**Bethel Congregation**

**Midlands Mission Center**

**Welcoming the online community**

Kansas City, KS

March 26, 2023 10:30AM CDT

**Is Christ in You?**

**Fifth Sunday of Lent**

 **Presiding Elder Rob de Zwart**

 **Welcome and Statement on Lent**

Lent is a time of preparation. A time when we move toward the crucifixion and resurrection of Christ. A time to move intently towards God, ridding ourselves of the distance and distractions we have built into our relationships. Lent is when we are called to respond with radical generosity and spiritual discipline to God’s covenants that we may draw near to the One we seek.

 **Call to Worship Psalm 130,** adapted

Leader: Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord.

**People: Lord, hear my voice!**

Leader: Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications!

 If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities,

**People: Lord, who could stand?**

Leader: But there is forgiveness with you,

**People: so that you may be revered.**

Leader: I wait for the Lord, my soul waits,

 and in God’s word I hope;

**People: my soul waits for the Lord**

Leader: more than those who watch for the morning,

**People: more than those who watch for the morning.**

 **Announcements Rob de Zwart**

**\*Lenten Hymn** “Bless Now, O God, the Journey” **CCS #559**

**\*Opening Prayer Kathy de Zwart**

**\*Response**

 **Children’s Lenten Moment Joyce & Joetta**

 **Hymn of Discipleship** “I Have Decided to Follow Jesus” **CCS #499**

 **Prayer for Peace Kristine Shipley**

 **Sung Response** “Lead Me, Lord” CCS #450 **Grace Troeh**

 **Sermon** [**Stassi Cramm Video**](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YdZP3pKMxTg)

 **Disciples’ Generous Response Jeff Cady**

**\*Hymn of Transformation** “Send Me Forth”  **CCS #651**

**\*Closing Prayer David Troeh**

**\*Sending Forth D&C 163:10-11 Rob de Zwart**

*10a. Collectively and individually, you are loved with an everlasting love that delights in each faithful step taken. God yearns to draw you close so that wounds may be healed, emptiness filled, and hope strengthened.*

*10b. Do not turn away in pride, fear, or guilt from the One who seeks only the best for you and your loved ones. Come before your Eternal Creator with open minds and hearts and discover the blessings of the gospel anew. Be vulnerable to divine grace.*

*11a. God is calling for a prophetic community to emerge, drawn from the nations of the world, that is characterized by uncommon devotion to the compassion and peace of God revealed in Jesus Christ. Through divine grace and wisdom, this faith community has been given abundant gifts, resources, and opportunities to equip it to become such a people. Chief among these is the power of community in Christ expressed locally in distinctive fashions while upholding a unity of vision, foundational beliefs, and mission throughout the world.*

*11b. There are many issues that could easily consume the time and energy of the church. However, the challenge before a prophetic people is to discern and pursue what matters most for the journey ahead.*

\*Congregation standing as able

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**Announcements**

* Our website, including weekly bulletin, web and Zoom links [bethel.forthrightsystems.com/](http://bethel.forthrightsystems.com/)
* **Sunday, 3/26 9:45am President Veasey video – Finances**

 **10:30am** *Is Christ in You?*[Stassi Cramm Video](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YdZP3pKMxTg)

* **Sunday 4/2 9:45am President Veazey video – *Finances***

*Palm Sunday* **10:30am** *Enter with Jesus*,HP Stan Troeh

* **Thursday 4/6 7:00pm Maundy Thursday @Leavenworth**

*Remember Me* **& Bethel Sunday zoom**

* **Friday 4/7 7:00pm Good Friday @Bethel**

 *Hold Fast to Hope* **& Bethel Sunday zoom**

* **Sunday 4/9 9:30am Easter breakfast** (no Veazey video)

*Easter Sunday* **10:30am *Discover Life in Christ*,** Kyle Joyce

* **Sunday 4/23 10:00am *Conference Communion***

*World Conference Sunday* ***streamed to Bethel & zoom***

* Give through [eTithing](https://www.cofchrist.org/give) (<https://www.cofchrist.org/give>)

Optionally, search for Bethel, KS ([link](https://app.securegive.com/cofchrist/bethel-ks-/donate/category))

* Video about using [eTithing](https://youtu.be/vOaogMcekbw) (<https://youtu.be/vOaogMcekbw>)

**Lectionary:** 3-year cycle engaging significant portions of our scripture

**This week** March 26, 2023 [**Is Christ in You?**](https://www.dropbox.com/s/9i2ccwvwkmeonu4/Mar26-2023-WorshipPlanningTools.rtf?dl=1)

**Romans 8:6-11** Ezekiel 37:1-14
Psalm 130 John 11:1-45
Mosiah 8:28-37 D&C 163:10-11

**Next Sunday April 2, 2023** [**Enter with Jesus**](https://www.dropbox.com/s/vraxkekxf8c00bq/Apr2-2023-WorshipPlanningTools.rtf?dl=1)

**Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29** Matthew 21:1-11

**Jacob 2:8**  D&C 163:8b

Thursday, April 6, 2023 [**Remember Me**](https://www.dropbox.com/s/8qlwh2hwt9y6czc/Apr6-2023-WorshipPlanningTools.rtf?dl=1)

**1 Corinthians 11:23-26** Exodus 12:1-14
Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19 John 13:1-17, 31b-35
Doctrine and Covenants 165:3a

**Friday, April 7, 2023** [**Hold Fast to Hope**](https://www.dropbox.com/s/725yw0vfnlve8y5/Apr7-2023-WorshipPlanningTools.rtf?dl=1)

**Hebrews 10:16-25** Isaiah 52:13—53:12
Psalm 22 John 18:1—19:42



**MISSION CENTER UPDATES**

Our mission center has an opening for ***FOUR*** more delegates plus alternates. Additionally, other mission centers in our field may have openings if we exceed our allotment. Those interested in serving should contact presidentteam@midlandsmc.org. Funds are available to offset conference registration costs if needed.

To join the Norton Heights congregational leadership team, contact Peter Judd: 816.682.4394 or sonjudd@sbcglobal.net.

Online Ministry & Priesthood Classes

*Center for Innovation in Ministry and Mission (CIMM)*

### Together with Graceland University and Community of Christ Seminary, CIMM is launching online classes which include Temple School credit and non-credit bearing continuing education units (CEUs). The classes listed below are now enrolling for a $25 fee. More classes are coming, including a new non-degreed online certificate program in “Christian Ministries,” similar to the past MEADS programs. To enroll or view the schedule of upcoming classes, go to our website: [www.graceland.edu/CIMM](http://www.graceland.edu/CIMM)

* **Introduction to Priesthood Ministry**:  8-weeks, March 6 – April 30

**SAVE THE DATE**

Mar 19 JPATKC Film Series @ Peace Pavilion

Mar 26 Pastor Meeting (2 – 4 pm)

Mar 28 Delegate Preparation Meeting (7 – 8:30 pm)

April 2 Midlands Advisory Council meeting (2 – 4 pm)

* **Ministry of the Teacher:** 6-weeks, March 6 – April 16
* **Ministry of the Seventy:**  8-weeks, March 6 – April 30 (Newly called Seventy please contact President of Seventy for reimbursement)
* **Children & Youth Worker Training:** Self-paced available Oct. 24 – Dec. 17
* **Christian Ministry Certification Course: Peace & Justice:** Online + one live session per week with Dr. Nancy Ross, March 6 – April 30, $100

The Center for Innovation in Ministry and Mission (CIMM) through the Community of Christ Seminary presents Discernment Facilitator Training, a NEW *online* certificate program for those who feel called to deepen their understanding, leadership, and facilitation of group discernment processes. Katie Harmon-McLaughlin will instruct this two-year series. Enrollment is open now through January 1, and the **first class starts January 9**. Each class is $100 ($700 for the entire certificate) and includes non-degree CEU credit. *CofC members save 50% on fees.* Information, future dates, and enrollment is at [www.graceland.edu/CIMM](http://www.graceland.edu/CIMM)

**SUMMER 2023**

June 10 – 14 Junior Camp @ Chihowa ($300 or $325 after 5/15)

June 10 – 15 Middle School Camp @ Chihowa ($350 or $375 after 5/15)

June 17 – 21 Doniphan Reunion

June 22 – 24 Youth Quest @ TBD ($95)

June 25 – 30 Senior High Camp @ Chihowa ($350 or $375 after 5/15)

July 9 – 14 Chihowa Reunion

July 15 – 22 Spectacular @ Graceland ($475)

July 16 – 22 Camp MITIOG @ Doniphan

\*CAMPERSHIPS ARE AVAILABLE FOR **ALL** CAMPS\*



2023 Reunion Prices

Adults (age 18+) $250

Youth (age 13-17) $135

Children (age 5-12) $85

Children (age 0-4) $25



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### Peace Pavilion Employment Positions

The Peace Pavilion in Independence is seeking part-time docents. The position is 19-hours weekly at $15 per hour. Responsibilities include greeting visitors, showing videos, guiding guests through exhibit areas, and assisting with other Pavilion activities. Previous work with children, nonprofits, or other areas related to care for the earth, building community, interpersonal relationships, or personal care is helpful, but optional. For more information call 816.912.1275 or email thepeacepavilion@gmail.com.

### WC Legislation Exploration Sessions

**Weekly Thru March 18**

Explore legislative proposals with others around the church through Zoom. Everyone is invited, not just delegates. A single resolution will be the focus each week during the series. Participants will share perspectives and listen to others in a facilitated session. Five sessions will be offered each week to accommodate time zones and busy schedules. To see daily schedules, view weekly discussion topics, and register, visit **bit.ly/ExplorationSessions**.

### Film Series: What Can We Do to Promote Peace

### *The Peace Pavilion*

**4 – 6 pm Sunday, March 19**

FCNL Independence Mo and JPATKC are sponsoring some film screenings to raise awareness of humanitarian challenges and the changes that can be made through advocacy. The first movie will be *Children of Las Brisas* [www.childrenoflasbrisas.com](http://www.childrenoflasbrisas.com/). The 90-minute film will start at 4pm and break at 5pm for a light meal and brief discussion of the issues before resuming the remainder of the show. Children are welcome to come and experience the Peace Pavilion if they do not want to watch the film as long as they are accompanied in the exhibits by an adult. Register at: <https://bit.ly/FCNLfilm>

COURAGE!

World Conference 2023

April 22 – 28



Pre-conference workshops and discussion sessions will be held on Friday, April 21. The World Conference will officially begin on Saturday, April 22, with the opening legislative session at 10 am. The conference will end on Friday, April 28, at the close of the afternoon legislative session and sending forth worship. Masks are strongly encouraged indoors.

**Online registration for World Conference delegates, attendees, Conference Kids, and childcare is open at bit.ly/registerWC23.**

World Conference Volunteers Needed!

Volunteers do not need to be delegates, nor do they need to register. One-time and recurring assignments are available. Positions include ushers, room hosts, door monitors, and communion preparers. Email, text, or call:

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### WC Zoom Support Volunteers Needed!

Individuals with zoom hosting experience are invited to provide volunteer support for some Zoom connections that will enable remote site delegates to watch and participate in our live Legislative process. Volunteers should NOT be a delegate and should be available onsite in Independence for all or part of conference April 21-29. Personal qualifications include effective English communication with others, patience, and adherence to COVID protocols. If interested contact Brad Bryant at 309.706.6179 or BBryant@CofChrist.org