

OCT 20&21

“The Church  
is not a  
refuge *from*  
the world,  
the Church is  
a refuge *for*  
the world.”

- Eric Geiger



### Volunteer Highlight: Wendy

After serving with her Rooted and Life Group, Wendy knew she needed to serve consistently. She realized it would be more satisfying to do something consistently with her gift of teaching. “Serving at the Lighthouse Community Center is all about building relationships with kids. By being there consistently we earn the right to speak into their lives. It’s an amazing way to take Christianity out of the church and into the neighborhood where there’s a real need, where it’s not all neat and tidy.” Through Wendy, junior high students in Santa Ana are learning about the love of Jesus.

To find out how you can choose love with your time visit [marinerschurch.org](http://marinerschurch.org) • search **choose love**

### PRAYER

If you’re in need of prayer, our prayer team is available at the **front of the Worship Center** after every service. To submit a prayer request online, email [prayer@marinerschurch.org](mailto:prayer@marinerschurch.org)

# Choose Love

at mariners church

we’re so glad you’re here! 

# welcome to mariners

**We're so glad you're here!** Our mission is to inspire people to follow Jesus and fearlessly change the world. If this is your first time here, we'd love to meet you!

Visit the **Welcome Center** on the patio to find ways to get connected and opportunities to serve.



Or text **CONNECT** to 949.267.3131

## current series

Choose Love

Every day we are given the opportunity to choose how we want to respond to the world around us. Jesus modeled grace and compassion in every interaction He had with the people in His life. Through His choices, He made the bold declaration that God's love is not just for the few, but for all. And when we were far from God, Jesus chose love through sacrificing Himself so we could draw near to Him.

## choose love with us

**lighthouse  
community  
centers**  
fall festival

Sat, Nov 3

**resource  
center**  
serve

Sat, Nov 3

**refugee  
community**  
picnic

Sun, Nov 4

**foster youth  
& families:**  
daycation

*kids stay, families play*

Sun, Nov 4

**exceptional  
families:**  
dancing  
without limits

Sat, Nov 10

**thanksgiving  
food**  
sorting event

Wed, Nov 14

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*Weekly*

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MAKING  
**GENEROSITY**  
SIMPLE & SECURE

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## SEED AND YEAST

*Here is another illustration Jesus used: “The Kingdom of Heaven is like a mustard seed planted in a field. It is the smallest of all seeds, but it becomes the largest of garden plants; it grows into a tree, and **birds come and make nests in its branches.**” Jesus also used this illustration: “The Kingdom of Heaven is like the yeast a woman used in making bread. Even though she put only a little yeast in three measures of flour, it permeated every part of the dough.” Matthew 13:31-33*

**Kingdom Background Info:**

Kingdom of Heaven = The Rule of God

His Kingdom is “already and not yet”

**1) The Kingdom grows and bears fruit to the hurting *around us*** (v.31-32)

A reminder of the Babylonian kingdom:

*While I was lying in my bed, this is what I dreamed. I saw a large tree in the middle of the earth. The tree grew very tall and strong, reaching high into the heavens for all the world to see. It had fresh green leaves, and it was loaded with fruit for all to eat. Wild animals lived in its shade, and **birds nested in its branches.** All the world was fed from this tree... That tree, Your Majesty, is you. For you have grown strong and great; your greatness reaches up to heaven, and your rule to the ends of the earth. Daniel 4:10-12; 22*

A reminder of the Assyrian kingdom:

*This great tree towered high, higher than all the other trees around it. It prospered and grew long thick branches because of all the water at its roots. **The birds nested in its branches,** and in its shade all the wild animals gave birth. All the great nations of the world lived in its shadow. Ezekiel 31:5-6*

**2) ...as the Kingdom grows and bears fruit *in us*** (v.33)