



Community of Christ

Bethel Congregation
Midlands Mission Center
Welcoming the online community
Kansas City, KS
July 12, 2026 10:30AM CDT

Come and Listen

Presiding

Teacher Ylva Hup

Call to Worship and Announcements

Psalm Reading

based on Psalm 119:105-112

Ylva: Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

Susan: *Give me life, O Lord, according to your word.*

Jonathan: Accept my offerings of praise.

Ylva: *Your teachings are my heritage—forever!*

Susan: They bring me joy in my heart!

Jonathan: *I bend my heart to you. Teach me your ways.*

***Opening Hymn** “All Are Called”

CCS #606

***Invocation**

Rob de Zwart

***Response**

Prayer for Peace see insert

Grace Troeh

Hymn of Confession and Healing

CCS #657

“Make Us, O God, a Church that Shares”

Spoken Word

High Priest Stan Troeh

Disciples’ Generous Response

<https://bit.ly/BethelGifts>

Doctrine and Covenants 164:9d-f

9d. If you truly would be Community of Christ, then embody and live the concerns and passion of Christ.

9e. The challenges and opportunities are momentous. Will you remain hesitant in the shadows of your fears, insecurities, and competing loyalties? Or will you move forward in the light of your divinely instilled call and vision?

9f. The mission of Jesus Christ is what matters most for the journey ahead.

As our faith community sought to live God’s guidance in the early stages of the Restoration movement, it meant responding with their whole lives. As the call to build Zion was expressed, faithful disciples were willing to disrupt their lives to move to new places. They shared all they had to help create Zion, understood as God’s kingdom on Earth.

This call is about using our whole life in a way that helps bring about God’s purposes on Earth. It is not focused on just a portion of our life. It expands the question of how we can be generous to every aspect and every day of our life. Instead of pondering what we will return to God, whole-life stewardship asks how we generously use everything for God’s purposes. It is not just about what we return to God through tithing of our time, talent, treasure, and testimony. It is also how we use what we keep in a way that remains faithfully focused on God’s purposes.

***Hymn of Commitment** “Christ’s Word to Us”

CCS #632

***Benediction**

Ylva Hup

***Response**

***Congregation invited to stand**

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Announcements

- **Sunday 7/12** **9:45 am Lectionary Disc:** Matt 13:1-9,18-23
 10:30 am *Come and Listen*—Stan Troeh
- **Sunday 7/19** **9:45 am Lectionary Disc:** Gen 28:10-19a
 10:30 am *Come into God's Presence*--Jim Diddle
- **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 (or use [link](#))

Recordings

All Are Called - CCS 606 - The Beyond the Walls Choir

<https://youtube.com/watch?v=-aD7ek3MInE>

CCS 657 Make Us, O God, A Church That Shares (2nd 2026)

<https://youtube.com/watch?v=UsmseZkipEc>

Lectionary

3-year cycle engaging significant portions of our Scripture.

This Week Jul 12 [Come and Listen](#)

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23	Genesis 25:19-34
Psalms 119:105-112	Romans 8:1-11

Next Week Jul 19 [Come into God's Presence](#)

Genesis 28:10-19a	Psalms 139:1-12, 23-24
Romans 8:12-25	Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

Prayer for Peace

Creator God, we live in wondrous times. Through your gift of intelligence, we have learned much about how your creation works. We try to understand the reason for our existence, but we have yet to understand what it means to live. We have built great cities, yet we fail to understand the value of community. We know how to wage war, but not how to wage peace.

Compassionate God, we seek your Holy Spirit of compassion and wisdom so that we may learn how to use the capacities you have instilled in us to understand what peace is, and how we might achieve it. May your Spirit of love for all your creation inspire in us respect for each individual. May we hold each person, regardless of their ability or station in society, as worthy of dignity due even the most deserving and accomplished of our number. May we see each one as a valued member in the family of God.

Loving and patient God, we believe you created us to improve our world, not to exploit it; to bring blessings to others, not burdens; and to instill peace, not conflict. We know you hear our prayers because we have seen the results. We seek to do your will because you are the focus of our highest regards and aspirations. We feel your love and presence in our lives because we become better people when we do. So we seek your blessing in our efforts to bring peace to our communities and your blessings to all who seek you.

In the name and spirit of the greatest example of what it means to be “of God,” your son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

—W.B. “Pat” Spillman



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.

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

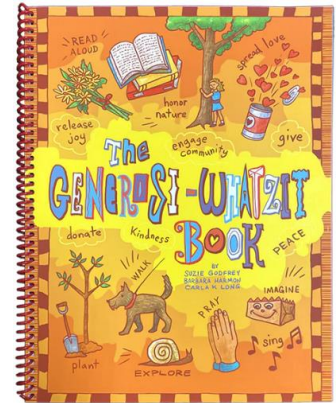
What: Midlands Mission Center Fall Conference
When: Sunday, November 1, 2026
Where: Topeka Community of Christ
More details will be coming!



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 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.

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, 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 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.

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.

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 5th. Same song, 2nd 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

