



Community of Christ

Bethel Congregation, Midlands Mission Center

Welcoming the online community

Kansas City, KS

August 10, 2025 10:30AM CDT

Seeking a Homeland

Presiding

Elder Kristine Shipley

Announcements

Welcome

Call to Worship

Psalm 50:1-2

*The mighty one, God the LORD,
speaks and summons the earth
from the rising of the sun to its setting.
Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty,
God shines forth.*

***Hymn** "For Everyone Born"

CCS #285

***Invocation**

Prayer for Peace

O God of the Pilgrim, Home to Those Who Seek a Home,

Bless all who journey to you this day. Fill us with the compassion to welcome strangers and share with those in need. May your peace break hearts of stone that would turn others away. May your peace lead all to welcome one another and ignore superficial differences. May your peace dwell in this land and all lands so that the pilgrim will be welcomed, and the sojourner accepted. We pray in the name of the peaceful One, even Jesus Christ. Amen.

Hymn "Lift Every Voice and Sing"

CCS #555

Message

High Priest Stan Troeh

Hymn "Bring Forth the Kingdom"

CCS #387

Disciples' Generous Response

<https://bit.ly/BethelGift>

***Hymn** "With a Steadfast Faith"

CCS #649

***Benediction**

***Congregation invited to stand**

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Jeff Cady

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David Troeh

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Recording Links

For Everyone Born - CCS 285 - The Beyond the Walls Choir (2023) <https://youtube.com/watch?v=cdOvOXEiss0>

Lift Every Voice and Sing - CCS 555 - The Beyond the Walls Choir (2021) <https://youtube.com/watch?v=KR9XXJ24rig>

Bring Forth the Kingdom - CCS 387 - The Beyond the Walls Choir <https://youtube.com/watch?v=tyUsFgy6zQ4>

Announcements

- **Sunday 8/10** 9:45 am Lectionary Disc—Heb 11:1-3,8-16
10:30 am *Seeking a Homeland*—HP Stan Troeh
- **Thursday 8/14** 2:00 pm Women's Meeting at Lynda's
7:00-8:30p Temple School *Intro to Scripture*
2015 Booklet/pdf, Congregation Welcome, join Ylva in study!
This week: please read Session 4 -- Use [Sunday Zoom](#)
- **Sunday 8/17** 9:45 am Lectionary Disc—Heb 11:29--12:2
10:30 am *Cloud of Witnesses Surrounds Us*
Elder Jeff Cady speaking
- **Sunday 8/31 (Fifth Sunday)** Potluck after service
- **September 12-14** Peace Colloquy at the Temple
Houselessness & Community Action
<https://cofckcpeace.org> \$75 registration
- **Our website**, including weekly bulletin, web and zoom links
bethel.forthrightsystems.com.
- Give through [eTithing](https://www.cofchrist.org/give) (<https://www.cofchrist.org/give>)
Optionally, search for Bethel, KS ([link](#))

See also Joint Interfaith Statement Marking 80 Years
Since the First Use of Nuclear Weapons

<https://parliamentofreligions.org/blog/joint-interfaith-statement-marking-80-years-since-the-first-use-of-nuclear-weapons/>

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

This Week August 10 [Seeking A Homeland](#)

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16 Isaiah 1:1, 10-20
Psalm 50:1-8, 22-23 Luke 12:32-40/12:35-47 IV
Doctrine and Covenants 165:2a

Next Week August 17 [Cloud of Witnesses Surrounds Us](#)

Hebrews 11:29—12:2 Isaiah 5:1-7
Psalm 80:1-2, 8-19 Luke 12:49-56/12:58-65 IV
Doctrine and Covenants 165:2a-f



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.

August 25–October 19, 2025

- **Introduction to Priesthood Ministry** – TBD
- **Ministry of the Priest** – David Lloyd
- **Ministry of the Elder** – David Lloyd

October 20 – December 14, 2025

- **Introduction to Scripture** – Daniel Nowiski
- **Ministry of the Deacon** – TBD
- **RCYW Core Training** – TBD

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

These free sessions are broadcast live on **Zoom at 7:00pm most Wednesdays**. To register, visit www.graceland.edu/cimmsessions.

- Aug 27 – **CofC Theology** (part 1) – Tony & Charmaine Chvala-Smith
- Sept 3 – **CofC Theology** (part 2) – Tony & Charmaine Chvala-Smith
- Sept 10 – Stassi Cramm – **Onward!**
- Sept 17 – **“Art and Soul” Project** – Shandra Newcom
- Sept 24 – **New Worship Resources** – Katie Harmon-McLaughlin



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MMC FALL CONFERENCE

October 19 – Time and Location TBD

JOB OPENINGS

Midlands is seeking a **fulltime President/Financial Officer**. This person will serve as the chief administrative, pastoral, and expansion officer within the mission center and entrusted with the care and direction of the mission center's congregations. This position will include management of financial assets within the mission center. Find more information and application directions at bit.ly/MMC-MCP-MCFO.

Chihowa is seeking a **fulltime, onsite director** to care for the buildings and grounds and manage bookings and daily operations. More information can be found at bit.ly/ChihowaDirector. Applicants can send a resume and cover letter to Emily.Hidy@midlandsmc.org.

Central Avenue Center of Hope (CACH) is seeking a **fulltime Working Site Director** responsible for day-to-day operational needs of the Center. Information and application instructions at bit.ly/CACUdirector2025.



Peace Colloquy @ The Temple

September 12 – 14, 2025

The Peace Colloquy is a gathering focused on justice, dialogue, and action. This year we address houselessness in the Kansas City metro, emphasizing collaboration and systemic change. While this event is sponsored by CofChrist, it is a collaborative event made up of leaders and influencers across the KC metro. More information and registration can be found at cofckcpeace.org/.



Church History Bus Tour

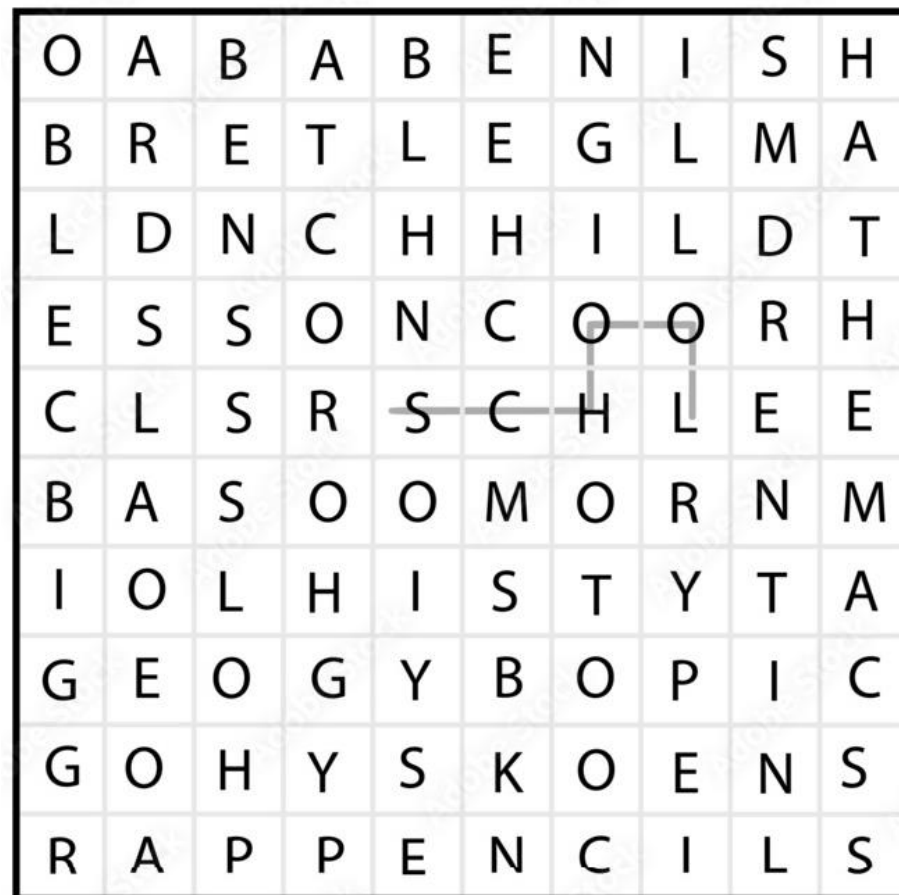
Drawn from the Nations of the World

October 6 – 15

Community of Christ Historic Sites Foundation has planned a trip to trace our faith community's roots. Immerse yourself in history on this 10-day journey through eight US states and Canada exploring stories behind church members from all over the world. Join Barb Walden and Peter Smith, from Independence to Kirkland. Information and registration can be found at bit.ly/CofCBusTour25



WORD SEARCH



Words go right, left, down, up, at right angles. All letters used exactly once.

SCHOOL

bench	biology	English	lesson	pencils
board	children	geography	mathematics	school
books	classroom	history	pen	table

Houselessness & Community Action

2025 PEACE COLLOQUY

Building Bridges, Restoring Dignity, Taking Action

Community of Christ Temple
1001 W Walnut St. | Independence, MO
September 12-14 2025



What is the Peace Colloquy

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Why Houselessness

Houselessness is driven by economic injustice, policy failures, and systemic exclusion. To create meaningful solutions, we must listen to and uplift those with lived experience. On average, 2,200 people each night sleep on the streets in Kansas City.

What to Expect

- Collaborative Action: On-site resources, including housing support, healthcare, and legal aid.
- Amplified Voices: Local speakers, artists, and advocates sharing stories and solutions.
- Faith & Secular Partnerships: Bridging diverse communities to drive change.

Our Commitment

- ✓ Shift the Narrative – Challenge stigma and expose systemic failures.
- ✓ Promote Dignity – Recognize lived experience as expertise.
- ✓ Create Actionable Change – Develop solutions informed by those most affected.
- ✓ Mutual & Institutional Accountability – Demand policies that prioritize people over punishment.



FEATURED ARTISTS



Molly Hair
(she/her)



Spencer LaJoye
(they/them)



Familiar



Chico Sierra Salvador
(he/him)

“Peace is not the absence of tension,
it is the presence of Justice.”

Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

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