



Community of Christ

Bethel Congregation
Midlands Mission Center
Welcoming the online community
Kansas City, KS
July 19, 2026 10:30AM CDT

Come into God's Presence

Presiding Elder Grace Troeh

Gathering Hymn "God of the Ages" CCS #7

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship Psalm 139:1-12,23-24

***Opening Hymn** "All My Days" CCS #266

***Invocation**

***Response**

Prayer for Peace Kalene West

Message Evangelist Jim Diddle

Hymn "From You I Receive" CCS #611

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

Romans 8:14

For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba!

Father!", it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ.

Sending Forth Doctrine and Covenants 164:9a,b,e

9a. Beloved children of the Restoration, your continuing faith adventure with God has been divinely-led, eventful, challenging, and sometimes surprising to you. By the grace of God, you are poised to fulfill God's ultimate vision for the church.

9b. When your willingness to live in sacred community as Christ's new creation exceeds your natural fear of spiritual and relational transformation, you will become who you are called to

be. The rise of Zion the beautiful, the peaceful reign of Christ, awaits your wholehearted response to the call to make and steadfastly hold to God's covenant of peace in Jesus 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?

***Closing Hymn** "Touch Me, Lord, with Thy Spirit" CCS #574

***Benediction** Kalene West

***Response**

***Congregation invited to stand**

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Announcements

- **Sunday 7/19** 9:45 am **Lectionary Disc:** Gen 28:10-19a
10:30 am *Come into God's Presence*--Jim Diddle
- **Monday 7/20** 7:00 pm [Priesthood Meeting](#) (949 9683 2354)
- **Tuesday 7/21** 7:00 pm [Together Tuesday](#) (924 6108 0153)
- **Sunday 7/26** 9:45 am **Lectionary Disc:** Romans 8:26-39
10:30 am *Come as You Are*—Kyle Joyce
- **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

CCS 611 From You I Receive (Community of Christ Sings)
<https://youtube.com/watch?v=KL3K1jEGYIU>

Touch Me, Lord, with Thy Spirit Eternal - CCS 574 - The Beyond the Walls Choir <https://youtube.com/watch?v=qqnpGPee1G0>

Lectionary

3-year cycle engaging significant portions of our Scripture.

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

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

Next Week Jul 26 [Come as You Are](#)

Romans 8:26-39	Genesis 29:15-28
Psalm 105:1-11, 45b	Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

Call to Worship Psalm 139:1-12,23-24

- ¹ O LORD, you have searched me and known me.
- ² You know when I sit down and when I rise up;
you discern my thoughts from far away.
- ³ You search out my path and my lying down,
and are acquainted with all my ways.
- ⁴ Even before a word is on my tongue,
O LORD, you know it completely.
- ⁵ You hem me in, behind and before,
and lay your hand upon me.
- ⁶ Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;
it is so high that I cannot attain it.
- ⁷ Where can I go from your spirit?
Or where can I flee from your presence?
- ⁸ If I ascend to heaven, you are there;
if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there.
- ⁹ If I take the wings of the morning
and settle at the farthest limits of the sea,
- ¹⁰ even there your hand shall lead me,
and your right hand shall hold me fast.
- ¹¹ If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me,
and the light around me become night,"
- ¹² even the darkness is not dark to you;
the night is as bright as the day,
for darkness is as light to you.
- ²³ Search me, O God, and know my heart;
test me and know my thoughts.
- ²⁴ See if there is any wicked way in me,
and lead me in the way everlasting.

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. 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!



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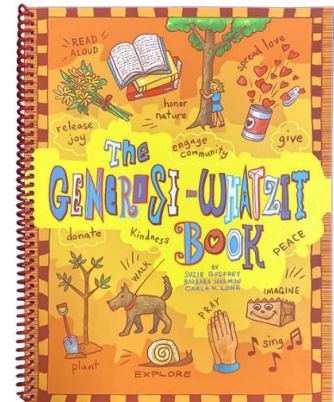
What: Midlands Mission Center Fall Conference
When: Sunday, November 1, 2026
Where: Topeka Community of Christ
More details will be coming!



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 mcfofteam@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

