



Volunteer Highlight: Melody

Melody was exploring opportunities to get plugged in, and with her love of people and different cultures, teaching English as a Second Language (ESL) seemed like a natural fit. She developed relationships with her students, and God led her to create a weekly Bible study that meets with the women right after class. Melody and her husband have even accepted an invitation from one of the women to go to Japan with her family in April. “When you get into a ministry you love, you are bonding with those people, building community, building friendships, and becoming more a part of the church family. Everything takes on much greater impact.”

To find out how you can choose love with your time visit 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

“For your brother was dead and has come back to life! He was lost, but now he is found!”

- Luke 15:32

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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.



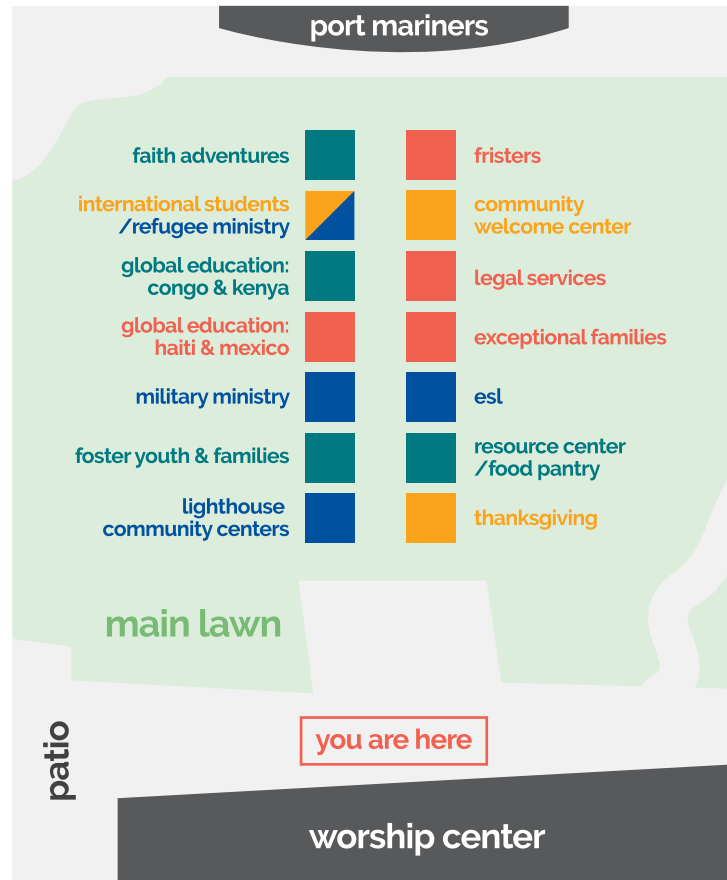
Or text **CONNECT** to 949.267.3131

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 a few, but for all. And when we were far from God, Jesus chose love through sacrificing Himself so we could draw near to Him.

join us at the ministry fair



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Weekly

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MAKING
GENEROSITY
SIMPLE & SECURE

We give because God first gave to us. We invite you to experience a life of generosity by **GIVING ONLINE** at marinerschurch.org/give or through the offering boxes located at the back of the Worship Center.

CHOOSE LOVE, WEEK 2

Blessed to be a blessing

Heart defined by love...blessed

Luke 15

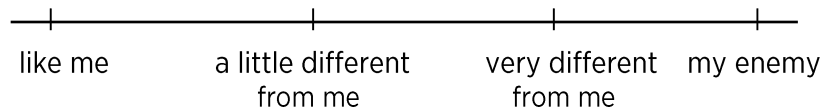
“So he returned home to his father. And **while he was still a long way off**, his father saw him coming. Filled with love and compassion, he ran to his son, embraced him, and kissed him...**The older brother was angry...His father said to him**, ‘Look, dear son, you have always stayed by me, and everything I have is yours...We had to celebrate this happy day. For your brother was dead and has come back to life! He was lost, but now he is found!’” Luke 15:20,28,31,32

“I can’t be bad enough to get God to quit loving me”

“I can’t be good enough to make God love me more”

How far does love go...to be a blessing?

The man wanted to justify his actions, so he asked Jesus, “And **who is my neighbor?**”...The man replied, “The one who showed him mercy.” Then Jesus said, “Yes, **now go and do the same.**” Luke 10:29,37



- Letting go of excuses...“*embracing interruptions*”
- It’s an opportunity...“*not an obligation*”
- It’s an action...“*not a feeling*”
- It’s costly...“*more than random acts of kindness*”

Blessed to be a blessing (cont.)

Jesus identifies Himself with the poor

“And the King will say, ‘I tell you the truth, when you did it to one of the least of these my brothers and sisters, **you were doing it to me!**’” Matthew 25:40

- Spirituality is measured in love
- “*I need the poor more than the poor needs me*”

Choose love

Teach those who are rich in this world not to be proud and not to trust in their money, which is so unreliable. Their trust should be in God, who richly gives us all we need for our enjoyment. Tell them to use their money **to do good**. They should be **rich in good works** and **generous** to those in need, always being ready to share with others. 1 Timothy 6:17-18

Serve...do good

“Now which of these three would you say was a neighbor to the man who was attacked by bandits?” Jesus asked. The man replied, “The one who showed him mercy.” Then Jesus said, “Yes, now go and do the same.” Luke 10:36-37

Love...rich in good works

“And the King will say, ‘I tell you the truth, when you did it to one of the least of these my brothers and sisters, you were doing it to me!’” Matthew 25:40

Give...generous

You know the generous grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. Though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty he could make you rich. 2 Corinthians 8:9

Wherever your treasure is, there the desires of your heart will also be. Matthew 6:21

The One Year Study Bible reading for Oct. 28-Nov 3: pages 1428-1453