



Community of Christ

**Bethel Congregation
Midlands Mission Center
Welcoming the online community
Kansas City, KS
October 13, 2024 10:30AM CDT**

Practice BOLD Discipleship

Presiding Priest Sandra Billings

Hymn of Praise “Santo, Santo, Santo” CCS #159

Welcome

The world is changing. Old forms are crumbling. New possibilities are emerging. We live between what was and what will be. We need faith, curiosity, openness, and boldness. God is challenging assumptions, shaking up structures, disrupting routines, and making connections. The Holy Spirit breathes anew into our lives, the church, and creation. God’s aim is a new creation in us, among us, and around us!

—President Stephen M. Veazey June 12, 2023

Call to Worship Psalm 22:5-15

***Hymn of Vision “Now in this Moment” CCS #96**

***Invocation Jeff Cady**

***Response**

Reading The Lament Psalm 22:1-5

Leader: My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

People: **Why are you so far from helping me, from the words of my groaning?**

Leader: O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer; and by night, but find no rest.

People: **Yet you are holy, enthroned on the praises of Israel.**

Leader: In you our ancestors trusted; they trusted, and you delivered them.

People: **To you they cried, and were saved; in you they trusted, and were not put to shame.**

The Response

Hebrews 4:12-16 adapted

Yes, God’s word is living and active, sharper than any two-edged blade, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it knows the thoughts and intentions of the heart. Before the Word, no creature is hidden, all are seen by the one to whom we must render an account. We now have Jesus, the Son of God as our mediator, let us hold fast to our confession. Jesus sympathizes with our weaknesses, was in every respect tested as we are, yet is without sin. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Moment of Silent Meditation

Hymn of Assurance “Great Is Thy Faithfulness” CCS #11

Prayer for Peace Kris Cady

O Holy Disciple-maker,

We hear your call for peace. May we be bold for justice. May we be meek in mercy. May we be bold for righteousness. May we be poor in spirit. May we be bold in discipleship. May we be reviled and persecuted. Thy will be done. Amen.

Hymn “What Does the Lord Require of You” CCS #580

Focus Moment

Singing of the Kin-dom “Bring Forth the Kingdom” CCS #387

Message High Priest Stan Troeh

Disciples’ Generous Response

***Sending Forth Hymn “O My People Saith the Spirit” CCS #604**

***Benediction**

***Response**

*Congregation standing as able

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Announcements

- **Sunday 10/13 9:45 am Lectionary Disc.–James 5:13-20**
10:30 am *Practice Bold Discipleship* –
Speaking: High Priest Stan Troeh
- **Tues. 10/15 7:00 pm [Together Tuesday](#) (zoom)**
- **Thurs. 10/17 12 noon *Call of the Beloved Community***
Meet at Peace Pavilion, 607 W. Lexington, Indep., MO 64050
- **Sunday 10/20 9:45 am Lectionary Disc.–Mark 10:35-45**
10:30 am *Can You Drink the Cup?* –
Speaking: Priest Sandra Billings
2:30 pm Mission Center Conference
Mission Road (7842 Mission Rd, Prairie Village, KS 66208)
and [zoom](#) (meeting: 845 4946 2930 pswd: 345286)
Includes election of delegates to 2025 World Conf, 5/30-6/6/25
Delegate application at <https://midlandsmc.org>, front page
- **Tues. 10/8, 10/22, 11/12, 11/19 JPAT Book Study**
***The Time Is Now* by Joan Chittister**
bit.ly/JPAT-BS to register & get zoom link
- **Saturday Documentaries 1:30pm Bethel & [Sunday zoom link](#)**
October 26 ***Common Ground*** – Climate & Regenerative Ag.
- 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](#))

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

This Week October 13 [Practice Bold Discipleship](#)

Hebrews 4:12-16 Job 23:1-9, 16-17
Psalm 22:1-15 Mark 10:17-31
Doctrine and Covenants 164:9a

Next Week October 20 [Can You Drink the Cup?](#)

Mark 10:35-45 Job 38:1-7, 34-41
Psalm 104:1-9, 24, 35c Hebrews 5:1-10
Doctrine and Covenants 165:2a

Take Note



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

The Center for Innovation in Ministry and Mission, through the Graceland University Community of Christ Seminary, has opened fall classes for enrollment. To enroll or for more information on these classes and the certificate programs, visit graceland.edu/CIMM. Cost is \$25 unless noted.

Fall B Session (October 21 – December 15)

- **Introduction Scripture**
- **Ministry of the Deacon**
- **Children & Youth Worker Core Training (no CEU credit)**
- **Christian Ministries Certificate: Community of Christ Theology w/ Adam Bouverette (\$100)**

Spring A (January 6-March 2, 2025)

- **Introduction to Pastors Ministry**
- **Ministry of the Disciple**
- **Christian Ministry Certificate: Practical Ministry w/ Zac Harmon-McLaughlin TBD**



Voter Registration

For the Nov. 5th general election, new voters must be registered by 10/9 in Missouri and 10/15 Kansas. This can be done online, in person, or by mail.

Kansas: <https://www.kdor.ks.gov/Apps/VoterReg>

Missouri: <https://www.sos.mo.gov/elections/goVoteMissouri/register>

SAVE THE DATE

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| October 8 | Live PB Session on Zoom |
| October 11 – 13 | TWIST @ Wichita |
| October 20 | MMC Conference @ Mission Road 2:30pm |

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

WORLD CONFERENCE 2025

DELEGATES: World Conference will be held **May 30 – June 6, 2025**, in Independence, MO. Midlands will elect our delegates at conference **October 20**. To submit an application: bit.ly/WC2025delegate.

LEGISLATION: Fourteen pieces of legislation have been submitted by mission centers and World Church Standing Teams for this gathering. View the legislation: bit.ly/WC25Legislation
View the background and support statements: 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 Bryant at 309.706.6179 or BBryant@CofChrist.org.

Presidents of Seventy Training

Living Hospitality

6:30 – 8:30 pm October 2nd and 3rd

Join us in person at the Temple or online! This training will include a wide range of topics focused on practicing intentional hospitality in everyday moments of life. Together with God, we can change and reshape the world through hospitality, grace, and generosity.

Live Gatherings with Presiding Bishopric

12pm or 8pm Tuesday, October 8

Two online gatherings will cover the same topics. A recording will be available for those unable to attend. To register visit bit.ly/PBOct8

- Worldwide Mission Tithes
- June Financial Update
- Endowment Funding
- Sept. WC Finance Board Mtg
- Generosity Cycle
- Giving Tuesday

JPAT Book Study

7pm Tuesdays 10/8, 10/22, 11/4*, 11/19

Join us as we explore *The Time Is Now, A Call to Uncommon Courage* by Joan Chittister. A beloved nun and social activist offers a soul-stirring guide for all who feel disillusioned and dissatisfied with the power-hungry institutions and systems of this world. Registration is at bit.ly/JPAT-BS. *Please note date change to a Monday in November to avoid election day.



Christ's Mission, Our Mission

Twist Weekend @ Wichita Webb Rd

7pm Fri, Oct 11 – 12pm Sun, Oct 13

Youth grades 6th to 12th are invited to a weekend of fun and service. We will be reconnecting with our friends from camps and youth activities and making a difference in our communities!

Bring \$25 fees, insurance card copy, and a completed event form, which can be found at www.midlandsmc.org/youth. For questions and to RSVP, contact Dawn 816.718.8307 or Greg 816.210.4943

MMC_Youth@midlandsmc.org.

Call of the Beloved Community

Independence Square

12pm Thursday, October 17

Are you concerned about the rise of “Christian nationalism” and its call to end the separation of church and state? Monthly rallies have begun in greater Kansas City to lift up the alternate view of the Beloved Community, a term popularized by Martin Luther King, Jr. to describe the inclusive, egalitarian, and compassionate message of Jesus. For more information contact sjones5214@gmail.com.