

**Bethel Congregation**

**Midlands Mission Center**

**Welcoming the online community**

Kansas City, KS

May 18, 2025 10:30AM CDT

**Making All Things New**

**Presiding Priest Sandra Billings**

**Prelude**

**Welcoming Hymn** “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”  **CCS #101**

**Announcements, Joys & Concerns**

**Call to Worship Psalm 148:1-4**

*1Praise the LORD!*

*Praise the LORD from the heavens;*

*praise him in the heights!*

*2Praise him, all his angels;*

*praise him, all his host!*

*3Praise him, sun and moon;*

*praise him, all you shining stars!*

*4Praise him, you highest heavens,*

*and you waters above the heavens!*

**\*Hymn** “All Creatures of Our God and King” **CCS #98**

**\*Invocation**

**\*Response**

**Peace Hymn** “Peace of Jesus” **CCS #318**

**Prayer for Peace/Community**

Spirit of Love,

You love us so much. We feel your love as you abide in us and as we abide in you.

With certainty, we feel warmth from the sun heating our skin.

With certainty, we hear the wind dance through our hair.

With certainty, the ground never fails below our feet.

With certainty, we feel your love!

May we stop resisting, then, to spread that love to our neighbors! May we stop ignoring the tears, mourning, and crying of the desolate. Instead, may we act on your love, to wipe away tears and proclaim deliverance to people oppressed. Just as we stand in your love, we must also stand for your peace! Let us stand for those who feel rejected. May we take seriously the commandment to love one another and, in doing so, bring your peace to a suffering world. In the name of Jesus, who shows us how to love. Amen.

**Hymn** “Many and Great” C**CS #3**

**Message Elder Grace Troeh**

**Disciples’ Generous Response**

**Hymn** “My Shepherd Will Supply My Need” **CCS #247**

God’s astonishing compassion and love in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus is the ultimate example of generosity. God loves us abundantly and unconditionally. As we open our hearts to courageously and generously share by placing money in the offering plates or through eTithing, we reflect the movement of God’s astonishing love and compassion for the world.

<https://bit.ly/BethelGift>

\***Closing** **Hymn** “O God, Our Help in Ages Past” **CCS #16**

**\*Benediction**

**\*Response**

**Postlude**

\*Congregation invited to stand

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**Announcements**

* **Sunday 5/18 9:45 am Lectionary Discussion –**Rev 21:1-6

**10:30 am *Making All Things New –*** Grace T.

After church, Building Committee meeting

* **Monday 5/19 7:00 pm** [**Priesthood Meeting**](https://zoom.us/j/94996832354) (zoom)
* **Sunday 5/25 9:45 am Lectionary Disc–**Rev 21:10,20--22:5

**10:30 am *For the Healing of the Nations***

Seventy Kyle Joyce speaking

* Friday 5/30 – 6/5 World Conference-- see links on our website
* Sunday 6/1 World Conference communion zoom **10AM-Noon**
* **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](https://app.securegive.com/cofchrist/bethel-ks-/donate/category))

**Recording Links**

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty - CCS 101 - The Beyond the Walls Choir <https://youtube.com/watch?v=ULxPvqbjUXs>

All Creatures of Our God and King - CCS 98 - The Beyond the Walls Choir <https://youtube.com/watch?v=ERE29Sgzvic>

Peace of Jesus - CCS 318 - The Beyond the Walls Choir <https://youtube.com/watch?v=ORHSCwRCLks>

CCS 3 Many and Great (Community of Christ Sings) <https://youtube.com/watch?v=xdypJQfVhac>

O God, Our Help in Ages Past - CCS 16 - The Beyond the Walls Choir <https://youtube.com/watch?v=Mb5QJ3tkVFY>

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

**This Week May 18** [**Making All Things New**](https://www.heraldhouse.org/blogs/worship-planning-tools/18-may-2025)

**Revelation 21:1-6** Psalm 148  
John 13:31-35 Acts 11:1-18

**Next Week May 25** [**For the Healing of the Nations**](https://www.heraldhouse.org/blogs/worship-planning-tools/25-may-2025)

**Revelation 21:10, 22—22:5** Psalm 67  
John 14:23-29 Acts 16:9-15

Doctrine and Covenants 163:4a-c

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*](https://nam04.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.graceland.edu%2FCIMM&data=05%7C01%7Cegarrison%40cofchrist.org%7Cdf29aa6cbb364fd6a5ec08db87ae92ce%7C8afd0cc8f92c4ae0a7e2e6d4b8382b4e%7C0%7C0%7C638252956131190698%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=XX%2Fj%2FV5TX1mHSv7TV3QxaP5ibIW8N3bf%2Fx%2B7%2FzmN1tk%3D&reserved=0). Cost is $25 unless noted.

*May 5–June 29, 2025*

* **Introduction to Scripture** – Dave Shaal

**JOB OPENINGS**

Chihowa is seeking a **fulltime, onsite director**. More information can be found at [bit.ly/ChihowaDirector](https://bit.ly/ChihowaDirector). Applicants can send a resume and cover letter to [Emily.Hidy@midlandsmc.org](mailto:Emily.Hidy@midlandsmc.org).

Chihowa is seeking a seasonal **lifeguard**. More information can be found at [bit.ly/Lifeguard2025](https://bit.ly/Lifeguard2025). Applicants can apply by contacting [chihowaretreatcenter@gmail.com](mailto:chihowaretreatcenter@gmail.com).

Community of Christ Historic Sites Foundation is seeking a summer **archival intern** to inventory, assess, and process the Graceland University archives in Lamoni, IA. More information and an application can be found at [bit.ly/AlmaBlairIntern](https://bit.ly/AlmaBlairIntern).

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* **Child and Youth Worker Core Training**

*June 30–August 24, 2025*

* **Ministry of the High Priest** – Jenn Killpack
* **Ministry of the Evangelist** – Kris Judd
* **Child and Youth Worker Core Training**

*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](https://na01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.graceland.edu%2Fcimmsessions&data=05%7C02%7C%7C5fba57ab7d3d47a49d4508dcf843c0ef%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C638658217106173881%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=uSOMo8hy9I16vhtLgIMswH81HSpqEL0lchSteS6hSZI%3D&reserved=0).

* May 7 – Ignatian Meditation Exercises with Don Compier (Part 2)

**YOUTH CAMP COOK ASSISTANT NEEDED**

If you love food and serving others, please consider volunteering to assist with meals at youth camp at Chihowa July 13-17. We are blessed to have expert Mary Huffman as a master of the kitchen, and she would love to share her skills and knowledge and shepherd an apprentice. If interested, please contact [mohuffman@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mohuffman@sbcglobal.net).

* May 14 – Inclusive Language – Jane Gardner
* May 21 & 28 – Ignatian Meditation Exercises with Don Compier (Parts three and four of a four-part series)





**SPRING LECTURE SERIES**

Join Community of Christ Historic Sites Foundation this May as they explore Community of Christ history from French Polynesia to Lamoni, Iowa! Each weekly program begins at 7:00 pm and ends with an open Q&A period with the featured speakers. More information and ***required registration*** at <https://cofchrist.org/news/spring-lecture-series/>.

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Post Office Food Drive

**2:30 – 6:00 pm Saturday, May 10**

Central Avenue Center of Hope (CACH) needs volunteers to unload and sort donation. Parking in the alley behind the Center is advised. For more information or to volunteer, please contact Marsha Nave at 913.621.4940 or the Center at 913.233.2511.

World Conference: May 30 - June 6

DELEGATES: To volunteer as an alternate, contact [khnatyshyn@cofchrist.org](mailto:khnatyshyn@cofchrist.org).

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

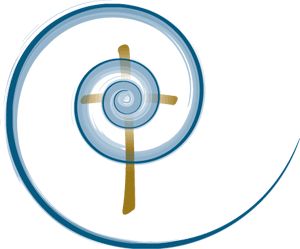
ZOOM SUPPORT: Volunteers are needed to support remote legislative sites. Multiple roles for non-delegates are available based on schedule, interest, and skills. Contact Brad at 309.706.6179 or [BBryant@CofChrist.org](mailto:BBryant@CofChrist.org).

VIDEO SUBMISSIONS WANTED: The worship team is gathering short, simple videos to share during our worship services. Choose one or both prompts:

Hope Is…? [bit.ly/WC25Hope](https://bit.ly/WC25Hope) Based on daily themes: [bit.ly/HopeThemes](https://bit.ly/HopeThemes)

CALL FOR MUSICIANS: The Graceland Director of Bands is putting together a group of musicians for 5 June, the Thursday evening worship service of World Conference. Rehearsals, distribution of music, and meetings will all happen online prior to conference. All musicians, current and former, are encouraged to sign up, regardless of age and experience. [bit.ly/WC25Music](https://bit.ly/WC25Music)

**REGISTER NOW!** [bit.ly/25WCRegistration](https://bit.ly/25WCRegistration)



Experience Summer Camp!!

**Youth Camps 2025**

[](https://www.google.com/url?sa=i&rct=j&q=&esrc=s&source=images&cd=&cad=rja&uact=8&ved=2ahUKEwj3xuWJ0_7YAhUC5GMKHagWBdkQjRx6BAgAEAY&url=https://pixabay.com/en/camping-humor-tent-humorous-23792/&psig=AOvVaw1NczEahqtV6Pbew_roVTqH&ust=1517366023418722)June 26 – 30 Sr High Float Trip @ Meramec State Park $350

July 12 – 19 Spectacular @ Graceland $495

July 13 – 17 Junior / Middle School @ Chihowa $325

July 13 – 18 Camp MITIOG @ Doniphan

July 24 – 26 Youth Quest @ Olathe $95

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

**Family Camps (Reunion)**

**Doniphan** – Excelsior Springs, MO – June 18 to 22

Joint event with Central Missouri Mission Center

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AI-generated content may be incorrect.Guest Minister: Apostle and Presiding Evangelist designee Mareva Arnaud Tchong

Contact: Kat Hnatyshyn, 816.506.6948

**Chihowa** – Perry, KS – July 6 to 11

Guest Minister: Apostle Richard James

Director: Doug Albro, 316.734.4214

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

Age Doniphan (6/2) Chihowa (6/16)

Adults (age 18+) $300/$320 $250/$270

Youth (age 13-17) $225/$245 $165/$185

Children (age 5-12) $120/$140 $120/$140

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: [MMC1campership25](https://bit.ly/MMC1campership25)
* Family camperships (SAME EVENT): [bit.ly/MMCFamCampership25](https://bit.ly/MMCFamCampership25)