

# CHURCH

AN HONEST LOOK AT GOD AND FAITH

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# 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

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# WEEKEND SERVICES

Sun 9 & 11a

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name
phone
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birthday /
☐ I've <b>decided to follow Jesus</b> for the first time today!
☐ I'm new to Mariners
☐ I'd like to receive <b>The Compass</b> weekly e-news
☐ I'm interested in a <b>Life Group / Series Group</b>
☐ I'm interested in serving ☐ on campus ☐ through Outreach

or you can fill out a Connect Card online at marinerschurch.org/connect

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



Kids (infant-5th grade) learn about God's love through interactive music and storytelling in an age-appropriate, loving environment.

During Sat 5p, Sun 9 & 11a services





High School meets **Sun 11a** Student Center Room 1





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#### CHURCH DETOX • mariners church chapel

# WHY CHURCH? Acts 4:32-34

There is no perfect Christian and there is no perfect church.

## The purpose of the Church

And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it. Matthew 16:18

After his suffering, [Jesus] presented himself to them and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God. Acts 1:3

#### Jesus is alive!

"...in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit. ...you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and **you will be my witnesses** in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." Acts 1:5,8

God has raised this Jesus to life, and we are all witnesses of it. Acts 2:32

#### Jesus' body, the church

And [Jesus] is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy. Colossians 1:18

...as high priest that year [Caiaphas] prophesied that Jesus would die for the Jewish nation, and not only for that nation but also for the scattered children of God, to bring them together and make them one. John 11:51-52

#### **Praising God**

Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved. Acts 2:46-47

### The power of the Church

After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly. Acts 4:31

#### Giving, witnessing, and changing lives

All the believers were one in heart and mind. No one claimed that any of their possessions was their own, but they shared everything they had. With great power the apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. And God's grace was so powerfully at work in them all. Acts 4:32-33

## The way of the Church

Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it. ... I will show you the most excellent way. 1 Corinthians 12:27,31

#### Your neighbor as Yourself

...Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails... Follow the way of love and eagerly desire gifts of the Spirit... 1 Corinthians 13:4-8a, 14:1a