

WE ARE CHILDREN OF GOD

NORTH OAK CHRISTIAN CHURCH-DISCIPLS OF CHRIST

June 9, 2019 PENTECOST SUNDAY

In Jesus' Name, Greetings!

Music for Gathering

GOD IS MOVING IN THE WORLD

Lighting of the Candles

"My work is loving the world." Mary Oliver

234 Crown Him With Many Crowns

We Welcome One Another as Christ

254 Breathe On Me Breath of God

The Morning Prayer and Musical Response

Silence

"Let us continue to hear, little by little by little, the voices..." Mary Oliver

Children's Circle

All children thru 5th 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

Lord, be with us this day, within us to purify us, above us to draw us up

BENEATH US TO SUSTAIN US, AROUND US TO PROTECT US, AMEN

THE LESSON ROMANS 8: 14-17

The Meditation "Possessed Of Such A Love" Rev. Rob Carr

The Holy Spirit is here

HER PRESENCE WITH US

Let our hearts be warmed

HER GRACE WITHIN US

Let our spirits soar

HER LOVE INSPIRE US

Silent and spoken prayers of confession, intercession, thanksgiving

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.

259 Spirit Of The Living God

Welcome to the Table

God of Spirit and flesh, God of heaven and earth, God of grape and grain

WE FEED OURSELVES WITH GIFTS FROM YOU

We sense your Spirit sailing on the summer wind

AND SINGING IN THE SOULS OF EACH ONE GATHERED HERE

The Words of Institution

Recreate us in your image as we encounter you today

THAT OUR LIVES MIGHT IGNITE A LOVE TO LIGHT THE WORLD

Let your presence pressing through us

INFUSE THE WORLD WITH JOY

The Words of Institution

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"

264 Where The Spirit Of The Lord Is

This is the reason we were made, for this struggle, this grace that scorches us

TOWARD ONE ANOTHER AND INTO THE BLAZING DAY

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

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 www.kcdisciples.org www.disciples.org

Romans 8: 14-17

For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, “Abba! Father!” it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church

THANKS BE TO GOD

The darker the night, the brighter the stars.
The deeper the grief, the closer is God!

Pain and suffering are always inevitable for a large intelligence and a deep heart. The really great men must, I think, have great sadness on earth.

Fyodor Dostoevsky

If there is anywhere on earth a lover of God who is always kept safe, I know nothing of it, for it was not shown to me. But this was shown: that in falling and rising again we are always kept in that same precious love.

Julian of Norwich

In working with this material from Romans this week, I realized I wanted to share this story with you. "The Rabbi's Gift."

<https://palousemindfulness.com/docs/RabbisGift.pdf>

We are being named here in today's lesson from Romans, it is being proposed here, that we are Christ's equals. Christ's peers. Co-Heirs.

The spirit will make us so if we allow it.

The communion table is not only the table of our salvation but also our aspiration

We are called to be Christ's peers. Called to become as given over to God as Christ was. Not to be exactly like Christ. But to be people in whom God can be God in us as God was God in Jesus. Loving as God loves, suffering as God suffers with the suffering, because the love of God cannot help itself, and possessed of such a love, neither can we.

Like the wind which stirred the waters of creation
GOD IS MOVING IN THE WORLD

Like the Holy fire burning in the desert
GOD IS LIVING IN THE WORLD

Like the wind which drove back the waters of Exodus
GOD IS ACTING IN THE WORLD

Like the angel filling Mary's body with light
GOD IS LOVING IN THE WORLD

Like the dove resting on the baptized Messiah
GOD IS CHRISTENING THE WORLD

Like the voice of the Teacher in the ears of the crowd
GOD IS SPEAKING IN THE WORLD

Like the dying breath of a man on a cross
GOD IS DYING FOR THE WORLD

Like the power that raises Christ
GOD IS RISING IN THE WORLD

Like the fire that falls on the day of Pentecost
GOD IS GIVING LIFE TO THE WORLD

OUR LIFE TOGETHER

THIS WEEK

Bells Practice 11:45AM
Monday 6PM Troop 900
Tuesday 9:45AM Men's Bible Group
Wednesday 1PM Vital Conversations at Antioch Library
Thursday 6PM NOCC Board
Saturday 9AM Centering Prayer

UPCOMING

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 6:30PM.

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!

GOING TO CAMP AT TALL OAKS

June 23-28 Phoebe Stripling and Maddie Holt
Tristen Holt July 9-12

CHERITH BROOK SEEKING ITEMS

such as small men's and women's undies, sugar, razors, bike locks, gauze pads and medical tape, for their friends experiencing homelessness.