



Community of Christ

Bethel Congregation
Midlands Mission Center
Welcoming the online community
Kansas City, KS
May 24, 2026 10:30AM CDT

Amplify All Voices **Pentecost**

Presiding High Priest Stan Troeh

Welcome and Announcements

Invitation to Worship Acts 2:1-4
1 ...[the disciples] were all together in one place. ²And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

*Hymn “Wind Who Makes All Winds That Blow” **CCS #485**

*Invocation **Ylva Hup**

*Response

Peace Focus & Prayer

Message Seventy Kyle Joyce

Hymn “I, the Lord of Sea and Sky” CCS #640

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

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

*Closing Prayer **Grace Troeh**

*Sending Forth **1 Corinthians 12:4-7**

4 Now there are varieties of gifts but the same Spirit, ⁵and there are varieties of services but the same Lord, ⁶and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. ⁷To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.

*Congregation invited to stand

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Announcements

- **Sunday 5/24 9:45 am Lectionary Disc:** Acts 2:1-21
10:30 am Amplify All Voices—Kyle Joyce
- **Monday 5/25 Memorial Day**
- **Tuesday 5/36 7:00 pm Together Tuesday** (924 6108 0153)
- **Sunday 5/31 9:45 am Lectionary Disc:** Matt. 28:16-20
10:30 am Amplify Our Witness—Grace Troeh
- **Our website, including weekly bulletin, web and zoom links:** bethel.forthrightsystems.com
- **Give through eTithing** (<https://www.cofchrist.org/give>)
Optionally, search for Bethel, KS ([link](#))

Wind Who Makes All Winds that Blow - **CCS 485** - Beyond the Walls Choir <https://youtube.com/watch?v=EquJ6QDC2CU>

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

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

Lectionary

3-year cycle engaging significant portions of our Scripture.

This Week May 17 Amplify All Voices -- Pentecost

Acts 2:1-21 Numbers 11:24–30 Psalm 104:24–34, 35b
John 7:37–39 1 Corinthians 12:3b–13

Next Week May 31 Amplify Our Witness

Matthew 28:16-20 Genesis 1:1-2:4a
Psalm 8 2 Corinthians 13:11-13

Peace Focus and Prayer

John 14

²⁷Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.

Acts 1

⁸But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

Jesus blessed his disciples with peace. He promised the Holy Spirit would come, giving them new power. On Pentecost these things unfolded in their lives.

Ever-present God,

As we enter this moment, still our fears and flood us with your peace, even as you did the disciples of that former time.

We come, full of our humanity, our wants, our needs, our hopes, to this day and time. We come with our compassion, our conviction that you also cared for this earth and its inhabitants. We come with our despair and inability to bring your peace to a world in turmoil.

We call on you now to transform us, to cleanse us from our selfishness and open us to feel, to see, your Spirit moving around us.

In the name of Jesus, our peace, our Savior, we call.

Amen

The Instrument of Love

Being at a different Midlands MC congregation each week has been outstanding! On Sunday, April 26, I worshipped with the Shawnee Drive Community of Christ.

Worship is so important, *including the time we all take to prepare to worship*. There were specific elements choreographed into the Shawnee Drive Sunday Worship that helped my mind open and warm my heart.

One by one, each person who played a part in the worship wove a thread of **Love** into the tapestry of the worship experience. A critical question asked during the worship was, *What is LOVE to you?* or *What comes to mind when you think of LOVE?*

Many responded to the question. I heard people inferring that Love meant **compassion**. Love means **supporting** others. Love implies **devotion**. Love means being **empathetic**. Love means **support**. Love brought about **acceptance**. Love creates **peace**.

While I didn't answer out loud, as I listened, it was clear that every perspective on Love shared was based on **sacrifice**.

And sacrifice *is* the character of Jesus.

Christlike Love is sacrifice. Sacrifice does not put a priority on individualism or being your most authentic self.

If we love like Jesus, it compels us to **put a priority on sacrificing for others**.

Our church's late Apostle Arthur Oakman once said, *"Sacrifice is the instrument of love; in fact, sacrifice is its only instrument. The only way love knows how to accomplish its purpose is to sacrifice itself, to give itself away.*

And so, my Midlands Sisters and Brothers, I ask that we challenge ourselves to be more relentless in our sacrifice for others. That we reflect the love of Jesus in all we are confronted with.

Love God with all your heart, might, mind, and strength. And love others as you love yourself.

Let sacrificial Love be our priority. The priority for ourselves, for our congregations, and for future new expressions of the Community of Christ.

Shalom, Shalom. Rob



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Online Education

Online Ministry & Priesthood Classes

Information and \$25 enrollment at graceland.edu/CIMM.

May 4 – June 28

- **Introduction to Scripture** – David Lloyd
- **CYW Core Training**



CIMM Sessions

Broadcast live and free on **Zoom at 7:00pm most Wednesdays**.

Register at graceland.edu/cimmssessions.

- May 6 – **Reunion 2026 Adult Class #4**
- May 13 – **Reunion 2026 Adult Class #5**

World Church Facebook Group

We're excited to announce a new Facebook group hosted by the World Church Communications Team! Join to find event announcements, updates, and news from around the church. Platforms like Facebook and Instagram are now designed to reach people who don't follow us yet. This means our public pages are better for introducing Community of Christ to new people than for staying connected with those who already know us. The new Facebook group is where we'll connect directly with members, seekers, and friends. We encourage you to keep following and sharing from our public social media because every share helps more people find our message of Christ's peace. Join at bit.ly/CofCFBGroup.

Youth Leader Check-In

12 pm or 8 pm Friday, May 22

Local congregational leaders and teachers, mission center youth leaders, and youth camp directors are encouraged to attend to hear updates, build community, and share encouragement before the busy camping season. The check-in will include more information about the new Camping Guide, updates to the Registered Child and Youth Worker training, and information about upcoming national and international youth events. Register here at bit.ly/YLCheckInMay26.

Historic Sites Tour to Australia

September 5 – 18

Trace the footsteps of the early missionaries and hear stories about Australia's founding church members. Visit the beautiful Tiona reunion ground as well as famous sites such as the Sydney Opera House, the Great Barrier Reef, and so much more! Extend your travels with optional pre- and/or post-tours filled with church history, scenic views, fellowship, and delicious foods. Information at bit.ly/CofCAustralia26.

International Peace Forum

Seeds of Peace: Environmental Justice and Action

October 16 – 18

The event builds on the tradition of the International Peace Colloquy, offering worship, learning, and community engagement. All are welcome! Registration is now open! cofchrist.org/peace-forum

Experience Summer Camp!!

Youth Camps 2026

June 5–16 — Caravan \$500 **POSTPONED TO 2028**
June 28–July 3 Junior/Middle School Camp \$335 (\$355 after 5/15)
July 12–19 Spectacular @ Graceland \$495 (\$595 after 6/30)
July 12–17 Camp MITIOG @ Doniphan
July 23–25 Youth Quest @ Olathe

Family Camps (Reunion)

Doniphan – Excelsior Springs, MO – June 18 to 22
Joint event with Central Missouri Mission Center
Guest Minister: Apostle Richard James

Chihowa – Perry, KS – July 5 to 10
Guest Minister: Tony & Charmaine Chvala-Smith
Directors: Dawn & Greg Bassett



Family Camp Prices (Early Bird/Regular)

Age	Doniphan*	Chihowa
Adults (age 16+)	\$360	\$260
Youth (age 13-15)	\$320	\$170
Children (age 5-12)	\$320	\$125
Children (age 0-4)	FREE	\$25

*Price for main lodge, cabins and RVs are cheaper



Register NOW

- YOUTH: www.midlandsmc.org/camps Find camp & click “Register Here”
- FAMILY CAMP www.midlandsmc.org/family : Find your camp and choose “Pay” now (credit card) or “PAY LATER” (check, cash, credit)

Camperships are available: bit.ly/MMCcampership26. **Application forms must be submitted TWO WEEKS prior to the event.** If you have questions, please contact mcfoteam@midlandsmc.org.