



# back to basics

A Study in Philippians

THE  
MOODY  
CHURCH

October 10, 2021

# WELCOME

Thanks so much for worshiping with us today, whether you're joining us in person or online! 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 the service, Prayer Partners are standing by at the front of the Sanctuary or at 312.319.1570.



*Philip Miller*  
*Senior Pastor*

## PASTOR TO PEOPLE

Autumn is my favorite season. I love the beautiful leaves, crisp air, apple cider, and bundling up. I'm struck by the paradox of how much beauty there is in dying leaves. There's profound glory as the botanical world lets everything go and hunkers down for the winter.

In many ways autumn reminds me of the spiritual reality of dying and rising with Christ. Everything that is resurrected must first pass through crucifixion. We die in order that we might truly live.

Jesus said it this way: "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life" (John 12:24-25). Or as Paul put it, "I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me" (Galatians 2:20).

As we follow Jesus, much must die. We die to our sin, to our selves; to our own way and to false hopes in earthly things. We lay down our lives that we might find them. And so we rise, the life of Christ our life by grace through faith in Him. We have been born again into a living hope: we live for righteousness, in the Spirit, by faith. We live for Christ who loved us and gave Himself up for us.

The paradox is, of course, that in losing ourselves we actually find ourselves. We become who we were meant to be all along. Our true, good, real, beautiful selves.

C. S. Lewis writes in *Mere Christianity*, "Give up yourself, and you will find your real self. Lose your life and you will save it. ... Nothing in you that has not died will ever be raised from the dead. Look for yourself, and you will find in that long run only hatred, loneliness, despair, rage, ruin, and decay. But look for Christ and you will find Him, and with Him everything else."

There's glory in autumn. There's glory in letting go. There's glory in falling to the ground. It's the only way to live, after all.

You are loved, more than you know.

## **TOGETHER IN SERVICE**

### **Find your team today!**

*Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. (Philippians 2:4)*

Growth and maturity in the life of a Christian is often demonstrated by the desire to serve others using our God-given gifts and abilities. This desire is a reflection of the life of Christ in us, who humbled Himself as a servant to love and honor those around Him.

Would you take a moment to consider best next step for you to serve at The Moody Church? We offer two easy ways to explore service opportunities in our church.

You can pick up a *Together in Service* booklet at the Connection Center after the service, or download your copy from our website.

Join one of our service teams today!

**Info:** [moodychurch.org/serve](http://moodychurch.org/serve)



## **DAY OF PRAYER & FASTING**

**Wednesday October 13**

“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 troubled times, it is even more essential that we gather to pray, to confess, and to seek the Lord together.

We hope you’ll join us this Wednesday, October 13, for our Day of Prayer and Fasting.

- Begin with online prayer at 7:00am
- Join us for a prayer walk at noon
- Gather here at the church at 6:30pm for prayer

Find a schedule for the day, as well as tips for fasting and a prayer guide, on our website.

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

# **ORDER OF SERVICE**

**Welcome** Pastor Philip Miller

**“Across the Lands”**

**Scripture Reading from Philippians 2:1–11**

**“King Forevermore”**

**“Behold Him”**

**“We Will Glorify”**

**Pastoral Prayer** Pastor Larry McCarthy

**“Christ Be Magnified”**

Were creation suddenly articulate, with a thousand tongues to lift one cry,  
Then from North to South and East to West we'd hear Christ be magnified.  
Were the whole earth echoing His eminence, His name would burst from sea and sky;  
From rivers to the mountain tops we'd hear “Christ be magnified.”

*Oh! Christ be magnified!*

*Let His praise arise; Christ be magnified in me.*

*Oh! Christ be magnified!*

*From the altar of my life, Christ be magnified in me.*

When every creature finds its inmost melody and every human heart its native cry,  
Then in one enraptured hymn of praise we'll sing “Christ be magnified!”  
Oh, be lifted high, Jesus!

I won't bow to idols, I'll stand strong and worship You,  
And if it puts me in the fire, I'll rejoice 'cause You're there too.  
I won't be formed by feelings, I hold fast to what is true;  
If the cross brings transformation then I'll be crucified with You.  
'Cause death is just the doorway into resurrection life,  
And if I join You in Your suffering, then I'll join You when You rise!  
And when You return in glory with all the angels and the saints,  
My heart will still be singing, my song will be the same.

**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**

## **BACK TO THE BASICS**

*The Basics of Serving*

[Philippians 2:1–18](#)

Pastor Philip Miller

### **The Priority of True Greatness (vv. 1–4)**

- “Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ.” (Philippians 1:27)
- God desires a united family filled with humble love.

### **The Model of True Greatness (vv. 5–11)**

- Jesus calls each of us through the cross to glory.

### **The Secret of True Greatness (vv. 12–13)**

- The key to transformation lies in obedient surrender.

### **The Beauty of True Greatness (vv. 14–18)**

- Becoming truly great like Jesus means going against the flow.

### **Takeaways:**

- True greatness means becoming a servant of all.  
“Whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all. For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.” (Mark 10:42–45)
- How can I help?

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**Text your sermon questions** to 312.682.1888.

**Watch this sermon again** at [moodychurch.org/sermons](http://moodychurch.org/sermons).

# **CANDIDATES FOR ANNUAL MEETING**

The Nominating Committee respectfully submits to the Members of The Moody Church for their consideration its slate of candidates for 2021–2022, having investigated the candidates' character and fitness, and finding them of good character and members in good standing.

If you have knowledge to the contrary, please bring your information to the attention of a member of the Nominating Committee prior to the Annual Meeting on Sunday October 24.

For assistance in contacting the Committee, please contact Lori Imhof at 312.327.8600 x1008 or lori.imhof@moodychurch.org.

## **ELDER (7 year term)**

Carré, Joseph \*

## **TRUSTEE (5 year term)**

Favero, Daniel \*

## **TREASURER (1 year term)**

Knapp, Jeff \*

## **ASSISTANT TREASURER (1 year term)**

Kerr, Tim ^

## **DIRECTOR OF USHERS (1 year term)**

Gundu, Vijay Ranjan ^

## **ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF USHERS (1 year term)**

Sinnema, Ethan \*

## **CLERK (1 year term)**

Valeff, Bill \*

## **ASSISTANT CLERK (1 year term)**

Carter, Les ^

## **DEACON (3 year term)**

Beeh, Bryan \*

Bermudez, Max \*\*

Brumbaugh, Nate \*\*

Carter, Les \*

Childress, Zach \*\*

Fiorini, Michael \*

Gholson, Donald \*

Gomez, Jose \*\*

Grant, Roger \*\*

Gundu, Vijay Ranjan \*

Imhof, Chris \*

Joseph, Promod \*\*

Jotautas, Vyto \*

## **DEACON (3 year term), Continued**

Kerr, Tim \*

Mu, Murray \*

Shilling, James \*\*

Wolford, James \*

## **DEACONESS (3 year term)**

Carré, Mary \*\*

Dearborn, Ashley \*\*

Ezeocha, Gerri \*\*

Grant, Geraldine \*\*

Hoefakker, Tawnya \*\*

Mucyo, Clemence \*\*

Noakes, Latoshia \*\*

Pitts, Peggy \*\*

Robinson, Cynthia \*

Sargis, Michelle \*

Wade, Elizabeth \*\*

Watkins, Phyllis \*

Zahn, Ruth \*

\* Renewing Candidate

\*\* New Candidate

^ Also being elected to 3-year term as Deacon

Respectfully Submitted:

The Nominating Committee

Chair—Elder Jonathan Hauser, Tom Boersema,

Roger Grant, Ron Ingram, Evelyn Pearson,

Scott Tang, Elbert Whitfield

# **TODAY AT A GLANCE**

**7:00AM**

[Marathon Cheering Section](#)

**8:30AM**

[Deaf Bible Study](#): Room 301

**10:00AM**

[Sunday Morning Service](#): Sanctuary

[ASL Translation](#): Facebook

[Transmisión en Español](#): Facebook

**11:15AM**

[Connection Center](#)

**11:30AM**

[ATM](#): Zoom

[Fusion](#): Room 103

[In Focus](#): Room 107

[Ministerio Hispano](#): Kappeler Hall

[Veritas](#): Offsite

[YourMarriage YourFamily](#): Room 108

[Women's Book Study](#): Room 304

**3:00pm**

Building closes

# THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

## MONDAY

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

## TUESDAY

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

[Women's Precept Class](#): 9:30am, Room 108

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

## WEDNESDAY

[Day of Prayer & Fasting](#): 7:00am, YouTube

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

[Prayer Walk](#): 12:00pm

[AWANA](#): 6:30pm, 2nd floor & Sankey Hall

*note: pre-registration required*

[Thrive \(Jr High\)](#): 6:30pm, Room 309

[Revolution \(HS\)](#): 6:30pm, Room 308

[Day of Prayer & Fasting](#): 6:30pm, Clarkview

[Int'l Friends Bible Study](#): 7:00pm, Zoom

[Reunión de Oración](#): 7:00pm, Zoom

## THURSDAY

[33 The Series Men's Study](#): 6:00am, Zoom

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

[Veritas](#): 6:30pm, Room 103

[Int'l Friends Bible Study](#): 7:00pm, Zoom

## FRIDAY

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

[Estudio Bíblico](#): 7:30pm, Zoom

## SATURDAY

[Men's Praise & Prayer](#): 7:30am, Room 103

Open House Chicago: 10:00am

[Women's Precept Class](#): 10:15am, Room 304

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