us to welcome the light and walk in it always

**SHOW US THE WAY WE MUST GO TO ETERNAL DAY, AMEN**

THE READINGS PSALM 30 AND ACTS 9: 1-20

The Sermon "The Apostle Paul: Maybe You've Got Him Wrong" Bill Tammeus

**Good Shepherd of the sheep, by whom the lost are sought and guided into the fold, feed us and we shall be satisfied, heal us and we shall be whole. You are the first light, cutting through the void. You are the final light, which we shall enjoy forever.**

**Help us to welcome the light and walk in it always. Amen**

Silent and spoken personal prayers of thanksgiving confession, intercession

Vocal Solo Helen Traphagan

The Offering

**Praise God from Whom all blessings flow, Praise God all creatures here below**

**Praise God above ye heavenly host, Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost**

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.

**413 Take Our Bread**

The sorrows of this world, all our pain and regret, are passing

**GOD'S TENDER COMFORTING PRESENCE IS ETERNAL**

The illusion of our separateness is strong, causing us grief

**BUT IN GOD'S LOVE WE REALIZE OUR ONENESS**

Our deep presence in one another is eternal

**EVERYTHING ELSE IS PASSING AWAY**

Welcome to the Table  
The Words of Institution

We live in hope of that day

**WHEN GOD WIPES EVERY TEAR FROM OUR EYES**

Hope that is not mere wishful thinking

**BUT CONFIDENCE THAT THE DAY IS ALREADY DAWNING IN US**

May you be made strong with all the strength of his glorious power

**CHRIST IN US, THE HOPE OF GLORY**

The Communion Prayer

**The Lord's Prayer**

**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.**

Following the Lord's Prayer, please come forward by rows to receive the loaf and the cup.

The cup is non-alcoholic by choice of the congregation

Gluten free crackers are available on the table for those who prefer this option

Children also celebrate communion weekly as part of "Worship and Wonder"

**433 Blessed Be the Tie That Binds**

Wondrous God, we thank you with all our hearts  
**FOR YOU HAVE DELIVERED US FROM THE GRAVE**

TO OUR GUESTS----WELCOME!

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**WE WALK HUMBLY, LOVE DEEPLY, LIVE SIMPLY, AND SERVE JOYFULLY**

We are delighted to include you today. Your presence and participation is a gift to us all. We hope you experience among us the warm spirit of our family of faith and the gracious touch of Christ upon your life. Refreshments and welcoming conversation are available after worship in the Community Room just down the hall. More information about NOCC and the Disciples of Christ is available via

Facebook and these websites

[www.nocckc.org](http://www.nocckc.org) [www.kcdisciples.org](http://www.kcdisciples.org) [www.disciples.org](http://www.disciples.org)

**Psalm 30** <sup>1</sup>I will extol you, O LORD, for you have drawn me up, and did not let my foes rejoice over me. <sup>2</sup>O LORD my God, I cried to you for help, and you have healed me. <sup>3</sup>O LORD, you brought up my soul from Sheol, restored me to life from among those gone down to the Pit. <sup>4</sup>Sing praises to the LORD, O you his faithful ones, and give thanks to his holy name. <sup>5</sup>For his anger is but for a moment; his favor is for a lifetime. Weeping may linger for the night, but joy comes with the morning. <sup>6</sup>As for me, I said in my prosperity, "I shall never be moved." <sup>7</sup>By your favor, O LORD, you had established me as a strong mountain; you hid your face; I was dismayed. <sup>8</sup>To you, O LORD, I cried, and to the LORD I made supplication: <sup>9</sup>"What profit is there in my death, if I go down to the Pit? Will the dust praise you? Will it tell of your faithfulness? <sup>10</sup>Hear, O LORD, and be gracious to me! O LORD, be my helper!" <sup>11</sup>You have turned my mourning into dancing; you have taken off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy, <sup>12</sup>so that my soul may praise you and not be silent. O LORD my God, I will give thanks to you forever.

**Acts 9: 1-20** <sup>9</sup> Meanwhile Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest <sup>2</sup>and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. <sup>3</sup>Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. <sup>4</sup>He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" <sup>5</sup>He asked, "Who are you, Lord?" The reply came, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. <sup>6</sup>But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do." <sup>7</sup>The men who were traveling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. <sup>8</sup>Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. <sup>9</sup>For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

<sup>10</sup>Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." He answered, "Here I am, Lord." <sup>11</sup>The Lord said to him, "Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying, <sup>12</sup>and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight." <sup>13</sup>But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem; <sup>14</sup>and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name." <sup>15</sup>But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; <sup>16</sup>I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name."<sup>17</sup> So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit." <sup>18</sup>And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized, <sup>19</sup>and after taking some food, he regained his strength. For several days he was with the disciples in Damascus, <sup>20</sup>and immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, "He is the Son of God."

The Lord is our strength and our song  
**THE LORD HAS BECOME OUR SALVATION**

## OUR LIFE TOGETHER

### THIS WEEK

Monday 6PM NOCC Elders  
Monday 6PM Troop 900  
Tuesday 945AM Men's Bible Group  
Tuesday 6PM Pack 900  
Tuesday 7PM Women's Bible Group  
Wednesday 1PM Vital Conversation at Antioch Library  
Wednesday 7PM Music Ministry  
Thursday 630PM NOCC Board  
Saturday 930AM "You, Me and the Enneagram" Session 1

### UPCOMING

GRADUATION SUNDAY MAY 19

JEFF NUNN PIANO STUDIO SPRING RECITAL MAY 19 130PM

MAY 22 630PM SHOWING OF THE ACCLAIMED FILM ABOUT HOWARD THURMAN  
"BACKS AGAINST THE WALL" AT CHERITH BROOK

JULY 22-23 DISCIPLES GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN DES MOINES

### WELCOME

#### **GREATER KANSAS CITY DISCIPLES WOMEN'S MINISTRY TO NOCC**

On June 27, Disciples women from our area will be gathering beginning at 6PM (check in) for a dinner and program beginning at 630PM.

The keynote speaker is Dawn R Steiner, MD, Medical Director for UHWC (University of Health Women's Care) in Lee's Summit. Dr. Steiner is board certified by the American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology and also certified in daVinci robotic surgery. Sounds like this could be interesting!! All ladies and gents are welcome to attend! Looking for NOCC volunteers to help with hosting the "dining experience" and hope you'll stay for the program too!

Great food, music, and wonderful fellowship with our area Disciples!!

Contact Debbie Herrick for more information!

### BAPTISM PREPARATION

Adults and children with questions and interest in Baptism this summer---

Be in touch with Rob

SUMMER CHURCH CAMP DATES ARE POSTED AT TALLOAKS.ORG