



# Community of Christ

**Bethel Congregation  
Midlands Mission Center  
Welcoming the online community  
Kansas City, KS  
October 6, 2024 10:30AM CDT**

## **The Kin-dom of God Belongs to Children**

**Presiding**

**Elder Rob de Zwart**

**Announcements**

**Welcome**

The Kin-dom of God belongs to children and so we welcome you to this worship as a little child.

**Scripture Reading**

**Mark 10:13-16**

*<sup>13</sup> People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. <sup>14</sup> But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, 'Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. <sup>15</sup> Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.' <sup>16</sup> And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.*

**Call to Worship**

**Psalm 26:2-3**

*<sup>2</sup> Prove me, O Lord, and try me;  
test my heart and mind.*

*<sup>3</sup> For your steadfast love is before my eyes,  
and I walk in faithfulness to you.*

*May you be welcomed this day as a little child. May you be blessed.*

**\*Hymn of Innocence** "like a child"

**CCS #403**

**\*Invocation**

**Susan Boer**

**\*Response**

**Prayer for Peace**

**Jordan Joyce**

**Hymn of the Children**

"Jesus Loves Me"

**CCS #251**

**Message**

**Seventy Kyle Joyce**

**Sacrament of the Lord's Supper**

**Hymn of Sacrament**

"O Lord, How Can It Be"

**CCS #529**

**The Institution of the Lord's Supper**

*<sup>22</sup> While they were eating, he took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to them, and said, 'Take; this is my body.' <sup>23</sup> Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, and all of them drank from it. <sup>24</sup> He said to them, 'This is my blood of the <sup>[a]</sup> covenant, which is poured out for many. <sup>25</sup> Truly I tell you, I will never again drink of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God.'*

**Invitation to Communion**

All are welcome at Christ's table. The Lord's Supper, or Communion, is a sacrament in which we remember the life, death, resurrection, and continuing presence of Jesus Christ. In Community of Christ, we also experience Communion as an opportunity to renew our baptismal covenant and to be formed as disciples who live Christ's mission. Others might have different or added understandings within their faith traditions. We invite all who participate in the Lord's Supper to do so in the love and peace of Jesus Christ.

**Hymn of Preparation** "Voor brood voor ons gebroken"

**Blessing of the Bread and Wine**

**Elder Jeff Cady**

**Serving of the Bread and Wine**

**Priests Joyce Shipley  
and Sandra Billings**

**Disciples' Generous Response**

**Stan Troeh**

**\*Sending Forth Hymn** "Go, My Children"

**CCS #650**

**\*Prayer of Benediction**

**Ylva Hup**

**\*Response**

**\*Congregation standing as able**

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## **Announcements**

- **Sunday 10/6 9:45 am Lectionary Disc.–James 5:13-20**  
**10:30 am *The Kin-dom of God Belongs to Children* – Speaking: Seventy Kyle Joyce**
- **Tues 10/8, 10/22, 11/4 (Mon), 11/19 JPAT Book Study**  
***The Time Is Now* by Joan Chittister**  
[bit.ly/JPAT-BS](http://bit.ly/JPAT-BS) to register & get zoom link
- **Thurs. 10/10 2:00 pm Women’s Meeting** (at church)
- **Saturday Documentaries 1:30pm Bethel & [Sunday zoom link](#)**  
October 12 [Kiss the Ground](#) – Climate Crisis & Agriculture  
October 26 [Common Ground](#) – Climate & Regenerative Ag.
- **Sunday 10/13 9:45 am Lectionary Disc.–James 5:13-20**  
**10:30 am *Practice Bold Discipleship* –**  
**Speaking: High Priest Stan Troeh**
- **Thurs. 10/17 12 noon *Call of the Beloved Community***
- **Sunday 10/20 2:30 pm Mission Center Conference**  
**Mission Road** (7842 Mission Rd, Prairie Village, KS 66208)  
and [zoom](#) (meeting: 845 4946 2930 pswd: 345286)  
Includes election of delegates to 2025 World Conf, 5/30-6/6/25  
Delegate application at <https://midlandsmc.org>, front page
- Our website, including weekly bulletin, web and zoom links  
[bethel.forthrightsystems.com](http://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 October 6 [The Kin-dom of God Belongs to Children](#)**

**Mark 10:2-16 /10:2-14 IV Job 1:1; 2:1-10**

Psalm 26 Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12

Doctrine and Covenants 163:2a

**Next Week October 13 [Practice Bold Discipleship](#)**

**Hebrews 4:12-16 Job 23:1-9, 16-17**

Psalm 22:1-15 Mark 10:17-31

Doctrine and Covenants 164:9a

# Take Note



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## 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.

*Fall B Session (October 21 – December 15)*

- **Introduction Scripture**
- **Ministry of the Deacon**
- **Children & Youth Worker Core Training (no CEU credit)**
- **Christian Ministries Certificate: Community of Christ Theology w/ Adam Bouverette (\$100)**

*Spring A (January 6-March 2, 2025)*

- **Introduction to Pastors Ministry**
- **Ministry of the Disciple**
- **Christian Ministry Certificate: Practical Ministry w/ Zac Harmon-McLaughlin TBD**



## Voter Registration

For the Nov. 5th general election, new voters must be registered by 10/9 in Missouri and 10/15 Kansas. This can be done online, in person, or by mail.

Kansas: <https://www.kdor.ks.gov/Apps/VoterReg>

Missouri: <https://www.sos.mo.gov/elections/goVoteMissouri/register>

## SAVE THE DATE

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| October 8         | Live PB Session on Zoom                     |
| October 11 – 13   | TWIST @ Wichita                             |
| <b>October 20</b> | <b>MMC Conference @ Mission Road 2:30pm</b> |

## NONVIOLENCE STATEMENT FEEDBACK

In response to 2019 WCR 1319, the First Presidency has crafted a draft Statement on Nonviolence. You are invited to read the statement and provide feedback on each section **by February 28, 2025**. The FP will review the feedback and update as necessary by May 2025.

Statement: [bit.ly/NonviolenceStatement](https://bit.ly/NonviolenceStatement) (click “Draft Statement”)  
Survey: [bit.ly/NonviolenceSurvey](https://bit.ly/NonviolenceSurvey)

## WORLD CONFERENCE 2025

**DELEGATES:** World Conference will be held **May 30 – June 6, 2025**, in Independence, MO. Midlands will elect our delegates at conference **October 20**. To submit an application: [bit.ly/WC2025delegate](https://bit.ly/WC2025delegate).

**LEGISLATION:** Fourteen pieces of legislation have been submitted by mission centers and World Church Standing Teams for this gathering. View the legislation: [bit.ly/WC25Legislation](https://bit.ly/WC25Legislation)  
View the background and support statements: [bit.ly/WC25LegSupport](https://bit.ly/WC25LegSupport)

**ZOOM SUPPORT:** Volunteers are needed to support remote legislative sites. Multiple roles for non-delegates are available based on schedule, interest, and skills. Contact Brad Bryant at 309.706.6179 or [BBryant@CofChrist.org](mailto:BBryant@CofChrist.org).

# Presidents of Seventy Training

## *Living Hospitality*

**6:30 – 8:30 pm October 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>**

Join us in person at the Temple or online! This training will include a wide range of topics focused on practicing intentional hospitality in everyday moments of life. Together with God, we can change and reshape the world through hospitality, grace, and generosity.

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## Live Gatherings with Presiding Bishopric

**12pm or 8pm Tuesday, October 8**

Two online gatherings will cover the same topics. A recording will be available for those unable to attend. To register visit [bit.ly/PBOct8](http://bit.ly/PBOct8)

- Worldwide Mission Tithes
- June Financial Update
- Endowment Funding
- Sept. WC Finance Board Mtg
- Generosity Cycle
- Giving Tuesday

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## JPAT Book Study

**7pm Tuesdays 10/8, 10/22, 11/4\*, 11/19**

Join us as we explore *The Time Is Now, A Call to Uncommon Courage* by Joan Chittister. A beloved nun and social activist offers a soul-stirring guide for all who feel disillusioned and dissatisfied with the power-hungry institutions and systems of this world. Registration is at [bit.ly/JPAT-BS](http://bit.ly/JPAT-BS). \*Please note date change to a Monday in November to avoid election day.



*Christ's Mission. Our Mission*

## Twist Weekend @ Wichita Webb Rd

**7pm Fri, Oct 11 – 12pm Sun, Oct 13**

Youth grades 6<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> are invited to a weekend of fun and service. We will be reconnecting with our friends from camps and youth activities and making a difference in our communities!

Bring \$25 fees, insurance card copy, and a completed event form, which can be found at [www.midlandsmc.org/youth](http://www.midlandsmc.org/youth). For questions and to RSVP, contact Dawn 816.718.8307 or Greg 816.210.4943

[MMC\\_Youth@midlandsmc.org](mailto:MMC_Youth@midlandsmc.org).

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## Call of the Beloved Community

### *Independence Square*

**12pm Thursday, October 17**

Are you concerned about the rise of “Christian nationalism” and its call to end the separation of church and state? Monthly rallies have begun in greater Kansas City to lift up the alternate view of the Beloved Community, a term popularized by Martin Luther King, Jr. to describe the inclusive, egalitarian, and compassionate message of Jesus. For more information contact [sjones5214@gmail.com](mailto:sjones5214@gmail.com).