

**Bethel Congregation, Midlands Mission Center**

**Welcoming the online community**

Kansas City, KS

July 6, 2025 10:30AM CDT

**Let Us Not Grow Weary**

 **Presiding** Elder Grace Troeh

 **Announcements**

 **Hymn** “Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning” **CCS #633**

 **Welcome**

 **Invitation to Worship Psalm 30:1-3,11-12**

*1I will extol you, O LORD, for you have drawn me up,*

 *and did not let my foes rejoice over me.*

*2O LORD my God, I cried to you for help,*

 *and you have healed me.*

*3O LORD, you brought up my soul from Sheol,*

 *restored me to life from among those gone down to the Pit.*

*11You have turned my mourning into dancing;*

 *you have taken off my sackcloth*

 *and clothed me with joy,*

*12so that my soul may praise you and not be silent.*

 *O LORD my God, I will give thanks to you forever.*

**\*Hymn** “God, Who Touchest Earth with Beauty” **CCS #569**

**\*Invocation**

**\*Response**

 **Prayer for Peace** see insert

 **Sermon Elder Jeff Cady**

 **Hymn** “Eat this Bread and Never Hunger” **CCS #530**

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

 **Hymn** “From You I Receive” **CCS #611**

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

 Doctrine and Covenants 163:4a

*4a. God, the Eternal Creator, weeps for the poor, displaced, mistreated, and diseased of the world because of their unnecessary suffering. Such conditions are not God’s will. Open your ears to hear the pleading of mothers and fathers in all nations who desperately seek a future of hope for their children. Do not turn away from them. For in their welfare resides your welfare.*

 **Sending Forth**

Doctrine and Covenants 162:1-2

*1a. Listen, O people of the Restoration--you who would become a prophetic people, embodying in your life together the ministries of the Temple. Listen to the Voice that speaks from beyond the farthest hills, from the infinite heavens above, and the vast seas below.*

*1b. Listen to the Voice that echoes across the eons of time and yet speaks anew in this moment. Listen to the Voice, for it cannot be stilled, and it calls you once again to the great and marvelous work of building the peaceable kingdom, even Zion, on behalf of the One whose name you claim.*

*2a. Listen carefully to your own journey as a people, for it is a sacred journey and it has taught you many things you must know for the journey yet to come.*

*2b. Listen to its teachings and discover anew its principles. Do not yearn for times that are past, but recognize that you have been given a foundation of faithful service, even as you build a foundation for what is yet to be.*

\***Hymn** “Go, My Children, with My Blessing” **CCS #650**

**\*Benediction Stan Troeh**

 **\*Congregation invited to stand**

**\*\*Congregation invited to kneel**

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**Recording Links**

Keep Your Lamp Trimmed and Burning - CCS 633 - The Beyond the Walls Choir <https://youtube.com/watch?v=VNl8bALGBQM>

CCS 611 From You I Receive (Community of Christ Sings) <https://youtube.com/watch?v=KL3K1jEGYIU>

Go, My children, with My Blessing- CCS 650 - The Beyond the Walls Choir <https://youtube.com/watch?v=vNyofVz24vo>

**Announcements**

* **Sunday 7/6 9:45 am** Lectionary Disc—Galatians 6:1-16

**10:30 am *Let Us Not Grow Weary—Jeff Cady***

Hybrid Communion Service

* **This week 7/6-7/11 Join Chihowa Family Camp online**

**Use Bethel Sunday zoom**

Sunday 6:45p-8:00p Worship, Apostle Richard James speaking

Mon-Thu 9:15a-10:00a Morning Worship

 10:30a-11:45a Adult Class with Apostle James

 2:00p-4:00p Chats (various speakers)

 7:00p-8:15p Worship

Friday 9:45a-10:45a Closing worship

* **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))

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

**This Week July 6** [**Let Us Not Grow Weary**](https://www.heraldhouse.org/blogs/worship-planning-tools/6-july-2025)

**Galatians 6:1-16** 2 Kings 5:1-14
Psalm 30 Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

**Next Week July 13** [**Discern Spiritual Wisdom**](https://www.heraldhouse.org/blogs/worship-planning-tools/13-july-2025)

**Colossians 1:1-14** Amos 7:7-17
Psalm 82 Luke 10:25-37/10:26-38 IV

**Prayer for Peace**

O God of Peace,

The ways of the world are difficult, O God. From the very beginnings of humankind, we have inflicted one another with hatred and war, abuse, and cruelty. The weak and marginalized have been oppressed and degraded. People have worked to build their own power, wealth, and egos at the expense of the powerless, fragile, and frightened.

As flawed humans, we have put distance between ourselves and others in too many ways. We see the race, political views, education, social status, monetary worth, or gender of others as lesser than our own, forgetting that all are equal in your sight.

As people of faith, we try to follow your teachings of peace, decrying violence, oppression, and any actions that degrade or hurt others. We sometimes fail. We more often can be guilty of fear and apathy—unsure of what we can do to alleviate suffering, when that suffering seems to fill the world.

Jesus taught us that when we see anyone hungry and feed them, thirsty and give them a drink, naked and clothe them, sick or imprisoned and visit them, that we do that for Jesus—that we minister to and in the stead of the Divine. Jesus also taught that when we see anyone afflicted in these ways, and do not try to help, that we not only extend the hurt of that person, but we also turn our back on God.

O, parent of peace: We know that there are many people, not only around the world but on our own streets, that live lives of fear, oppression, and abuse. Each one of these is your child, just as each of us is your child. Each child of God deserves a life of honor, safety, and love. Each child of God deserves to live free from fear or want for themselves and their families. Each child of God deserves our consideration and respect. Each child of God deserves to live in peace.

Amen.



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.

*June 30–August 24, 2025*

**JOB OPENINGS**

Chihowa is seeking a **fulltime, onsite director**. 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.

Chihowa is seeking a seasonal **lifeguard**. More information can be found at [bit.ly/Lifeguard2025](https://bit.ly/Lifeguard2025). Applicants can apply by contacting chihowaretreatcenter@gmail.com.

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* **Ministry of the High Priest** – Jenn Killpack
* **Ministry of the Evangelist** – Kris Judd
* **Child and Youth Worker Core Training**

*August 25–October 19, 2025*

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

**PEACE COLLOQUY**

The Peace Colloquy is a gathering focused on justice, dialogue, and action. It will be held at The Temple **September 12–14**. 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 is at [cofckcpeace.org/](https://cofckcpeace.org/).

*CIMM Identity, Mission, Message, and Beliefs sessions are taking a break for the summer.*







**HISTORIC BUS TOUR**

Community of Christ Historic Sites Foundation is hosting a **bus tour** 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 **October 6-15, 2025,** from Independence to Kirkland. Information and registration can be found at [bit.ly/CofCBusTour25](https://bit.ly/CofCBusTour25).

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Experience Summer Camp!!

**Youth Camps 2025**

June 26 – 30 Sr High Float Trip @ Meramec State Park $375

July 12 – 19 Spectacular @ Graceland $495 ($595 after 6/30)

July 13 – 17 Junior / Middle School @ Chihowa $350

July 13 – 18 Camp MITIOG @ Doniphan

July 24 – 26 Youth Quest @ Olathe $95

**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 deadline has passed)**

Age Doniphan Chihowa

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](http://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: [bit.ly/MMC1campership25](https://bit.ly/MMC1campership25)
* Family camperships (SAME EVENT): [bit.ly/MMCFamCampership25](https://bit.ly/MMCFamCampership25)

**SUMMER FUN**



Answers: Beach, Grass, Boating, Summer, Ocean, Baseball, Swimsuit, Pool, Picnic, Travel, Watermelon, Popsicle, Camping, Flowers