



Community of Christ

Bethel Congregation
Midlands Mission Center
Welcoming the online community
Kansas City, KS
February 8, 2026 10:30AM CDT

Bring an End to Oppression

Presiding Elder Grace Troeh

Announcements & Welcome

Gathering Hymn "Draw the Circle Wide" CCS #273

Call to Worship Isaiah 58:6 Jordan Joyce

*Is this not the fast that I choose:
to loose the bonds of injustice,
to undo the thongs of the yoke,
to let the oppressed go free,
and to break every yoke?*

*Hymn "Make Me a Channel of Your Peace" CCS #605

*Invocation

*Response

Prayer for Peace Psalm 112:1-10, adapted Stan Troeh

Leader: Praise the LORD!

**People: Happy are those who fear the LORD, who delight
in his commandments.**

**Their descendants will be mighty in the land;
the generation of the upright will be blessed.**

Leader: Their righteousness endures forever.

**People: They rise in the darkness as a light for the upright;
they are gracious, merciful, and righteous.**

Leader: It is well with those who deal generously and lend,
who conduct their affairs with justice.

**People: For the righteous will never be moved;
they will be remembered forever.**

Leader: They are not afraid of evil tidings;
their hearts are firm, secure in the LORD.

**People: They have distributed freely, they have given to the
poor;**

Leader: Their righteousness endures forever;
they are exalted in honor.

**People: The wicked see it and are angry;
they gnash their teeth and melt away;**

Leader: The desire of the wicked comes to nothing.

All: So be it. Amen.

Message

Seventy Kyle Joyce

Hymn

"The Summons"

CCS #586

Disciples' Generous Response

<https://bit.ly/BethelGift>

*Hymn of Commitment "I, the Lord of Sea and Sky" CCS #640

*Benediction

*Response

*Congregation invited to stand

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Recordings

Draw the Circle Wide - CCS 273 - The Beyond the Walls Choir
(2022) <https://youtube.com/watch?v=ZZfDGZtf8QE>

CCS 605 Make Me a Channel of Your Peace (Community of Christ
Sings) <https://youtube.com/watch?v=rYHjEz7-sE>

The Summons - CCS 586 - The Beyond the Walls Choir
<https://youtube.com/watch?v=7xk2HlXZCJk>

I, the Lord of Sea and Sky - CCS 640 - The Beyond the Walls Choir
(2024) <https://youtube.com/watch?v=wMr4RKpVvUs>

Announcements

- **Sunday 2/8** **9:45 am** **Lectionary Disc.** – Isaiah 58:1-12
 10:30 am ***Bring an End to Oppression***
 Seventy Kyle Joyce speaking
 2:00 pm **Jan Kraybill's Annual Superbowl**
 Concert on the Temple Organ
- **Thursday 2/12** **2:00 pm** **Women's Meeting**
- **Sunday 2/15** **9:45 am** **Lectionary Disc.** – 2 Peter 1:16-21
 10:30 am ***Bring Witness*** – **Rob de Zwart**
 Kaylee's baptism & confirmation
- **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 February 8 **[Bring an End To Oppression](#)**

Isaiah 58:1-12	Psalm 112:1-10
1 Corinthians 2:1-16	Matthew 5:13-20

Next Week February 15 **[Bring Witness](#)**

2 Peter 1:16-21	Exodus 24:12-18
Psalm 2	Matthew 17:1-9

Ash Wednesday Feb 18 **[Faithfully Prepare](#)**

Matthew 6:1-6,16-21	Joel 2:1-2, 12-17
Psalm 51:1-17	2 Corinthians 5:20b—6:10



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.

January 5 – March 1

- **Introduction to PASTOR Ministry** (ends Feb. 15)
- **Ministry of the Disciple**
- Christian Ministry Cert. **Spiritual Formation** – Kris Judd (\$100)

March 2 – April 26

- **Introduction to Priesthood Ministry**
- **Ministry of the Teacher**
- **Ministry of the Seventy**
- **Ministry of the Bishop**
- Christian Ministry Cert. **Introduction to New Testament** - Tony & Charmaine Chvala-Smith (\$100)

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.

- Jan 7 & 14 – **Called to Question: The Story of CofC Theology parts 5 & 6** – Tony & Charmaine Chvala-Smith
- Jan 21 – **Youth Ministry** – Humberto Tinsman
- Jan 28 – **Exploring Community of Christ Statement on Nonviolence** – Stassi Cramm



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WELCOME ROB HEVERLING

We welcome Rob Heverling as our new, fulltime paid, Mission Center President (team lead) and Chief Financial Officer-CFO (financial team lead) as sustained by vote at the Fall MMC Conference. Rob comes to us from Council Bluffs, IA, where he served on the Prairie Bluffs Mission Center leadership team and full-time pastor of Council Bluffs Central.

Until Rob has his official work phone and email, he can be reached at presidentteam@midlandsmc.org. He looks forward to helping the Mission Center create sacred and meaningful experiences.

CENTER FOR LIVING WATER

www.centerforlivingwater.org

Grounded in the contemplative tradition of Christian spirituality, the Center for Living Water encourages attendees to seek spiritual transformation and peaceful living through practice and action.

- **Sacred Flow: Mindful Community Yoga** – 8pm 1st Wednesdays
- **Conversation Café** – 7pm 1st & 3rd Thursdays
- **Soul Collage: Art & Soul** – 7pm 3rd Tuesdays



Documentary Screenings @ The Temple

3pm Sunday, January 11 & 25

This series hosted by the Justice and Peace Action Team KC continues with a screening of "A Citizens Guide to Preserving Democracy." Join via [Zoom ID 867 1124 3811](https://us02zoom.us/j/86711243811?pwd=071643) [pswd 071643](https://us02zoom.us/j/86711243811?pwd=071643).

Climate Webinar

Can Reimagining Capitalism Save the Planet?

4pm Sunday, January 11

Bill McClain is a University of Washington economy instructor teaching a class on stakeholder capitalism, a different, more democratic form of capitalism. He's also deeply passionate about the environment and climate emergency, and he co-founded Clean and Prosperous America. Come hear Bill's hopeful message about the new capitalism emerging. Register at letsgo.bio/climatejustice/

Twist Weekend @ Olathe

Teens Working In Service Together

7pm Fri, Jan 30 – 12pm Sun, Feb 1

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.

Navigating Your Financial Future

7– 8:30 pm Sunday, February 1

The Presiding Bishopric is hosting a financial education session and discussion with Certified Financial Planner® Paul Dreher for individuals aged 45–65. Join us for a program designed to help you understand key financial topics, assess your financial direction, and explore the benefit of a personalized retirement plan. Gain practical tools for planning your financial future. Register at bit.ly/FinancialFutureFeb26.

An Invitation to the Ministry of Silence

Online Ministry Retreat

9 – 11 am Saturday, February 7 OR 21

Central Missouri and Coastal Bend Mission Centers are hosting this online ministry led by Evangelists Diane Allison and Mark. Members of the Midlands Mission Center are invited to attend. Register at bit.ly/SpiritualRetreatFeb26. Questions can be directed to Central Missouri MC President Mary Jo Sartin at 660.747.6193.

