

WE'RE SO GLAD
YOU'RE HERE!

If you're new to Mariners,
here are 3 great next steps:

▶ **CONNECT CARD**

Fill out a Connect Card to let us know more about you. Drop it in an offering box or bring it to the...

▶ **WELCOME CENTER**

Stop by the Welcome Center on the patio to get a gift from us and find opportunities to get involved.

NEW TO MARINERS
— CLASS —

NEW DATE

Sun, Sep 15 • 1-2p

Register online
marinerschurch.org
search **new**

**"BLESSED ARE
THOSE WHO ARE
PERSECUTED
BECAUSE OF
RIGHTEOUSNESS,
FOR THE
KINGDOM OF
HEAVEN IS
THEIRS."**

MATTHEW 5:10



Volunteer Highlight: Lauren

Lauren has known her calling to be a teacher since she was three years old, and currently works as a first-grade teacher in the Santa Ana Unified School District. In her time as a teacher, she has felt supported and seen by Mariners' City Engagement Ministry.

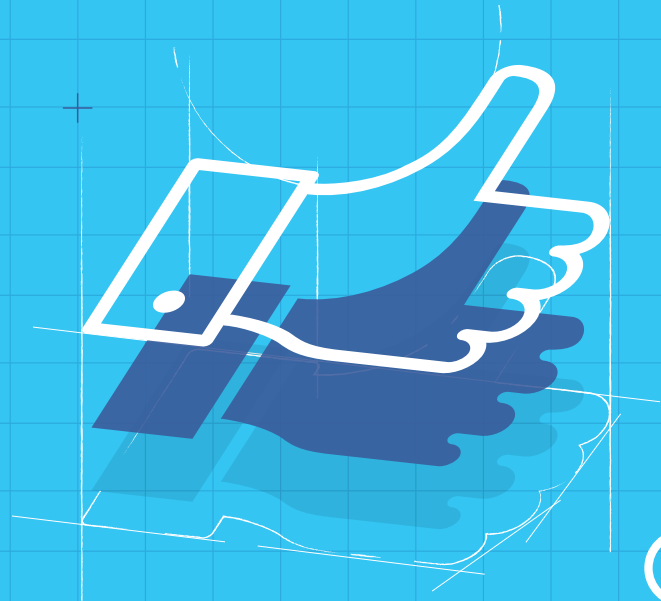
"Through the City Engagement Ministry, Mariners provided breakfast for our school staff on our first day back to work," Lauren said. "And Josh from Garage Ministries provided teaching supplies for all the teachers. It was just what we needed to get excited about the school year! Everyone at our school was so appreciative of Mariners!"

As a teacher, Lauren's goal is to inspire all of her students with the truth that they have a purpose in the world to do big things, and Mariners has been able to tangibly support that goal with breakfast, school supplies and, coming soon, a water filter for teachers. Mariners seeks to honor, equip and serve teachers and educators like Lauren who give so much of themselves to

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

Aug 31 & Sep 1

**WELCOME TO
MARINERS
CHURCH**



WELCOME!

Each weekend we gather to worship, hear a message from God's Word and pray together.

Are you here with your family? We welcome kids of all abilities and have programming designed for every age.

- Programs for 0-5th grade and junior high students are available in our kids and youth buildings.
- We ask that parents who prefer to stay with their children 0-5yrs old enjoy the service together in the foyer or family viewing room.

We hope you enjoy every moment of our service. We believe God has something for you here today!

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

GIVING

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.



SIGN UP ONLINE TO STAY IN THE LOOP

For daily updates, follow @marinerschurch



JUNIOR HIGH HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAMS

starting Sep 7 & 8

HIGH SCHOOL

Sunday Mornings:
Meets in the Worship Center
Youth Nights:
Sundays • 6-8p or Wednesdays • 7-9p

JUNIOR HIGH

Weekends: Meets in the Student Center during our new service times.
Sat 5p, Sun 8:30, 10 or 11:30a

search **JHM** or **HSM**



WARRIOR CAMP

2019 FALL RETREAT
DECLARED

Fri-Sun, Oct 11-13

Murrieta Hot Springs
Christian Conference Center

Join Mariners Women for Warrior Camp—a 3-day getaway for women of all ages to connect, share their stories and experience the freedom they were created to embrace.

search **warrior**



HEY TEACHERS!

We'd love to connect, support and come alongside you as the school year starts. We want to know how we can care for you, contact Keith Hill in Outreach.

KHill@Marinerschurch.org



NIGHT OF WORSHIP AND PRAYER

Sat, Sep 14
after 5p service

Join us for our 5p service and stay after to experience the power and presence of God in an atmosphere of freedom led by the Mariners prayer and worship teams.

search **worship**

ALL CHURCH

NEW SERVICE TIMES STARTING SEP 7 & 8

MARINERS CHURCH IS GROWING!

To make room for all of our new guests, we are adding a 4th service this fall.

Join us:

Saturdays at 5p
Dinner and events

Sundays 8:30a
Speciality craft coffee

10a

11:30a
Events for Mariners College and Singles

In preparation for our 4th service, we are testing parking management strategies to ensure the safest and most efficient traffic flow across our campus. We are committed to providing a great experience for you and those you invite from the moment you pull into our campus, to the moment you leave.

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today's date / /

name

email

phone

birthday / /

I'm new to Mariners

I'm interested in:

getting connected in a group

the Weekly newsletter

serving on campus

serving through Outreach



There's something for **you** at Mariners
Visit marinerschurch.org for info on all our events

HAPPY ARE THE PERSECUTED

Persecution

God blesses those who are persecuted for doing right, for the Kingdom of Heaven is theirs. “God blesses you when people **mock** you and **persecute** you and **lie** about you and **say all sorts of evil** things against you because you are my followers. Be happy about it! Be very glad! For a great reward awaits you in heaven. And remember, the ancient prophets were persecuted in the same way.” Matthew 5:10-12

...all the people had high regard for them. Acts 5:13

...everyone who wants to live a godly life...will suffer persecution. 2 Timothy 3:12

Misunderstood, criticized, harassed, oppressed

Persecution for righteousness sake...

Persecuted for the wrong reasons

- Judgmental, obnoxious, unnecessarily against

Persecuted for righteousness sake

...Since they persecuted me, naturally they will persecute you. John 15:20

- Our changed life

Of course, your former friends are surprised when **you no longer** plunge into the flood of wild and destructive things they do. So they slander you. 1 Peter 4:4

- Our new values

The world would love you as one of its own if you belonged to it, but **you are no longer part of the world**. I chose you to come out of the world, so it hates you. John 15:19

- Our message

But Peter and the apostles replied, “We must obey God rather than any human authority. God...**raised Jesus from the dead** after you killed him by hanging him on a **cross**...” When they heard this, the high council was furious and decided to kill them. Acts 5:29,30,33

Our promise in persecution

...A great reward awaits you in heaven... Matthew 5:12

Heaven

“Don't let your hearts be troubled...I am going to prepare a place for you...I will come and get you, so that you will **always be with me** where I am.” John 14:1-3

Comfort

For the more we suffer for Christ, the more God will shower us **with his comfort** through Christ. 2 Corinthians 1:5

Character and hope

We can rejoice, too, when we run into problems and trials, for we know that they help us **develop endurance**. And endurance develops **strength of character**, and character strengthens our **confident hope** of salvation. Romans 5:3-4

Strength

But those who trust in the Lord will find **new strength**... Isaiah 40:31

Fellowship

I want to **know Christ**...and participation in his sufferings, becoming like him... Philippians 3:10

When persecution works...“secret Christian”

What to remember when persecuted

...have the same attitude that Christ Jesus had. Though he was God, he did not think of equality with God as something to cling to. Instead, **he gave up his divine privileges**; he took the humble position of a slave and was **born as a human being** ...he humbled himself in obedience to God and died a **criminal's death on a cross**. Therefore, God elevated him to the place of highest honor and gave him the name above all other names. Philippians 2:5-9