



Marengo Christian Church

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"I will hunt for the Lost and bring back the strays" Ezekiel 34:16

While we, the Preacher, Elders, Deacons and congregation of Marengo Christian Church affirm our love for all people, including those struggling with same sex attractions or confused about their biological identity as male or female, we cannot and will not affirm the moral acceptability of homosexual behavior or any other behavior that deviates from God's design for males and females made in His image, including His plan for marriage.

That said, as Christians, we are committed to biblical faith and ethics. As a result this body of Believers stands on the authority of Scripture and God's truth as central to our lives.

What the Bible says about marriage is clear, definitive and unchanging. We affirm biblical, traditional, natural marriage as the uniting of one man and one woman in covenant commitment for a lifetime. The Scriptures teaching on marriage is not negotiable. We stake our lives upon the Word of God and the testimony of Jesus Christ which instructs us irrefutably on how we are to speak and act.

Consequently, we will not accept, nor adhere to, any legal redefinition of marriage issued by any political or judicial body including the United States Supreme Court. We will not recognize same-sex "marriages". Our church will not host same sex ceremonies, and we will not perform such ceremonies.

We believe religious freedom is at stake with this critical decision. Consequently, we join together to support those who stand for natural marriage in the corporate world, the marketplace, education, entertainment, media and elsewhere with our prayers, influence and resources

Regardless of what the Supreme Court of the United States rules, our first duty is to love and obey God, not man. Therefore, we strongly encourage other preachers, leaders, educators, and churches to openly reject any mandated legal redefinition of marriage and to use their influence as well to affirm God's design.

The Lord Jesus affirmed that design when in Mark 10:6-9 he quoted Genesis saying: "But from the beginning of the creation God made them male and female. For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and cleave to his wife; And the twain shall be one flesh: so then they are no more twain, but one flesh. What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder ". Later in Mark 13:31 he said "Heaven and earth shall pass away: but my words shall not pass away"

Thus sayeth the Lord,

Thus sayeth The Marengo Christian Church