



Community of Christ

Bethel Congregation
Midlands Mission Center
Welcoming the online community
Kansas City, KS
April 6, 2025 10:30AM CDT

A Prophet-Woman Broke a Jar

Presiding **Seventy Kyle Joyce**

Hymn of Praise "I Will Sing, I Will Sing" **CCS #112**

Announcements

Welcome see insert

Call to Worship **Isaiah 43:16-21 & Psalm 126**

Thus says the LORD, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. The wild animals will honor me, the jackals and the ostriches; for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise.

When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dream. Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy; then it was said among the nations, 'The LORD has done great things for them.' The LORD has done great things for us, and we rejoiced. Restore our fortunes, O LORD, like the watercourses in the Negeb. May those who sow in tears reap with shouts of joy. Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing, shall come home with shouts of joy, carrying their sheaves.

***Hymn** "A Prophet-Woman Broke a Jar" **CCS #603**

***Invocation**

***Response**

Prayer for Peace/Community

God, where will your Spirit lead today? Help me be fully awake and ready to respond. Grant me the courage to risk something new and become a blessing of your love and peace. Amen.

Lent Focus

Joyce Shipley

Hymn "Redeemer of Israel" **CCS #388**

Message **Elder Jeff Cady**

Communion Scripture Reading **1 Corinthians 11:23-26**

For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, 'This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.' In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.' For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Invitation to Communion

All are welcome at Christ's table. The Lord's Supper, or Communion, is a sacrament in which we remember the life, death, resurrection, and continuing presence of Jesus Christ. In Community of Christ, we also experience Communion as an opportunity to renew our baptismal covenant and to be formed as disciples who live Christ's mission. Others might have different or added understandings within their faith traditions. We invite all who participate in the Lord's Supper to do so in the love and peace of Jesus Christ.

****Blessing and Serving of the Bread and Wine**

Hymn "Womb of Life and Source of Being" **CCS #62**

Disciples' Generous Response see insert <https://bit.ly/BethelGift>

***Hymn of the Prophetic** "We Thank You, O God" **CCS #180**

***Sending Forth** **Philippians 3:14**

Press on and share your prophetic voice and actions with others.

*Congregation invited to stand

**Congregation invited to kneel

Welcome Statement

Welcome today into Christian community as we gather during our journey through the season of Lent. Lent is a time of reflection, introspection, and penitence, a period of forty days mirroring Jesus's forty days of fasting and temptation in the desert. It's a spiritual journey we embark on together as a community, tracing the path from the ashes of Ash Wednesday to the glory of Easter Sunday.

This season is a call to fasting, prayer, and almsgiving. We are reminded of our humanity, our fragility, and our shared reliance on God's grace. It is a time to confront our weaknesses, confess our sins, and seek reconciliation with God and one another.

Though we observe the solemnity of the season, each Sunday of Lent is also a celebration, a mini-Easter, reminding us of the hope and resurrection that lies beyond the cross. Each Sunday, we pause to gather strength and inspiration as we continue our Lenten journey.

Today, we consider the woman whose faith, discipleship, and ministry stand as examples for us today. As we continue our Lenten journey, we consider those disciples and stories of discipleship that came before us and the lessons they have to teach us today.

Disciples' Generous Response Statement

Mary's extravagant generosity toward Jesus proved controversial to those present. The perfume that Mary used to anoint Jesus could have been spent elsewhere on any number of activities and other priorities. Mary recognizing Jesus as who he was and even the short time they had left together demonstrated her priorities through her generosity. By her extraordinary gift, she revealed where her heart and priorities were.

The first Sunday of the month focuses on the Disciples' Generous Response to Abolish Poverty, End Suffering, which includes the oblation ministry.

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.

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Announcements

- **Sunday 4/6 9:45 am** Lectionary Disc. – **John 12:1-8**
10:30 am *A Prophet-Woman Broke a Jar*
Communion, Jeff Cady speaking
- **Thursday 4/10 2:00 pm** Women's meeting
- **Sunday 4/13 PALM SUNDAY / PASSION SUNDAY**
9:45 am Lectionary Disc. – **Luke 19:28-40**
10:30 am *Courageously Walk with Jesus*
Elder Kristine Shipley speaking
2:30 pm **Mission Center Conference**
Mission Road (7842 Mission Rd)
[zoom](#) (810 7537 5420 pswd 772814)
[Leadership Letter](#) to the Mission Center dated 3/29/2025 (link on our website)
- **Thursday 4/17 7:00 pm** **Maundy Thursday @ Leavenworth**
- **Friday 4/18 7:00 pm** **Good Friday @ Bethel**
- **Sunday 4/20 EASTER SUNDAY**
9:45 am **EASTER Breakfast**
10:30 am **EASTER Worship**
- **Central Avenue Center of Hope** – needs non-perishable foods
- **World Conference Info** see links on our website
- **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 April 6 [A Prophet-Woman Broke a Jar](#)

John 12:1-8 Isaiah 43:16-21 Psalm 126
Philippians 3:4b-14 Doctrine and Covenants 24:1,3

Next Week April 13-19

4/13 Palm Sunday [Courageously Walk with Jesus](#)

Luke 19:28-40 Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29
Alma 16:219-223 Doctrine and Covenants 76:3g-h

4/13 Passion Sunday [Let This Mind Be in You](#)

Philippians 2:5-11 Isaiah 50:4-9a Psalm 31:9-16
Luke 22:14—23:56 Moroni 7:47-48 Mosiah 8:28-35

4/17 Maundy Thursday [Do This in Remembrance](#)

1 Cor. 11:23-26 Exodus 12:1-14 Psalm 116:1-2,12-19
John 13:1-17, 31b-35 Doctrine and Covenants 164:9b

4/18 Good Friday [Do We Deny Jesus?](#)

Hebrews 10:16-25 Isaiah 52:13--53:12 Psalm 22
John 18:1—19:42 Doctrine and Covenants 165:6b-c

4/19 Holy Saturday [Wait for the Lord](#)

1 Peter 4:1-8 Job 14:1-14
Matthew 27:57-66 Doctrine and Covenants 161:1a-b

Recording links

CCS 112 - I Will Sing I Will Sing - Music, Text, and Voices
https://youtube.com/watch?v=INVze1Zno_I

A Prophet-Woman Broke a Jar - CCS 603 - The Beyond the Walls Choir
<https://youtube.com/watch?v=sytIQdrer6M>

Redeemer of Israel - CCS 388 - The Beyond the Walls Choir
<https://youtube.com/watch?v=-9CSUME1QW0>

We Thank You, O God, for Our Prophets - CCS 180 - The Beyond the Walls Choir
<https://youtube.com/watch?v=pFPGr1D10uk>

Take Note

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.

May 5–June 29, 2025

- **Introduction to Scripture** – Dave Shaal
- **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.

- Adult Reunion Text Series: “Hope is Here”
 - April 2 – Spirit of Hope – Conflict Transformation – Debbie Bayless
 - April 9 – Onward in Hope – Celebrate Community – Janné Grover
- Preaching Series (cont.): April 16 & 23 (Two-part series) – Quick-egesis: A Quick Exegetical Process for Worship and Preaching – Tony & Charmaine Chvala-Smith
- April 30 & May 7 – Ignatian Meditation Exercises with Don Compier (Parts one and two of a four-part series)
- May 14 – Inclusive Language – Jane Gardner
- May 21 & 28 – Ignatian Meditation Exercises with Don Compier (Parts three and four of a four-part series)



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MMC CONFERENCE

Midlands Mission Center Spring Conference will be held 2:30 – 5:00pm Sunday, April 13, at Mission Road congregation in Prairie Village, KS.

TEMPLE SCHOOL CLASSES

Dawn and Greg Bassett will instruct **Introduction to Priesthood Ministry** at **The Highlands 9 am – 5 pm Saturday, April 12**. A light lunch will be provided. Please RSVP by April 10 to mmc_youth@midlandsmc.org, Greg (816.210.4943), or Dawn (816.718.8307).

Gateway Mission Center will host two **Registered Child Youth Worker** (RCYW) classes that are available via Zoom in April:

- 2pm Sat, April 5 – Register with mthomas@cofchrist-gateway.org
- 2pm Sat, April 12 – Register with csaur@cofchrist.org

Gateway Mission Center will host several classes via Zoom in April:

- *Ministry of the Priest* – contact Eric Tripp ericdtripp@gmail.com
- *Intro to Priesthood Ministry* – contact Cheryl Saur csaur@cofchrist.org
- *High Priest: Ministers of Vision* – contact Cheryl Saur csaur@cofchrist.org

CAMP COOK ASSISTANT NEEDED

If you love food and serving others, please consider volunteering to assist with meals at Chihowa Reunion July 6-12 and/or youth camp 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.

Palm Sunday Weekend @ Kirtland

9am Saturday, April 12 - noon Sunday, April 13

Explore our faith community's Ohio roots and the lessons embedded in our shared heritage. The weekend will include history classes and neighborhood tours and a Palm Sunday service in the Kirtland Temple. The schedule and registration are at www.historicsitesfoundation.org.

World Conference: May 30 - June 6

DELEGATES: World Conference will be held **May 30 – June 6, 2025**. Midlands is seeking **two more delegates** - contact 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 and the background and support statements at 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.

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 Based on daily themes: 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

REGISTER NOW! bit.ly/25WCRegistration

Experience Summer Camp!!

Youth Camps 2025

June 26 – 30	Sr High Float Trip @ Meramec State Park
July 12 – 19	Spectacular @ Graceland
July 13 – 17	Junior / Middle School @ Chihowa
July 13 – 18	Camp MITIOG @ Doniphan
July 24 – 26	Youth Quest @ Olathe



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
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

- 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

- Individual camperships: MMC1campership25
- Family camperships (SAME EVENT): bit.ly/MMCFamCampership25