



# Community of Christ

**Bethel Congregation**  
**Midlands Mission Center**  
**Welcoming the online community**  
 Kansas City, KS  
 August 31, 2025 10:30AM CDT

## Show Hospitality to Strangers

**Presiding**

**Elder Jeff Cady**

### Announcements

#### Remember

In our daily activities make it a habit to be mindful of whom we have vowed to represent, even Jesus, the Peaceful One. Continue mutual affection, Hospitality to Strangers, Those in Prison, To Honor Marriage, Loose the love of money, be content with what you have. Be generous with your testimony and witness of the blessings we enjoy especially through the rough times.

**Gathering Hymn** “God Is Here”

**CCS #70**

#### Call to Worship

**Call:** Sing to God our strength; shout for joy to the God of Jacob.

**Answer:** We will sing a song unto the Lord.

**Call:** We will sing a song unto the Lord!

**All Answer:** Hallelujah, glory to the Lord.

**\*Hymn** “I Will Sing, I Will Sing”

**CCS #112**

**\*Invocation**

**Rob de Zwart**

**\*Response**

**Prayer for Peace**

**Grace Troeh**

**Hymn** “My Peace”

**CCS #149 twice**

**Ministry of the Spoken Word**

**Seventy Kyle Joyce**

**Disciples’ Generous Response**

<https://bit.ly/BethelGift>

O, Master, you have given and entrusted so many of your blessings on my brothers and sisters that my meager treasure seems too small to make any difference. No one will miss it or what it could do.

Please, lead me into understanding of what I can do to make a statement of love for Your children.

“Break free of the shackles of conventional culture that mainly promote self-serving interests. Give generously according to your true capacity. Eternal joy and peace await those who grow in the grace of generosity that flows from compassionate hearts without thought of return. Could it be otherwise in the domain of God, who eternally gives all for the sake of creation?” {D&C 163: 9 adapted}

Yes, Master; You helped me to see that even a small pebble cast into the waters of the great sea will create ripples that reach the shore. Brightly beams my Savior’s mercy from the lighthouse evermore, but to me He gives the keeping of the lights along that shore. Take my gift and let it be consecrated, Lord to Thee.

**\*Closing Hymn** “Take My Life and Let It Be”

**CCS #608**

**\*Benediction and blessing of our sharing joy**

**Stan Troeh**

**\*Sending Forth**

We prepare to continue the sharing of this fellowship with our brothers and sisters in Christ, as the table has been set to bask in the warmth of the Spirit. Remember those who have blazed the path for all of us. May we give thanks to them realizing that our honor is the foundation for the gratitude of our descendants. **GO IN PEACE!**

**\*Congregation invited to stand**

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### Recording Links

CCS 112 - I Will Sing I Will Sing - Music, Text, and Voices

[https://youtube.com/watch?v=INVze1Zno\\_I](https://youtube.com/watch?v=INVze1Zno_I)

## Announcements

- **Sunday 8/31** 9:45 am Lectionary Disc—Heb 13:108,15-16  
10:30 am *Show Hospitality to Strangers*  
Seventy Kyle Joyce speaking  
(Fifth Sunday) Potluck after service
- **Monday 9/1** Labor Day Holiday (USA)
- **Tuesday 9/2** 7:00 pm Together Tuesday zoom 924 6108 0153
- **Thursday 9/4** 7:00-8:30p Temple School *Intro to Scripture*  
This week: please read Session 6 -- Use Sunday Zoom
- **Sunday 9/7** 9:45 am Lectionary Disc—Philemon 1:1-21  
10:30 am *Appeal in Love – Hybrid Communion*  
High Priest Stan Troeh speaking
- **September 12-14** Peace Colloquy at the Temple  
Houselessness & Community Action <https://cofckcpeace.org>
- **Saturday 9/13** Santina's fundraiser for mom's funeral
- **Sunday 9/14** Live stream of Peace Colloquy on houselessness  
9:00-10:30 Where Do We Go from Here?  
10:30-11:30 Community Reflection
- **Our website**, including weekly bulletin, web and zoom links  
[bethel.forthrightsystems.com](http://bethel.forthrightsystems.com).
- Give through eTithing (<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 August 31** Show Hospitality to Strangers

Hebrews 13:1-8,15-16	Jeremiah 2:4-13
Psalms 81:1, 10-16	Luke 14:1, 7-14
Doctrine and Covenants 163:9	

**Next Week September 7** Appeal in Love

Philemon 1-21	Jeremiah 18:1-11
Psalms 139:1-6, 13-18	Luke 14:25-33

### **Prayer for Peace**

Creator God,

We who feel your presence here, praise you! The comfort you bring with the assurance given to us by your Son, the Peaceful One, helps us overcome the lack of peace and joy we have over the turmoil of our world.

Jesus has clearly witnessed to us that we find joy in love for and service to God's children. We feel Heaven rejoicing each time we respond to this call.

In this upside down world we struggle to feel true peace, the peace that your Son, Jesus, demonstrated throughout his ministry.

We pray for the focus He possessed in the calling to serve Your children, and the peace which comes with service.

We pray to have faith in the promise of justice upon this earth, the justice of God's kingdom.

We pray that we may follow Jesus' example of forgiving his tormentors, and not be worn down by the burden of judgement which is rightly left in your hands.

We pray that Jesus' example will guide us to resist the temptations of anger, bitterness and hatred, as he resisted them.

Lift us up with the shared yoke of discipleship, so "His burden **IS** light,"

May we share this calling with Christ, to face our lives with strength, wisdom, compassion, and generous hospitality to the stranger, cornerstones of Peace and Hope.

Help us see the power of forgiveness we give to our transgressors, just as You have forgiven each of us.

In the name of the Peaceful One, **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](http://graceland.edu/CIMM). Cost is \$25 unless noted.

*August 25–October 19, 2025*

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

*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](http://www.graceland.edu/cimmsessions).

- Aug 27 – **CofC Theology** (part 1) – Tony & Charmaine Chvala-Smith
- Sept 3 – **CofC Theology** (part 2) – Tony & Charmaine Chvala-Smith
- Sept 10 – Stassi Cramm – **Onward!**
- Sept 17 – **“Art and Soul” Project** – Shandra Newcom
- Sept 24 – **New Worship Resources** – Katie Harmon-McLaughlin



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## MMC FALL CONFERENCE

### October 19 – Time and Location TBD

## 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](http://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](http://bit.ly/ChihowaDirector). Applicants can send a resume and cover letter to [Emily.Hidy@midlandsmc.org](mailto: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](http://bit.ly/CACUdirector2025).



# Peace Colloquy @ The Temple

**September 12 – 14, 2025**

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/).



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## Church History Bus Tour

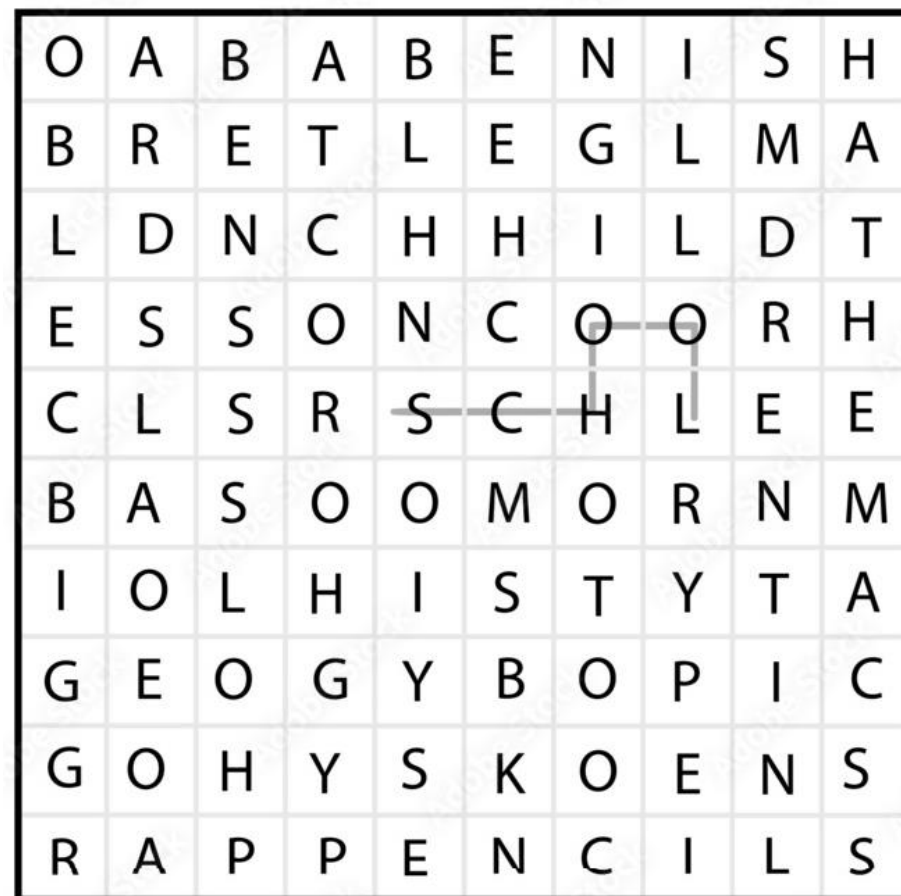
*Drawn from the Nations of the World*

**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)



# WORD SEARCH



Words go right, left, down, up, at right angles. All letters used exactly once.

# SCHOOL

bench	biology	English	lesson	pencils
board	children	geography	mathematics	school
books	classroom	history	pen	table



Houselessness & Community Action

# 2025 PEACE COLLOQUY

Building Bridges, Restoring Dignity, Taking Action

Community of Christ Temple  
1001 W Walnut St. | Independence, MO  
September 12-14 2025



## What is the Peace Colloquy

The Peace Colloquy is a gathering focused on justice, dialogue, and action. In Fall 2025, we address houselessness in the Kansas City metro, emphasizing collaboration and systemic change. While this event is sponsored by Community of Christ it is a collaborative event made up of leaders and influencers in work and lived experiences around houselessness across the KC metro.

## Why Houselessness

Houselessness is driven by economic injustice, policy failures, and systemic exclusion. To create meaningful solutions, we must listen to and uplift those with lived experience. On average, 2,200 people each night sleep on the streets in Kansas City.

## What to Expect

- Collaborative Action: On-site resources, including housing support, healthcare, and legal aid.
- Amplified Voices: Local speakers, artists, and advocates sharing stories and solutions.
- Faith & Secular Partnerships: Bridging diverse communities to drive change.

## Our Commitment

- ✓ **Shift the Narrative** – Challenge stigma and expose systemic failures.
- ✓ **Promote Dignity** – Recognize lived experience as expertise.
- ✓ **Create Actionable Change** – Develop solutions informed by those most affected.
- ✓ **Mutual & Institutional Accountability** – Demand policies that prioritize people over punishment.



# FEATURED ARTISTS



Molly Hair  
(she/her)



Spencer LaJoye  
(they/them)



Familiar



Chico Sierra Salvador  
(he/him)

“Peace is not the absence of tension,  
it is the presence of Justice.”

Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

[cofckcpeace.org](http://cofckcpeace.org)

