



# Community of Christ

**Bethel Congregation  
Midlands Mission Center  
Welcoming the online community  
Kansas City, KS  
July 5, 2026 10:30AM CDT**

## **Come and Find Rest**

**Presiding Priest Sandra Billings**

**Welcome**

**Call to Worship based on Psalm 145:8-14**

Leader: The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. The Lord is good to all, and his compassion is over all that he has made.

**All: All your works shall give thanks to you, O Lord, and all your faithful shall bless you. They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom, and tell of your power,**

Leader: to make known to all people your mighty deeds, and the glorious splendor of your kingdom. Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures throughout all generations.

**All: The Lord is faithful in all his words, and gracious in all his deeds. The Lord upholds all who are falling, and raises up all who are bowed down.**

**\*Hymn** "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" **CCS #99**

**\*Invocation**

**\*Response**

**Prayer for Peace** see insert **Jeff Cady**

**Scripture Reading** **Matthew 11:16-19,25-30**

**Hymn** "My Peace" **CCS #149**

**Communion Message** **Elder Rob de Zwart**

**Hymn of Preparation** "We Meet as Friends at Table" **CCS #532**

## **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 may 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 & Serving the Bread and Wine** **Joyce & Sandy**

**Video** **Frames**

**Hymn of Response** "As the Wind Song" **CCS #42**

**Disciples' Generous Response** <https://bit.ly/BethelGifts>

Doctrine and Covenants 163:9

**\*Sending Forth** "I Have Called You by Your Name" **CCS #636**

**\*Benediction**

**\*Response**

**\*Congregation invited to stand**

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

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## Announcements

- **Sunday 7/5**     **9:45 am Lectionary Disc:** Matt 11:16-19,25-30  
**10:30 am *Come and Find Rest***—Rob de Zwart  
Hybrid Communion

**Chihowa Reunion Online 7/5-7/10** This zoom link.

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88926495108?pwd=siXDSW8fU2LhQhrox2nAz7DMuGfhhbS.1> Meeting ID: 889 2649 5108 Passcode: 195858

Sun 6:45            Orientation and Evening Worship (Hymn Sing)

Mon-Thu 10:30 Adult Class with Tony & Charmaine Chvala-Smith

Mon-Thu 2:00 Afternoon CHATS, various leaders

Mon-Thu 7:00 Evening Worship: **Mon & Wed:** T&C Chvala-Smith

**Tues:** Rob Heverling **Thurs:** Youth

Fri 9:45            Closing Worship

- **Thursday 7/9**     **2:00 pm Women's Meeting**
- **Sunday 7/12**     **9:45 am Lectionary Disc:** Matt 13:1-9,18-23  
**10:30 am *Come and Listen***—Stan Troeh
- **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 (or use [link](#))

## Recordings

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee - CCS 99 - The Beyond the Walls Choir <https://youtube.com/watch?v=peV232oFiM8>

As the Wind Song through the Trees - CCS 42 - The Beyond the Walls Choir <https://youtube.com/watch?v=dXcn6brw7dg>

CCS 636 I Have Called You By Your Name  
<https://youtube.com/watch?v=MD6FUOY1GtE>

## Lectionary

*3-year cycle engaging significant portions of our Scripture.*

**This Week Jul 5** [Come and Find Rest](#)

**Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30**     Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67

Psalms 45:10-17                Romans 7:15-25a

**Next Week Jul 12** [Come and Listen](#)

**Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23**     Genesis 25:19-34

Psalms 119:105-112         Romans 8:1-11

## **Prayer for Peace**

Dear Father of the Prince of Peace,

The flash of lightning and roaring thunder hurts my ears and shakes my frame so much, I find it hard to stand. The cold wind blows in my face so that I cannot see. I'm afraid to view what is challenging my resolve to carry on with life itself. I am so tired, Lord.

Struggling to build my safe refuge has taken all my wit and strength, and it seems that I have not met any feeling of security sought in my well-made plans for those I love. I am left believing that purpose has vanished. Remind me, God, that You understand the burdens that I bear.

I cannot find the voice that will reach Heaven, while the pain and losses I've endured crush me so small that my once loud voice has been reduced to a tiny squeak. The world fosters such hatred, sorrow, and pain, that hopelessness looms in every place I search to hide. Allow me time, God, to find rest for my weary soul.

We all find ourselves in dark spaces where peace seems so unattainable. Each one who seeks Divine strength will fill lungs with the refreshing breath of Heaven's sacred air and sings the hymn that casts out fear and brings joy and courage to do THY will. We represent Jesus, The Peaceful One who stands with us to share the yoke of witness for the Kingdom. This has become our commitment, our calling to join the chorus of everyone in your care.

**Heavenly Father, praise to You, your Son, and the Holy Spirit, AMEN**

# 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](http://graceland.edu/CIMM). Cost is \$25 unless noted.

June 29 – August 23

- **Ministry of High Priest** – Jennifer Killpack
  - **Ministry of Evangelist** – Marava Arnaud & Kris Judd
- CYW Core Training** (continued from May 4)

**CIMM Sessions** are on summer break and fall schedules are coming soon!



## SAVE THE DATE

What: Midlands Mission Center Fall Conference  
When: Sunday, November 1, 2026  
Where: Topeka Community of Christ  
*More details will be coming!*



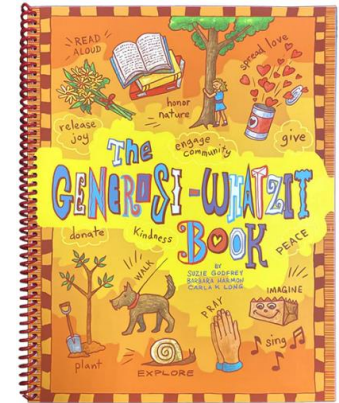
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## Book Recommendation

The Presiding Bishopric is promoting a new book to support both congregational life and family ministry. *The Generosi-Whatzit Book* invites us to shift the conversation from “What do I want?” to “How can I help?”—a question that can shape both discipleship and community life. It is an interactive guide to help families and congregations explore generosity as a way of life through simple, meaningful activities.

While designed for families, the resource also works well in Sunday school, small groups, youth settings, and intergenerational gatherings. Each section includes scripture, a guided activity, and reflection questions to support connection and conversation. *The Generosi-Whatzit Book* is available through Herald House at [bit.ly/HHGenerosity](http://bit.ly/HHGenerosity) and will be coming soon to Amazon.



## 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](http://bit.ly/CofCFBGroup).

# Twist Weekend @ Topeka

*Teens Working In Service Together*

**7pm Fri, Aug 28 – 12pm Sun, Aug 30**

At TWIST, amongst all the FREE fun and fellowship of camp, 6<sup>th</sup>–12<sup>th</sup> grade campers learn the value of service and giving back to the community while participating in various service-related activities on Saturday. Please bring an insurance card copy and a completed health form found on the MMC website. Questions? Contact Dawn 816.718.8307 or Greg 816.210.4943 [MMC\\_Youth@midlandsmc.org](mailto:MMC_Youth@midlandsmc.org).

## 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](http://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](http://cofchrist.org/peace-forum)

# Experience Summer Camp!!

## Youth Camps 2026

June 5–16	Caravan \$500	<i>POSTPONED TO 2028</i>
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](http://www.midlandsmc.org/camps) Find camp & click "Register Here"
- FAMILY CAMP [www.midlandsmc.org/family](http://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](http://bit.ly/MMCcampership26). **Application forms must be submitted TWO WEEKS prior to the event.** If you have questions, please contact [mfoteam@midlandsmc.org](mailto:mfoteam@midlandsmc.org).

# from the desk of Rob Heverling

Become a Blessing.

Getting out of the shallows of the Mission Prayer.

That's what happened to us during the Midlands/Central MO Family Camp this past week.

The Mission Prayer may seem like a simple four lines, but as we relentlessly probed this Community of Christ petition, multiple dimensions were revealed.

We found ourselves *in the deep*.

Our priorities recalibrated.

Now, many of us will prepare for the Chihowa Family Camp starting on July 5<sup>th</sup>. Same song, 2<sup>nd</sup> verse... getting out of the shallows of the Mission Prayer.

I hope many of you can join us at the coming Chihowa Family Camp, even if you can't do the whole thing. I hope you can join us for a few days.

As we prepare for the Chihowa Family Camp and surrendering to the Holy Spirit through the Mission Prayer, I am reminded of this account in Brennan Manning's book, [The Signature of Jesus](#). It reads like this...

*Brother Dominique Voillaume, a Franciscan monk, died in Paris in 1970. His body was found in his little apartment. He died of a heart attack. Although those who knew him called it a heart surrender...because he had been giving pieces of his heart away for many years.*

*There was one final entry into his journal.*

*The words have become a model for my life. What to aspire to...  
The journal entry reads...*

*"All that is not the Love of God has no meaning to me. I can truthfully say I have no interest in anything but the love of God, which is in Jesus Christ.*

*If God wants it to, my life will be useful through my word and witness.  
If God wants it to, my life will bear fruit through my prayers and sacrifices.*

*But the usefulness of my life is God's concern, not mine.*

*It would be indecent of me to worry about that."*

Shalom, Shalom, Rob

