



# Community of Christ

**Bethel Congregation**  
**Midlands Mission Center**  
**Welcoming the online community**  
Kansas City, KS  
April 14, 2024 10:30AM CDT

## Easter People Believe

**Presiding** **Priest Sandra Billings**

**Prelude**

**Hymn of Praise** "Celebrate, Jesus, Celebrate" **CCS #474**

**Welcome, Announcements**

**\*Song of Love** "Lord, Lead Me by Your Spirit" **CCS #209**

**\*Invocation** **Stan Troeh**

**\*Response**

### Call to Worship

Christ is risen! Thus, we believe that God is God of life, not of death. By faith we share in eternal life even now. In Christ, God's love finally will overcome all that demeans and degrades the creation even death itself. Easter also gives us hope that the tragic suffering and death of victims, throughout history, is not the last word. We believe the Holy Spirit will transform all creation to share in the glory of God.

**Hymn** "Blest Be the Tie that Binds" **CCS #325**

**Prayer for Peace/Community** **Jordan Joyce**

Spirit of revelation,

Show us the way to peace! People are dying unnecessarily. Suffering continues despite our best efforts. Lives are cut short by violence, greed, neglect, hunger, and unexplainable suffering. The list is endless. It is tempting to turn away. Open our eyes, just as the disciples' eyes were opened to the risen Jesus!

Open our hearts, that we would stay soft and stay with the

brokenhearted, just as the women stayed at the cross. Open our hands to continue the work of pursuing peace. Though the work is hard, it brings us closer to you and to one another. And in that closeness, we find strength.

In the name of Jesus, who is always close. Amen.

Tiffany and Caleb Brian

### Message

**Elder Grace Troeh**

**Disciples' Generous Response Doctrine and Covenants 162:7c**

*7c. You have been given the principles of generosity, rightly interpreted for a new time. These principles call every disciple to tithe faithfully in accordance with means and capacity. Those values, deeply rooted in the Restoration faith, affirm that stewardship and discipleship cannot be divided and are dependent upon each other.*

<https://youtube.com/watch?v=uid-lf2RbI0> (CCS #277)

**\*Hymn** "Lord Jesus, of You I Will Sing" **CCS #556**

**\*Benediction** **Jeff Cady**

**\*Sending Forth**

The resurrected Jesus appears to disciples, turning their fear to joy and their disbelief to wonder. Jesus's appearance comforts and reassures them and us that it is always God's intention to bring peace, love, compassion, grace, and mercy to a sinful world. And through our witness of Christ's presence among us, may it be so!

### Postlude

**Pianist**

**Nancy Scarborough**

**\*Congregation standing as able**

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## Announcements

- **Sunday 4/14 9:45 am Lectionary Disc. – Luke 24:36-48**  
**10:30 am *Easter People Believe***  
Elder Grace Troeh speaking
- **Monday 4/15 7:00 pm [Priesthood Meeting](#)**
- **Tuesday 4/16 7:00 pm [Together Tuesday](#)**
- **Sunday 4/21 9:45 am Lectionary Disc. – 1 John 3:16-24**  
**10:30 am *Easter People Act***  
High Priest Stan Troeh speaking
- **Monday 4/22 7:00 pm *Pursuing Peace through Sacraments***  
**Central Mission Field Priesthood and Leaders Gathering**  
Monthly zoom gatherings for leadership and priesthood across the field (Apostle Janné Grover's 8 mission centers) will include formation experiences that promote relevant gospel witness in a changing world. Registration is required one time and is not necessary each month. The gatherings will be recorded for participants.  
[Register: bit.ly/2024Gathering](https://bit.ly/2024Gathering) (same link as 1/22, 2/26 & 3/25)
- Our website, including weekly bulletin, web and zoom links [bethel.forthrightsystems.com](https://bethel.forthrightsystems.com)
- Give through [eTithing \(https://www.cofchrist.org/give\)](https://www.cofchrist.org/give)  
Optionally, search for Bethel, KS ([link](#))

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

**This Week April 14, 2024 [Easter People Believe](#)**

**Luke 24:36b-48/24:35-47 IV** Psalm 4

Acts 3:12-19

1 John 3:1-7

Doctrine and Covenants 162:7d

**Next Week April 21, 2024 [Easter People Act](#)**

**1 John 3:16-24** Psalm 23

John 10:11-18

Acts 4:5-12

Doctrine and Covenants 163:9

# Take Note

## MMC CONFERENCE

Our spring conference will be held **3 – 6 pm Sunday, April 7**, at Mission Road Congregation in Prairie Village, KS. Topics include Kerri Booth's priesthood call to the office of High Priest, gifts to campgrounds, and World Conference resolutions. To register and receive a Zoom link to attend virtually, please visit [bit.ly/MMCConference](http://bit.ly/MMCConference).

## CHIHOWA WORK DAY

Please join us on **Saturday, April 21**, to prepare Chihowa for the upcoming camping season. Come for a few hours, the morning, or the entire day – there are jobs for all ages and skill levels! Tasks include planting trees, cutting trees for the US forestry project, working on the pool bathhouse, sprucing up the RV park, and MORE! Lunch provided!

## JOB OPENINGS

### Chihowa Summer Lifeguard & Groundskeeper

Please contact Wandamarie Schmidt for more information  
[chihowaretreatcenter@gmail.com](mailto:chihowaretreatcenter@gmail.com).

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### CMC Fulltime Associate MCFO

Central Mission Center is seeking a fulltime associate mission center financial officer. More information at [bit.ly/CMCMCFO](http://bit.ly/CMCMCFO).

## Online Ministry & Priesthood Classes *Center for Innovation in Ministry and Mission (CIMM)*

The Center for Innovation in Ministry and Mission, through the Graceland University Community of Christ Seminary, has opened fall classes for enrollment. To enroll or for more information on these classes and the certificate programs, visit [graceland.edu/CIMM](http://graceland.edu/CIMM). Cost is \$25 unless noted.

### *Summer A Session (May 6 – June 30)*

- **Intro to Scripture** – Jennifer Killpack
- **CYW Core Training** – David Lloyd
- NOTE: Christian Ministries Certificate classes will take a break

### *Summer B Session (July 1 - August 25)*

- **Ministry of the High Priest** – David Anderson
- **Ministry of the Evangelist** – Jane Gardner
- **Children and Youth Worker Core Training**
- NOTE: Christian Ministries Certificate classes will take a break



## JPAT Book Study

"Be An Inclusive Ally: ABCs of LGBTQ+" by Lisa Koenecke, M.S.

**7 – 8:30 pm Tuesdays\***

The Justice and Peace Action Team and the LGBTQ+ Taskforce will jointly lead a book study held every-other Tuesday for a total of five sessions. (\*2/27, 3/12, 3/26, 4/9, 4/23\*) To register and receive the Zoom link visit [bit.ly/JPATbookstudy](http://bit.ly/JPATbookstudy).

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## Teens Working in Service Together

*Camp Farwesta, Stewartsville, MO*

**7 pm Friday, April 19 – 11:30 am Sunday, April 21**

TWIST weekends provide middle and high schoolers an opportunity gather for fun and socialization while focusing on acts of service. Please bring \$25 registration fees, a copy of an insurance card, and a registration form found at [www.midlandsmc.org/youth](http://www.midlandsmc.org/youth). Please RSVP by Monday, April 14 to: Dawn Pagat 816.718.8307, Greg Bassett 816.210.4943, or Kat Hnatyshyn 816.506.6948.

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## Central Mission Field Priesthood Gathering

*Living Sacraments*

**7 – 8:30 pm Monday, April 22**

Monthly zoom gatherings for leadership and priesthood. Registration is required *one time* and is not necessary each month. The same meeting link will be resent each month. The gatherings will be recorded for participants. Register: [bit.ly/2024Gathering](http://bit.ly/2024Gathering)

# Experience Summer Camp!!

## Youth Camps 2024

June 6 – 8 Youth Quest @ Olathe – \$90  
June 8 – 12 Junior/MS Camp @ Chihowa – \$325  
\*June 23 – 27 Senior High Canoe Trip – \$350  
July 13 – 20 Spectacular @ Graceland – \$495  
July 14 – 20 MITIOG @ Doniphan



Junior, Middle School, and Senior High prices increase \$25 after 5/15

## Family Camps (Reunion)

**Doniphan** – Excelsior Springs, MO – June 13 to 17  
Joint event with Central Missouri Mission Center  
Guest Minister: Carla Long, Presiding Bishopric  
Contact: Kat Hnatyshyn, 816.506.6948

**Chihowa** – Perry, KS – July 7 to 12  
Guest Minister: Carla Long, Presiding Bishopric  
Director: Doug Albro, 316.734.4214



### Family Camp Prices (Early Bird/Regular)

Age	Doniphan (6/1)	Chihowa (6/23)
Adults (age 18+)	\$300/\$320	\$250/\$270
Youth (age 13-17)	\$200/\$220	\$135/\$155
Children (age 5-12)	\$100/\$120	\$85/\$105
Children (age 0-4)	\$25/\$45	\$25/\$45

**Register NOW** at [www.midlandsmc.org](http://www.midlandsmc.org)

- YOUTH: Find your camp and click "online registration"
- FAMILY CAMP: Find your camp and choose "pay now" (credit card) or "pay later" (check, cash, credit card)

**Camperships** are available. **Application forms must be submitted TWO WEEKS prior to the event.** If you have questions, please contact [mcfoteam@midlandsmc.org](mailto:mcfoteam@midlandsmc.org)

- Individual camperships: [bit.ly/MMCcampership1](http://bit.ly/MMCcampership1)
- Family camperships (SAME EVENT): [bit.ly/MMCcampershipFAM](http://bit.ly/MMCcampershipFAM)