

**Bethel Congregation**

**Midlands Mission Center**

**Welcoming the online community**

Kansas City, KS

September 14, 2025 10:30AM CDT

**Grace and Mercy Overflow**

 **Presiding**  **Elder Rob de Zwart**

 **Welcome & Announcements**

 **Song of Gathering** “Amazing Grace” **CCS #19**

 **Call to Worship**  **II Nephi 8:11 and Luke 15:3-7**, adapted

*My soul delights in God’s mercy;*

*I was lost, but now I’m found.*

*My soul delights in God’s power;*

*I was carried out of the wilderness.*

*My soul delights in God’s justice;*

*In the presence of my friends there was reconciling.*

*My soul delights in God’s grace;*

*There was joy in heaven on my behalf.*

*I was lost, but now I’m found;*

*I was bound, but now I’m free.*

**\*Song of Praise** “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise” **CCS #13**

**\*Invocation Ylva Hup**

 **Prayer for Peace Joyce Shipley**

 **Congregational Hymn** “Be Thou My Vision” **CCS #167**

 **Message Elder Kristine Shipley**

 **Hymn** “Lord, Who Views All People Precious” **CCS #637**

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

\***Song of Commitment** “Send Me Forth” **CCS #651**

**\*Benediction Susan Boer**

**\*Sending Forth Unison Reading**

God, where will you Spirit lead today?

Help me be fully awake and ready to respond.

Grant me courage to risk something new

and become a blessing of your love and peace.

Amen

 **\*Congregation invited to stand**

Bethel Community of Christ [bethel.forthrightsystems.com](http://bethel.forthrightsystems.com/)

Pastor Rob de Zwart

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Media Host David Troeh

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**Recording Links**

Amazing Grace - CCS 19 - The Beyond the Walls Choir (2021) <https://youtube.com/watch?v=27sJSKI70vU>

Lord, Who Views All People Precious - CCS 637 - The Beyond the Walls Choir <https://youtube.com/watch?v=r6usYu9UeAc>

Send Me Forth - CCS 651 - The Beyond the Walls Choir (2024) <https://youtube.com/watch?v=VJ3X8rf59AQ>

**Newsletter Links – links also on our website**

Midlands Mission Center September [Newsletter](https://bethel.forthrightsystems.com/bulletins/2025-09_MMC_Newsletter.pdf)

Youth / Young Adult Summer [Newsletter](https://bethel.forthrightsystems.com/bulletins/2025-09_Youth_YA_Newsletter.pdf)

**Announcements**

* **Sunday 9/14 9:45 am** Lectionary Disc—1 Timothy 1:12-17

**10:30 am *Grace & Mercy Overflow***

 **Elder Kristine Shipley speaking**

* **Monday 9/15 7:00 pm** [**Priesthood Meeting**](https://zoom.us/j/94996832354)(zm 949 9683 2354)
* **Tuesday 9/16 7:00 pm** [**Together Tuesday**](https://zoom.us/j/92461080153) (zm 924 6108 0153)
* **Thursday 9/11 7:00-8:30p Temple School *Intro to Scripture***

This week: please read Session 8 -- **Use** [**Sunday Zoom**](https://zoom.us/j/204886967?pwd=eUFJUWVFSVpWY0t5VjZERzdWRkxoQT09)

* **Sunday** **9/21 9:45 am** Lectionary Disc—1 Timothy 2:1-7

**10:30 am *Pray for Peace***

 **Seventy Kyle Joyce speaking**

* **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))

**Central Avenue Center of Hope (CACH)**

Needs:

 Homeless & hygiene

Small toothpaste Razors Men’s shoes

Men’s pants Jeans Shorts Men’s & women’s underwear

 Pantry Shampoo Toothpaste Cookies Crackers Snacks

 Kitchen Gallon bleach Kitchen trash bags Sliced cheese

 Thrift Store Everything

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

**This Week September 14** [**Grace and Mercy Overflow**](https://www.heraldhouse.org/blogs/worship-planning-tools/14-september-2025)

**I Timothy 1:12-17** Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28
Psalm 14 Luke 15:1-10
II Nephi 8:11 D&C 165:2a-b

**Next Week September 21** [**Pray for Peace**](https://www.heraldhouse.org/blogs/worship-planning-tools/21-september-2025)

**1 Timothy 2:1-7** Jeremiah 8:18—9:1
Psalm 79:1-9 Luke 16:1-13
Mosiah 8:47-53 D&C 161:2a, 6b; 163:3a-b



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.

*October 20 – December 14, 2025*

**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](https://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](https://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](https://bit.ly/CACUdirector2025).

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* **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](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).

* Sept 10 – Stassi Cramm – **Onward!**
* Sept 17 – **“Art and Soul” Project** – Shandra Newcom
* Sept 24 – **New Worship Resources** – Katie Harmon-McLaughlin
* Oct 1 – **Feminist Theology: Women in 40 Years of Ministry** – Nancy Ross
* Oct 8 – **Crossing Generational Cultures** – David Lloyd

Central Mission Center Temple School Courses

* Intro to Priesthood: 7 – 9 pm Tuesdays 9/8 to 10/6 @ Summit Grove
* Ministry of the Deacon: 6 – 8 pm Wednesdays in October @ Liberty Street
* Ministry of the Priest: 6:30 – 8:30 pm Mondays in November @ CMC Office

More information and registration instructions can be found at [centralmission.org/temple-school/](https://centralmission.org/temple-school/).



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**MMC FALL CONFERENCE**

**1:30 – 3:00 pm Sunday, October 19 at Shawnee Drive**

 **Meeting will also be Zoomed.**

Our annual business meeting will be streamlined to honor everyone’s time. Most action items will be moved to a consent agenda and information on these items will be available prior to conference. After the meeting from 3:00 to 3:30 Amy Hoerchler, Field Support Ministers Team Lead, will provide a World Church update.



### Art & Soul

**7 pm Tuesday, September 9**

Temple Ministries invites you to join Shandra Newcome to learn about this new ministry and explore what being a peacemaker means to you. This will be an opportunity to hear about upcoming plans and ways to connect through this new initiative at the Center for Living Water.  Art and Soul will formally begin in Shalom Place in the Temple on the first and third Thursday beginning in October 2025. More information and registration for the session can be found at [bit.ly/ArtSoulZoom](https://bit.ly/ArtSoulZoom).

Peace Colloquy @ The Temple

**September 12 – 14**

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/](https://cofckcpeace.org/).

The colloquy will also feature *free* music performances:

* 5 – 9 pm Saturday, September 13 – Festival @ World Peace Plaza

 *Moly Hair, Chico Salvador Sierra, Sacred Pulse, and MORE!*

* 8 pm Friday, September 12 – Spencer LaJoye @ The Temple

Interfaith Hymn Festival @ The Temple

**9 am Sunday, September 21**

Experience the reflections of the First Presidency and members of the Council of Twelve Apostles woven into a song service that calls us to courage, compassion, and collective action.

Twist Weekend @ The Highlands

***T****eens* ***W****orking* ***I****n* ***S****ervice* ***T****ogether*

**7pm Fri, Oct 3 – 12pm Sun, Oct 5**

At TWIST, amongst all the fun and fellowship of camp, 6th–12th grade campers learn the value of service and giving back to the community while participating in various service-related activities on Saturday. Please bring $25 fees, insurance card copy, and a completed health form, which can be found on the MMC website. Questions? Contact Dawn 816.718.8307 or Greg 816.210.4943 MMC**\_**Youth@midlandsmc.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](https://bit.ly/CofCBusTour25)

Save the Date: Summer 2026

June 5–16 Caravan July 12–19 Spectacular

June 18–22 Doniphan Family Camp July 12–17 MITIOG

June 28–July 3 Junior/Middle School Camp July 23–25 Youth Quest

July 5–10 Chihowa Family Camp