



Community of Christ

Bethel Congregation
Midlands Mission Center
Welcoming the online community
Kansas City, KS
February 16, 2025 10:30AM CDT

Practice Resurrection

Priest Sandra Billings

Presiding

Announcements

Welcome

Welcome Hymn "I Will Sing, I Will Sing"

CCS #112

Call to Worship

Psalms 1:1-3

¹ *Happy are those*

*who do not follow the advice of the wicked,
or take the path that sinners tread,
or sit in the seat of scoffers;*

² *but their delight is in the law of the LORD,
and on his law they meditate day and night.*

³ *They are like trees*

*planted by streams of water,
which yield their fruit in its season,
and their leaves do not wither.
In all that they do, they prosper.*

Reflection *by Robert Bruch*

I've been dreaming of fresh water in every village of the globe...of women taking their right place in the forums of society...of the cultural riches of humankind...being honored and accessible to all. ...I've been dreaming of a world where consumption patterns are rationalized, and the great excesses of the West are harnessed... where a confrontation among nations and groups is tempered into dialogue by the common celebration of local people's conquest of hunger, disease, and dehumanizing poverty.

Our Response: When we put these dreams into activities of justice, we practice resurrection.

***Hymn** "For the Beauty of the Earth" **CCS #130**
***Invocation** **Sandy Billings**
***Response**

Prayer for Peace see insert

Hymn "Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises" **CCS #656**

Sermon **Seventy Kyle Joyce**

Disciples' Generous Response <https://bit.ly/BethelGift>

I dream of a day when youth and elders are genuine colleagues in one common mission – the kingdom of God on earth – where children will not have to grow up with the cloud of nuclear war hanging over them; when drug abuse is spoken of as a dark day of past history; where unemployment no longer invades family security, and each of us finds security in the work of our hands.

Our Response: When we work to abolish poverty and end suffering, we practice resurrection.

***Closing Hymn** "I Know That My Redeemer Lives" **CCS #34**

***Benediction**

***Sending Forth** **Doctrine and Covenants 164:3a**

Live the meaning of your baptism daily as you grow in the skills and qualities of discipleship.

Go, and practice resurrection.

*Congregation invited to stand

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Announcements

- **Sunday 2/16** 9:45 am **Lectionary Disc.** – 1 Cor 15:12-20
10:30 am **Practice Resurrection** – Kyle Joyce
- **Monday 2/17** 7:00 pm **Priesthood Meeting** (zoom)
- **Justice and Peace Action Team (JPATKC) Book Study**
Tuesdays 2/18-3/25 7:00-8:30pm **Sacred Earth Sacred Soul**
by John Philip Newell More info <https://bit.ly/JPATBookStudy>
- **Sunday 2/23** 9:45 am **Lectionary Disc.** – 1 Cor 15:35-50
10:30 am **Make Room for Emerging Life**
- **Central Avenue Center of Hope** – needs coats & blankets
- **World Conference Info** see links on our website
- **Our website**, including weekly bulletin, web and zoom links
bethel.forthrightsystems.com
- Give through **eTithing** (<https://www.cofchrist.org/give>)
Optionally, search for Bethel, KS ([link](#))

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

This Week February 16 **Practice Resurrection**

1 Corinthians 15:12-20 Jeremiah 17:5-10
Psalm 1 Luke 6:17-26
Doctrine and Covenants 164:3b

Next Week February 23 **Make Room for Emerging Life**

1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50 Genesis 45:3-11, 15
Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40 Luke 6:27-38
Doctrine and Covenants 163:11a

Prayer for Peace

God of Healing

We are tired of violence and conflict. It is hard to see our neighbors in pain. It is hard to see our children in fear. It is hard to see people suffer. Conflict is hard to see and to experience.

Working for peace is also hard. Like a doctor who needs to operate to remove a cancerous tumor working for peace requires confronting the root of the problem. When we confront the root, sometimes we need to cut through healthy tissue to get to it. How often do we say “keep the peace” for the sake of the status quo, resisting the pain that so often comes with healing?

God, forgive us for our resistance to the deep healing that requires deep inner transformation. Remind us that peace requires healing. Remind us that you are with us through it all. May we commit our hearts to healing the world, and may we begin close to home. Help us to trust your will, and trust that the healing of the world is intertwined with the transformation of our heart to align with yours. And as we are transformed, may we act in your name for peace.

In the name of Jesus, the perfecter of our faith. Amen

—Tiffany and Caleb Brian

Take Note



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

To enroll or for more information on these classes and the certificate programs, visit graceland.edu/CIMM. Cost is \$25 unless noted.

Spring B (March 3–April 27, 2025)

- **Introduction to Priesthood Ministry** – Rick Maupin
- **Ministry of the Seventy** – Bethany Lloyd
- **Ministry of the Teacher** – David Lloyd
- **Ministry of the Bishop** – Presiding Bishop Carla Long
- **Christian Ministries Certificate: World Religions – Dialogue, Understanding, and Peacemaking** – Andrew Bolton (\$100)

Upcoming CIMM Sessions

CIMM Sessions are short seminars on topics of theology, culture, and Community of Christ Identity, Mission, Message, Beliefs and practices.

These sessions are broadcast live on **Zoom at 7:00pm Wednesday nights**. To register, please visit www.graceland.edu/cimmsessions.

- Feb 5 – Emerging Thoughts in Sharing the Message pt 1 – Joey Williams
- Feb 12 – Emerging Thoughts in Sharing the Message pt 2 – Joey Williams
- Feb 19 – “Loss and Light” with Barbara Weldon
- Feb 26 – “Finding Your Voice” with David Lloyd
- March 12 to April 9 – Adult Reunion Text Series: “Hope is Here”



SAVE THE DATE

Feb 28 – Mar 2 TWIST @ Shawnee Drive
March 15 Intro to Scripture class

SUMMER CAMP 2025

June 18 – 11 Doniphan Family Camp
June 26 – 30 Sr High Float Trip @ Meramec State Park
July 6 – 11 Chihowa Family Camp
July 12 – 19 Spectacular @ Graceland
July 13 – 17 Junior / Middle School @ Chihowa
July 13 – 18 Camp MITIOG @ Doniphan
July 24 – 26 Youth Quest @ Olathe

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 (click “Draft Statement”)

Survey: bit.ly/NonviolenceSurvey

JUSTICE AND PEACE ACTION TEAM (JPAT)

World Conference Resolution 1237, adopted in 2020, states we “stand in opposition to the use of the death penalty.” The JPAT invites you to join with us and Missourians to Abolish the Death Penalty (MADP) for a Lobby Day at **10am Wednesday, February 5**, at the Missouri State Capitol, 3rd Floor Rotunda Alcove, Jefferson City, MO. For more information and registration: bit.ly/MADPLobbyDay. A lobby training session will be held **7pm Monday, February 3**. Attend in person at the Independence Temple in Shalom Place or register for a zoom link bit.ly/2025LobbyTraining.

Under the Spire Concert Series

The Temple Sanctuary is a world class performance space. We are hosting gifted folk musicians who write and perform songs that evoke inspiration and peace. There is no ticket fee, but we do suggest a \$20 donation. Cost shouldn't be a barrier to participation. This series is sponsored by Community of Christ and the Independence Square Association. For more information, please visit www.centerforlivingwater.org/concerts.

Jan Kraybill

2pm Sunday, February 9 – Auditorium

GRAMMY-nominated artist Jan Kraybill is a concert organist, pianist, and harpsichordist performs her 26th annual super bowl concert showcasing incredible music on the 6,334 pipe-organ.

UMKC Conservatory Choirs

7:30 pm Saturday, February 22

Special guests will join to create beautiful chorial music that shines in this incredible acoustic space.

Madisen Ward

7 pm Sunday, February 28

Madisen Ward started out playing music in coffeehouses with his mother in Independence. Family Folk Duo Madisen Ward and the Mama Bear signed to a label, opened for B.B. King among others, and appeared on several programs including Late Show with David Letterman and Today Show. Madisen now performs solo, crafting his own personal brand of soulful, folky, and creative Americana music.

TWIST Weekend @ Shawnee Drive

Teens Working In Service Together

7pm Fri, Feb. 28 – 12pm Sun, Mar 2

Youth grades 6th to 12th are invited to a weekend of fun and service as we reconnect, make new friends, and make a difference in our communities! Please bring the \$25 fee, a completed event form (found at www.midlandsmc.org/youth), and health insurance card copy. For questions and to **RSVP by February 14**: Contact Dawn (816.718.8307) and Greg (816.210.4943) Bassett MMCYouth@midlandsmc.org.

Intro to Scripture Class @ Shawnee Drive

9 am – 5 pm Saturday, March 15

Dawn and Greg Bassett will instruct this in-person priesthood class with Zoom access available soon. A light lunch will be provided.

World Conference 2025

DELEGATES: World Conference will be held **May 30 – June 6, 2025**, in Independence, MO. Midlands is seeking **two more delegates** plus alternates. To submit an application: bit.ly/WC2025delegate.

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.

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN! Early bird pricing is in effect through April 1. bit.ly/25WCRegistration