



THE
GOSPEL
OF **L** Who Is This
Jesus?

THE
MOODY
CHURCH

April 14, 2024

WELCOME

Thanks so much for worshiping with us today! At our church family, we believe that Jesus is inviting you on *The Journey of a Lifetime*.

We're here to help you take the next step on your journey with Jesus. If you have questions, stop by the Connection Center after the service or send us an email to info@moodychurch.org.



PASTOR TO PEOPLE *Philip Miller, Senior Pastor*

As a kid growing up in church, I was so close to the Gospel that I missed it for many years. Being a firstborn with a leaning toward people-pleasing, my natural inclination was toward performance. So at church, that meant bringing my Bible each week, attending Sunday school, memorizing verses, and adopting socially acceptable behaviors. I got really good at being really good. I thought that's what God wanted of me. So I did my best to be good, and in return, I figured God would love and bless me. It was a transaction, and I was doing my part. I was a little Pharisee, living as a religious moralist, trying to impress God with my own righteousness.

But when I reached my teen years, all of that fell apart. I discovered my heart was overruled with anger, lust, and selfishness. At first, I tried to deny my sinfulness, to hide it even from myself. When you're on a performance treadmill, it's hard to admit you have a problem. I put on a smile and pretended everything was okay. But deep down I knew I wasn't the good person everyone thought

I was. I was a mess...a dirty, rotten, mess of a sinner. And I didn't know what to do.

That's when I discovered grace. The God I thought wanted my goodness, it turns out, already had all the righteousness He'd ever required in Jesus Christ. So when I cried out for mercy, He met me with grace and forgiveness through the blood of His Son who laid down His life in love for me. Instead of a transaction where I needed to be good to be loved, I discovered the Gospel truth that I was loved as a sinner because of Christ. I was far worse than I'd imagined and more loved than I knew. It was the day grace awakened my soul.

Today, we're going to gather around a table with a Sinner, a Pharisee, and a Forgiver...and marvel at the grace awakening that unfolds in Luke 7:36-50.

For it is by the grace of God that we are loved, more than we know.

THE JOURNEY OF A LIFETIME



KNOW GOD THROUGH WORSHIP

FEED YOUR SOUL THROUGH COMMUNITY

GROW IN LOVE THROUGH SERVICE

CHANGE YOUR WORLD THROUGH MISSION



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ORDER OF SERVICE

Welcome | Pastor Philip Miller

Music | Pastor Tim Stafford

Pastoral Prayer | Pastor Larry McCarthy

Message | Pastor Philip Miller

Benediction | Pastor Philip Miller

For song titles and more details, visit moodychurch.org/live-stream.

SERMON NOTES

The Grace Awakening | Luke 7:36–50

Pastor Philip Miller

The Sinner

- God eagerly welcomes every repentant sinner.

The Pharisee

- God is never impressed by our religious moralism.

The Forgiver

- God saves sinners by grace through faith in Jesus.

Takeaway: We are far more sinful than we ever dared realize, and yet in Christ, we are far more loved than we ever dared hope.

Watch this sermon again at moodychurch.org/sermons.

Need prayer? Visit moodychurch.org/prayer to submit a request, receive in-person prayer with our Prayer Team after the service, or call 312.319.1570.

REDEMPTION PROJECT



We believe that Jesus is inviting us to change our world in His name through the redemptive power of the Gospel.

Our Redemption Project reflects that belief and is a special offering taken to help those in need. This year, we are purchasing food packages for a church in Lebanon that is ministering to their neighbors and Syrian refugees. Their church is growing rapidly, and our financial support will help them expand in order to handle the growing number of people coming to hear about Jesus.

WANT TO CONTRIBUTE?

When you give, write “Redemption Project” on your envelope or select “Redemption Project” as a giving option online or on the app.

**\$50 FEEDS A FAMILY
FOR A MONTH!**

Give here!

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DAY OF PRAYER & FASTING

Save the date for our Day of Prayer & Fasting on Wednesday, April 24 as we dedicate ourselves, our church, and our city to the Lord's service.

We'll begin our day in prayer online via YouTube at 7:00am and 12:00pm. Then at 6:30pm, we'll gather together at the church for an in-person prayer meeting and break our fast together.

To help you focus your day of prayer as well as tips on how to fast biblically, we provide helpful prayer guides on our website at the links below.

moodychurch.org/prayer-and-fasting



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SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING

Calling all members!

The Semi-Annual Meeting for our members of The Moody Church will be held immediately after the morning service on **April 21**.

Come to hear important updates on the lot development and to select candidates to serve on the Nominating Committee.

Note that all 11:30am programming, including TMC Kids and all Communities, will be set aside to allow all members to attend.

Scan the code below for more information.
moodychurch.org/annual-meeting



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TODAY AT A GLANCE

8:30AM COMMUNITIES

Christian Fellowship: 8:45, Room 304/305

Impact: Room 307

Light & Life: Room 107

Next Chapter: Room 108

Sisters in Christ: Room 303

Fourth Watch: Room 103

9:45AM

TMC Kids (infants to Pre-K): 2nd floor

10:00AM

Sunday Morning Service: Sanctuary

ASL Translation: Facebook

Transmisión en Español: Facebook (online)

Traducción en Español: WaveCast (live)

10:30AM

TMC Kids (K–Grade 2): 2nd floor

11:15AM

Connection Center: Main Lobby

11:30AM COMMUNITIES

Apply The Message: Room 304/305

Co-Laborers (Adults w/ IDD): Room 301

College & Early Career: Room 303

Moody en Español: Kappeler Hall

Deaf Bible Study: Third Floor Cafe Area

Fusion: Room 103

International Friends: Room 112D

Mosaic: Room 307

YourMarriage YourFamily: Room 108

InFocus: Room 107

Junior High: Room 309

Senior High: Room 308

TMC Kids (3rd-5th grade): Room 208

Veritas: Sankey Hall

12:45PM

Youth Choir Rehearsal: Choir Room

1:00PM

Light & Life Community Sponsored Prayer for Chicago: Room 107

Student Ministries STAMP Trip Meeting: Room 308

1:30PM

Foundations for a Healthy Marriage: Room 307

Mental Health Support Group: Room 301

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

MONDAY

Women's Prayer Meeting: 7:00am, Zoom

TUESDAY

Women's Prayer Meeting: 7:00am, Zoom

Fusion Prayer Meeting: 7:30pm, Zoom

Women's Precept Study: 9:30am, Room 108

WEDNESDAY

Women's Prayer Meeting: 7:00am, Zoom

Ladies Lunchtime Bible Study: 11:45am, Room 307

Children's Choir: 5:30pm, Choir Room

AWANA (registration required):

6:30pm, 2nd floor

Jr/Sr High Youth Group: 6:30pm,

Rooms 308 & 309

Parenting Class: 6:30pm, Room 108

Adult Choir: 6:30pm, Choir Room

Perspectives Class: 6:30pm, Room 107

Prayer Meeting: 6:45pm, Room 103

Int'l Friends Bible Study: 7:00pm, Zoom

Reunión de Oración: 7:00pm, Zoom

THURSDAY

Men's Bible Study: 6:00am, Zoom

Women's Prayer Meeting: 7:00am, Zoom

Missionary Prayer Fellowship: 12:00pm, Room 107

Veritas: 6:30pm, Room 103

FRIDAY

Women's Prayer Meeting: 7:00am, Zoom

Estudio Biblico: 7:00pm, Zoom

SATURDAY

Fraternidad de Varones: 7:30am, Kappeler Hall

Men's Prayer and Praise: 7:30am, Room 103

Veritas Men's Study: 8:00am, Room 108

American Sign Language Class: 9:00am, Room 301

Women's Precept Study: 10:15am, Room 112D

Veritas/Light & Life Game Night: 4:00pm, Rooms 304 & 308

Links to Ministries and Communities at
moodychurch.org/calendar

PRESENTATION OF NEW MEMBERS



Sydney Bylsma, USA



Chirashree Das, India



Timothy Choi, USA



Debasish Das, India



Rebecca Frink, USA



Yvonne Gunderson, Taiwan



Evan Georgia, USA



Aliyah Mead, UK



Alicia T. Joseph, USA



Peju Owoyemi, Nigeria



Morgan Kromer, USA



Grace Julcit Shedul, Nigeria



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