Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends.

1 Corinthians 13:7-8



Volunteer Highlight: Vicki

For over 15 years Vicki has served as a small group leader and storyteller for the three-year-olds in Mariners Kids. "I was asked to serve for just a summer, but now I'm hooked! It's the high point of my week." Although she wasn't a professional teacher, Vicki quickly learned to rely on the Holy Spirit to give her the words to say. "I recognized that God is there for me. He gives me the words to say. Because I grew up in the church, none of the stories are new to me. However, I've heard some of the other volunteers say that the story is new to them. I'm not just telling the story to the three-year-olds, but to everyone who is listening. There's a message there for everyone."

Want to use your gifts to serve those in our community? Go to marinerschurch.org and search **serve**

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**

WELCOME TO MARINERS CHURCH

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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! Here are your next steps:

- Visit the **Welcome Center** on the patio to find ways to get connected and opportunities to serve.
- Text CONNECT to 949.267.3131
- Attend our **New to Mariners** class to meet our pastors, learn who we are and how to get involved.

MESSAGE SERIES



No matter your relationship status, everyone loves a good love story. But most of those tales fall short of the deep, enriching love we all desire. Learn more about the eternal love of God reflected in these timeless stories. Listen to all the messages in this series on our website.

FAMILY FUN NIGHT

Sat, Feb 23 • after 5p service Join us for food and board games for families to connect with each other! search saturdays



Break down the stigma and stereotypes in mental health and share about how to break free from the cycles that keep us isolated in pain.

Tue, Feb 19 • 7-9p search silence

There's something for everyone at Mariners.

A quiet space for singles to

enjoy a time of worship,

guided prayer and personal

time connecting with

the Lord.

Wed, Feb 27 • 7p

search singles

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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 **mariners**church.org/**give** or through the offering boxes located at the back of the Worship Center.

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THE SHOCKING AND OTHER WORLDLY LOVE OF GOD

When the Lord first spoke to Hosea, he said this to him: Go and marry a woman of promiscuity, and have children of promiscuity, for the land is committing blatant acts of promiscuity by abandoning the Lord. So he went and married Gomer daughter of Diblaim, and she conceived and bore him a son. [Hosea 1:2-3]

Then the Lord said to me, "Go again; show love to a woman who is loved by another man and is an adulteress, just as the Lord loves the Israelites though they turn to other gods and love raisin cakes." So I bought her for fifteen shekels of silver and five bushels of barley. I said to her, "You are to live with me many days. You must not be promiscuous or belong to any man, and I will act the same way toward you." [Hosea 3:1-3]

Love is patient, love is kind. Love does not envy, is not boastful, is not arrogant, is not rude, is not self-seeking, is not irritable, and does not keep a record of wrongs. Love finds no joy in unrighteousness but rejoices in the truth. **It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends...** [I Corinthians 13:4-8]

1) Jesus bears all things...

As far as God is concerned your sin has ceased to be. He laid it on Jesus Christ your substitute, and he took it and bore the penalty of it. [Charles Spurgeon]

2) Jesus believes all things...

3) Jesus hopes all things...

4) Jesus endures all things...

Faith unites the soul with Christ as a spouse with her husband. Everything which Christ has becomes the property of the believing soul; everything which the soul has becomes the property of the Christ. Christ possesses all blessings and eternal life: they are thenceforward the property of the soul. The soul has all the iniquities and sins: they become thenceforward the property of Christ. It is then a blessed exchange commences. [Martin Luther]