



Community of Christ

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**

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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](#)

Youth / Young Adult Summer [Newsletter](#)

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](#) (zm 949 9683 2354)
- **Tuesday 9/16** 7:00 pm [Together Tuesday](#) (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](#)
- **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.
- Give through [eTithing](https://www.cofchrist.org/give) (<https://www.cofchrist.org/give>)
Optionally, search for Bethel, KS ([link](#))

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](#)

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

Next Week September 21 [Pray for Peace](#)

1 Timothy 2:1-7	Jeremiah 8:18—9:1
Psalms 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. Cost is \$25 unless noted.

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.

- 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/.



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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

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.



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.

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 cofckpeace.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
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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

*Teens **Working In Service Together***

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

Save the Date: Summer 2026

June 5–16 Caravan

June 18–22 Doniphan Family Camp

June 28–July 3 Junior/Middle School Camp

July 5–10 Chihowa Family Camp

July 12–19 Spectacular

July 12–17 MITIOG

July 23–25 Youth Quest