



# JESUS

FEB 17 & 18

## WELCOME

### WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE HERE

**Our mission** is to inspire people to  
**follow Jesus** and fearlessly  
**change the world.**

## YOUR NEXT STEP

Visit the **WELCOME CENTER**  
on the patio where you'll find  
ways to get connected and  
opportunities to serve.

CONNECT **ONLINE**  
**marinerschurch.org**   

WEEKEND **SERVICES**  
**Sat 5p • Sun 9 & 11a**

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## CONNECT CARD

today's date ..... / ..... / .....

name .....

phone .....

email .....

birthday ..... / ..... / ..... ☐ single ☐ married

☐ I've **decided to follow Jesus** for the first time today!

☐ I'm **new to Mariners**

☐ I'd like to receive **The Compass** weekly e-news

☐ I'm interested in joining ☐ **Rooted** ☐ **Life Groups**

☐ I'm interested in **serving** ☐ **on campus** ☐ **through Outreach**

or you can fill out a Connect Card online at [marinerschurch.org/connect](http://marinerschurch.org/connect)


Our hope is you will find Mariners to be a place where you can ask questions, worship God freely and experience **community for life.**

For info on all our events, visit [marinerschurch.org](http://marinerschurch.org)




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MARINERS WORSHIP

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RESOURCE  
CENTER**

**SERVE  
SHARE  
SHOP**

Get our weekly newsletter with events and updates delivered to your inbox.  
**Sign up on our website.**

**COMPASS**  
KEEPING YOU IN THE LOOP

## MAKING GENEROSITY SIMPLE



### GIVE ONLINE

once or set up a recurring gift  
[marinerschurch.org/give](http://marinerschurch.org/give)



### OFFERING BOXES

near the exits as you leave

## NOTES...

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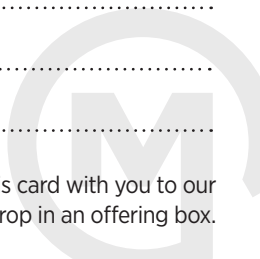
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Please bring this card with you to our  
**Welcome Center** or drop in an offering box.



## HEAD-SNAPPING LOVE

*"You have heard the law that says, 'Love your neighbor' and hate your enemy. But I say, love your enemies! Pray for those who persecute you!"*  
Matthew 5:43-44

Love your enemies is a head-snapping invitation to live life at a deeper and more rewarding level.

*If you love only those who love you, what reward is there for that? Even corrupt tax collectors do that much.* Matthew 5:46

Enemies reduce your capacity to love... and diminish your happiness.

Who is your enemy? Your emotional enemy?

When I make a rival my capacity to love is minimized.

### **Door #1: Will it.**

### **Door #2: Seek Wisdom**

Biblical wisdom: an unusual insight [supernatural] into life and a strength to obey God's ways.

*...We continually ask God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all the wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives* Colossians 1:9 (NIV)

*"Look, I now teach you these decrees and regulations just as the Lord my God commanded me, so that you may obey them in the land you are about to enter and occupy. Obey them completely, and you will display your wisdom and intelligence among the surrounding nations. When they hear all these decrees, they will exclaim, 'How wise and prudent are the people of this great nation!'"*  
Deuteronomy 4:5-6

*"Anyone who listens to my teaching and follows it is wise, like a person who builds a house on solid rock."* Matthew 7:24

*Blessed are those who find wisdom, those who gain understanding, for she [wisdom] is more profitable than silver and yields better returns than gold. She is more precious than rubies; nothing you desire can compare with her. Long life is in her right hand; in her left hand are riches and honor. Her ways are pleasant ways, and all her paths are peace. She is a tree of life to those who take hold of her; those who hold her fast will be blessed.* Proverbs 3:13-18 (NIV)

*Wisdom will multiply your days and add years to your life. If you become wise, you will be the one to benefit. If you scorn wisdom, you will be the one to suffer.* Proverbs 9:11-12

## WISDOM AIDS IN LOVING ENEMIES...

### **1. Wisdom helps me understand the BIGGER ISSUES of humanity**

*Evil people are trapped by sin...* Proverbs 29:6a

### **2. Wisdom helps me see the HIDDEN ISSUES about myself**

*If you need wisdom, ask our generous God, and he will give it to you. He will not rebuke you for asking.* James 1:5

### **3. Wisdom helps me understand DEEPER ISSUES about God**

*Then Peter came to him [Jesus] and asked, "Lord, how often should I forgive someone who sins against me? Seven times?" "No, not seven times," Jesus replied, "but seventy times seven!"* Matthew 18:21-22

"Everyone says that forgiveness is a lovely idea, until they have someone to forgive." CS Lewis

*...Christ is the power of God and the wisdom of God... God has united you with Christ Jesus. For our benefit God made him to be wisdom itself...*  
1 Corinthians 1:24b & 1:30a