

THE  
MOODY  
CHURCH

LOVED  
BY JESUS  
A STUDY THROUGH JOHN

September 27, 2020

# WELCOME

Thanks so much for worshipping online with us today! We're a family committed to knowing, loving, and serving Jesus. If there is any way we can serve you, please let us know by emailing us at [info@moodychurch.org](mailto:info@moodychurch.org). If you have questions about our current schedule, please check our [weekly calendar](#).

We consider it a privilege to pray for you. If you have a prayer request, please email [prayer@moodychurch.org](mailto:prayer@moodychurch.org). If you would like to pray with a member of our Prayer Team after our morning or evening services, please call 312.319.1570.

Above all, let's continue to trust God and to share the good news of Jesus.



*Philip Miller*  
*Senior Pastor*

## PASTOR TO PEOPLE

In 1803, Lewis and Clark began their famous expedition into the West. Their aim was to find a trans-continental riverway connecting the Atlantic and Pacific oceans and change the fortunes of the nation. Loaded with their paddles and canoes, they traveled to the Continental Divide. They expected to find the headwaters of the Columbia. What they found instead was hundreds of miles of Rocky Mountains. Their canoes and paddles were not only unhelpful, they were now a liability. The way forward would require putting aside all their plans and embracing the unknown. They'd come to the edge of their maps.

In many ways, this pandemic has similarly brought us to the edge of our maps. The paddles and canoes that got us here won't be helpful going forward. The journey ahead requires adaptation and creativity, courage and boldness. If you're at all like me, it is nerve-racking. We often feel grossly inadequate. After all, it is a frightful thing to venture out beyond the edge of our maps.

When Joshua was called to lead the people of Israel out beyond the edge of their maps, he knew what it was to feel inadequate and afraid. And so God encouraged him, "Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go" (Joshua 1:9).

This is our strength and comfort in times like these: the same God who faithfully preserved us "on the map" will likewise be with us "off the map." These are uncharted territories for us, but He knows the way. And if He is with us, we will be ok. Be strong and courageous, dear friends. We're off the map, but we're in His hands.

You are loved, more than you know!

Pastor Philip

# DAY OF PRAYER & FASTING

Wednesday October 14

“Draw near to God, and He will draw near to you” and “You have not because you ask not” are just two of so many biblical encouragements to seek our Father in prayer. During these times of disruption and crisis, it is even more essential that we gather to pray, to confess, and to seek the Lord together.

We hope you'll join us on Wednesday October 14 for our Day of Prayer and Fasting. We'll have a number of opportunities *both in-person and on Zoom* for you to connect with our church family in prayer throughout the day.

Find info about our meetings, as well as tips for fasting and a prayer guide, on our website.

Info: [moodychurch.org/prayer-and-fasting](https://moodychurch.org/prayer-and-fasting)



## WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

All Moody Church women are invited to join their sisters in Christ for a short church-wide Bible study! We will study *Growing Together*, focusing on the fruit of the Spirit, for ten days—October 5–9 and 12–16.

The purpose is to help us grow spiritually, and to help us as a community to re-establish the discipline of daily time in God's Word—which has been lost for many of us in the midst of this pandemic. Often it helps to do this in community rather than going solo!

We have prepared a special booklet which will go through the fruit of the Spirit, as found in Galatians 5, focusing on one each day. It's a short, easy study that you can do alone or with others, and which will take only a few minutes each day.

Find out more and download the study booklet on the Women's Ministry website.

Info: [moodychurch.org/women](https://moodychurch.org/women)

# **ORDER OF SERVICE**

**“Crown Him with Many Crowns”**

**Invocation** Pastor Eric Targe

**“Jesus”**

**“Only a Holy God”**

**Pastoral Prayer** Pastor Larry McCarthy

**Scripture Reading from John 1:19–34**

**“Behold the Lamb of God”**

We who walk in darkness deep  
Now see the light of morning.  
The mighty God, the Prince of Peace,  
A child to us is born.

Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away our sin.  
Behold the Lamb of God, the life and light of men.  
Behold the Lamb of God, who died and rose again.  
Behold the Lamb of God, who comes to take away our sin.

Wanderers in the wilderness,  
O hear a voice is crying.  
Prepare the way, make straight the path.  
Your King has come to die.

Son of God,  
Son of man.  
Behold the Lamb, the hope of man.  
Behold the Lamb.

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**Message** Pastor Philip Miller

**Song of Response**

**Benediction** Pastor Philip Miller

**Live Prayer Team** Please dial 312.319.1570 for prayer after the conclusion of the service.

# **SERMON NOTES**

## **LOVED BY JESUS**

*The Lamb*

John 1:19–34

Pastor Philip Miller

### **The Baptizer (John 1:19–23)**

- John is preparing hearts for the Lord's work.

### **The Inquisitors (John 1:24–28)**

- The religious leaders were affronted by John's ministry.

### **The Purifier (John 1:29–34)**

- Jesus comes to purify our inner life through the substitution of his own life for us.

*Takeaway: Jesus alone can do the deep, inner transforming work we most desperately long for.*

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John 1:29–34

<sup>29</sup>The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! <sup>30</sup>This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks before me, because he was before me.' <sup>31</sup>I myself did not know him, but for this purpose I came baptizing with water, that he might be revealed to Israel." <sup>32</sup>And John bore witness: "I saw the Spirit descend from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. <sup>33</sup>I myself did not know him, but he who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, this is he who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' <sup>34</sup>And I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son of God."

# **HOME GATHERINGS**

We're excited about the fall season of ministry, and about the opportunity we have to gather for worship and fellowship during these difficult times.

Beginning today, we're encouraging small groups of people to meet in homes for worship ... and hosts are needed! Would you consider hosting a Home Gathering?

To be a host, you simply need to be hospitable and invite people into your home to worship with you during the Sunday morning service. We'll be studying the book of John together, and each sermon will have practical questions these gatherings can use to apply the message together.

Once people have confirmed that they'll join your group, fill out the registration form on our website.

**Info/Register:** [moodychurch.org/home-gatherings](http://moodychurch.org/home-gatherings)

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## **GIVING**

### **CONTRIBUTIONS**

	<i>August</i>	<i>Fiscal Year</i>
<i>Income</i>	\$900,146	\$6,383,484
<i>Expense</i>	558,050	6,367,645
<i>Net</i>	<u>\$342,096</u>	<u>\$ 15,839</u>

We are truly thankful for God's amazing provision during the final month of our fiscal year. Through the faithful giving of so many during these uncertain times, we were able to finish the year with a small surplus.

### **FELLOWSHIP FUND**

This fund assists our church family with emergency housing, food, clothing, and medical needs. If you, or someone you know, is in need of assistance, please [contact Pastor McCarthy](#). He will bring requests for assistance to the Fellowship Committee for consideration. You can also give to the fund by designating "fellowship fund" on your offering envelope or online gift.

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## **MEMBERSHIP CANDIDATES**

William Ballou	Katherine Drescher	Brian Peters	Jennifer Stalker
Ila Ballou	Grace Ferroni	David Rader	Marcus Trivedi
Joseph Chang	Stormy Kim	Kylee Rader	Shandra White
Eileen Conaghan	Matthew Lee	Mercedes Sanz	Corbin Wisniewski
Phebean Davies	Mira Loh-Trivedi	Serenity Singh	Steve Witten
Daniel Drescher	Michael Paul	Shaun Singh	Wes Wu

*The publishing of these names will verify the approval of the church body if no notice to the contrary is received via any of the Pastoral Staff as soon as possible.*

# TODAY AT A GLANCE

**8:00AM**

[Next Chapter Community](#)  
[Equipping: \*Grasping God's Word\*](#)

**8:30AM**

[Christian Fellowship Community](#)  
[Fourth Watch Community](#)  
[Impact Community](#)  
[Light & Life](#) and [ATM Communities](#)  
[Women's Community](#)

**10:00AM**

[Sunday Morning Service](#)  
[ASL Translation](#)  
[Transmisión en Vivo en Español](#)

**11:15AM**

[Online Connection Center](#)

**11:20AM**

[Mosaic Community](#)

**11:30AM**

Q&A on [Live Stream](#) & [Facebook](#)  
[Co-Laborers \(Adults with ID/DD\)](#)  
[In Focus Community](#)  
[International Friends Community](#)

**11:30AM continued**

[Ministerio Hispano](#)  
[YourMarriage YourFamily Community](#)

**12:30PM**

[Fusion Community](#)  
[Gathering | Live Session 1](#)

**1:00PM**

[Veritas Community](#)

**2:00PM**

[Equipping: \*The Church & Our Place in It\*](#)  
[Gathering | Live Session 2](#)

**3:00PM**

[Yom Kippur Virtual Service](#)  
[Premarital Class](#)

**3:30PM**

[Gathering | Live Session 3](#)

**5:00PM**

[Sunday Night Service](#)  
[Gathering | Live Session 4](#)

**6:00PM**

[Crossroads \(College & Early Career\)](#)  
[Yom Kippur Virtual Service](#)

## TONIGHT

**SUNDAY NIGHT SERVICE** | 5:00pm

**Noah**—*Hurry Up and Wait* (Genesis 8:1–19)

Pastor Michael Best

It may be easy to shrug off the story of Noah as a cute children's story about animals and lots of rain, yet there is so much more to be found. This is a story of blessing and curse, of judgment and salvation, of grace and mercy. It's a story that points back to Adam and points forward ultimately to Jesus. Join us Sunday nights this fall as we study the life of Noah.

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



NOAH

# THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

## MONDAY

[Women's Prayer Meeting](#), 7:00am

## TUESDAY

[Women's Prayer Meeting](#), 7:00am

[Fusion Prayer Meeting](#), 7:30pm

[Mosaic Prayer Meeting](#), 9:00pm

## WEDNESDAY

[Women's Prayer Meeting](#), 7:00am

[Prayer Meeting](#), 5:00pm

[Thrive \(Junior High\)](#), 6:30pm

[Revolution \(High School\)](#), 6:30pm

[International Friends Bible Study](#), 6:30pm

[Beth Sar Shalom Bible Study](#), 7:00pm

[Reunión de Oración](#): 7:00pm

## THURSDAY

[Men's Thursday Mornings](#), 6:00am

[Women's Prayer Meeting](#), 7:00am

[Veritas Community](#), 6:30pm

[Crossroads \(College & Early Career\)](#), 7:00pm

[International Friends Bible Study](#), 7:00pm

## FRIDAY

[Women's Prayer Meeting](#), 7:00am

[Chosen People Sukkot Service](#), 3:00pm

[Chosen People Sukkot Service](#), 6:00pm

[Estudio Biblico en Español](#): 7:30pm

## SATURDAY

[Men's Praise & Prayer](#), 7:30am

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New video and devotional content is posted daily on our social media channels.

Visit our [Online Church Resources](#) page for links and additional information.

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