

# **ORDER OF SERVICE — September 8, 2019**

**Welcome** Mary Lowman

**Congregational Singing** Pastor Tim Stafford

*Every Praise*

*Blessed Assurance*

*Amazing Grace*

**Choir Anthem** *We Will Praise the Name of the Lord*

We will praise the name of the Lord, praise the name of the Lord,  
For He's worthy, so worthy to be worshiped and adored.

We will praise the name of the Lord, praise the name of the Lord,  
For He's worthy, so worthy – Jesus Christ the Lord.

We've gathered here to give You praise and lift our voices to You today.

We've come together in Jesus' name, let every heart and voice be raised.

Carol Cymbala and Jim Hammerly © 1991 Word Music

**Pastoral Prayer** Dr. Bill Bertsche

**Offering**

We encourage families to worship together during the service. TMC Kids for children in Kindergarten – Grade 2 is available beginning at this time. Please check-in your child on the 2nd floor of the CLC.

**Scripture Reading from Psalm 33:13–22**

*Congregation joins on the bold print*

The LORD looks down from heaven; he sees all the children of man;  
from where he sits enthroned he looks out on all the inhabitants of the earth,  
he who fashions the hearts of them all and observes all their deeds.

The king is not saved by his great army; a warrior is not delivered by his great strength.

The war horse is a false hope for salvation, and by its great might it cannot rescue.

Behold, the eye of the LORD is on those who fear him,

on those who hope in his steadfast love,

that he may deliver their soul from death and keep them alive in famine.

**Our soul waits for the LORD; he is our help and our shield.**

**For our heart is glad in him, because we trust in his holy name.**

**Let your steadfast love, O LORD, be upon us, even as we hope in you.**

**Congregational Song** *Psalm 62*

**Message** Dr. Bill Bertsche

**Response**

Prayer partners are available at the front of the Sanctuary and in the balcony to assist you with spiritual needs or to connect you with church groups and ministries.

**Benediction**

# **SERMON NOTES**

## **JOSEPH: A STORY OF GOD'S SOVEREIGNTY**

### **God's Plan Includes the Peaks and the Pits**

Genesis 37

Dr. Bill Bertsche

1. Jacob's problematic gift
2. Joseph's prophetic dreams
3. The brothers' poisonous plot
4. God's providential plan

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Genesis 37:2–4 (See pages 31–32 in the Sanctuary Bible for full text)

<sup>2</sup>These are the generations of Jacob.

Joseph, being seventeen years old, was pasturing the flock with his brothers. He was a boy with the sons of Bilhah and Zilpah, his father's wives. And Joseph brought a bad report of them to their father. <sup>3</sup>Now Israel loved Joseph more than any other of his sons, because he was the son of his old age. And he made him a robe of many colors. <sup>4</sup>But when his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, they hated him and could not speak peacefully to him.

## **Joseph**

### ***A Story of God's Sovereignty*** **A 12-week Sunday morning series**

Like a child spinning the steering wheel in a car-shaped shopping cart pushed by mom or dad, you may think you're in control of your life—but you aren't. God is.

The story of Joseph—the son of Jacob and the great-grandson of Abraham—is an example of a life lived under the sovereign hand of God. It's a story full of faith-building themes like integrity, faithfulness, trust, and forgiveness. Above it all is the loving and powerful hand of our Heavenly Father, who directs all things for the fulfillment of His promises, for our ultimate good and His eternal glory. Join us as we explore the ways the Lord leads His people through hardships and blessings, and learn to trust our mighty God more than ever.

**Info: [moodychurch.org/sunday-morning-service](http://moodychurch.org/sunday-morning-service)**



## **Financial Peace University**

**Wednesdays beginning September 18**  
**6:45–8:15pm in Room 303**

Whether you make \$1,000 or \$1 million, young or old, we all need a plan for our money. What's yours?

Financial Peace University (FPU) teaches God's way of handling money. Through video teaching, class discussions, and interactive small group activities, FPU presents biblical, practical steps to get from where you are to where you've dreamed you could be. This plan will show you how to get rid of debt, manage your money, spend and save wisely, and give generously! Learn how to take control of your money, rather than your money controlling you.

Visit our kiosk in the Extended Lobby today and next Sunday for more information and to sign up.

**Info/Register: [moodychurch.org/financial-peace](http://moodychurch.org/financial-peace)**



# DAY OF PRAYER & FASTING

*Wednesday September 11*

## A.C.T.S. PRAYER GUIDE

*Adoration, Confession, Thanksgiving, Supplication*

Throughout the day, please set aside a few minutes each hour to reflect on and pray through the following verses and topics. Then join us at church in the evening for corporate prayer!

**9:00am**

**Adoration** | Psalm 145:18

**10:00am**

**Adoration** | Jeremiah 33:3

**11:00am**

**Adoration** | John 15:7

**12:00pm**

**Confession** | Psalm 51:1-4, 17

**1:00pm**

**Confession** | 1 John 1:8-9

**2:00pm**

**Thanksgiving** | Colossians 3:15-17

**3:00pm**

**Supplication** | Titus 2:11-14

*Pray for our church mission*

**4:00pm**

**Supplication** | Matthew 5:16

*Pray for our church leaders*

**5:00pm**

**Supplication** | 1 Peter 5:5-7;

Hebrews 13:17; 1 Peter 2:1-2

*Pray for our city and country*

**6:00pm**

**Church Gathering** | Clarkview

*Join us here 6:00-9:00pm to pray for the future direction of our church, the city of Chicago, and our outreach to the neighborhood. Come when you can and leave when you need to.*

**8:30pm**

**Break Our Fast Together** | Clarkview

# EQUIPPING MINISTRY

Our Equipping Courses provide hands-on tools to help you grow in your walk with the Lord and live out your faith wherever God has placed you. Whether you need to answer difficult questions about Christianity, deepen your prayer life, grow in your knowledge of the Scriptures, or better understand the need for discipleship, we have a class for you!

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## **LEVEL ONE CORE COURSES**

Can be taken in any order. **\$20 fee includes materials.**

### **DEFENDING YOUR FAITH**—Taught by Daniel Stalker

*Sundays beginning September 15, 8:30–9:45am in Room 305*

Learn to engage people in meaningful discussions about their faith, defend your faith against difficult questions, and talk about the uniqueness of Christ as the only way to God, while increasing your confidence in the trustworthiness of the Scriptures. 10 weeks.

### **TEACH US TO PRAY**—Taught by Scott Lilly

*Sundays beginning September 15, 2:15–3:15pm in Room 305*

Draw closer to God and enrich your walk with Him. You'll study what it means to pray according to God's Word, develop your prayer life through weekly challenges, and learn to be more comfortable when you pray with others. 12 weeks.

## **LEVEL TWO ELECTIVE COURSES**

### **DEEPER INTO GOD'S WORD 4: PROPHETS**—Taught by Scott Lilly

*Sundays beginning September 15, 1:00–2:00pm in Room 305*

**NEW FOR FALL 2019. Prerequisite: Completion of *Grasping God's Word*.**

We continue to build upon the foundation laid in *Grasping God's Word*, now turning our focus on how to study, understand, and apply the prophetic books. You'll increase your ability to understand these books in light of the original situation in which they were written, and see how they compel us to believe in Jesus Christ and follow Him today. 12 weeks; cost \$30.

### **DISCIPLESHIP & SPIRITUAL TRANSFORMATION**—Taught by Pastor Baker

*Sundays beginning September 15, 2:00–3:00pm in Room 303*

**NEW FOR FALL 2019. Open to all.** Investigate the identity of a disciple and why discipleship matters! Explore the process of spiritual transformation and practice fostering spiritual maturity; you'll learn how to apply the content to your ministry context, constructing your own plan for making disciples. No prerequisite; open to all. 9 weeks; cost \$20.

**Register today at our kiosk in the Extended Lobby!**

Info/Register at [moodychurch.org/equipping](http://moodychurch.org/equipping) or Aimee at 312.327.8600 x1043