

## PRAYER REQUESTS

**PRAYERS REQUESTED FOR:** Healing and peace for Howard Axler, Barbara Bellus, Norma Cox, Richard Escobar, Alfie Franco, Marisela Giron, Regina Hansen, Gemma Henderson, Rene Kelbjornsen, Matthew Long, Zoila & Mike Pena, Luis Picon, Amparo "Puchita" Rigau, Amparo Torres, and Mary Whitcomb. For Australia, The Bahamas, Brazil, the Caribbean, Cuba, Haiti, the Middle East, Puerto Rico, and people struggling around our globe.

**CONDOLENCES:** Condolences to the family of Leonard Feldman, Kathy Feldman's brother-in-law and Allen Feldman's uncle.

**CONDOLENCES:** The family of Lynn Cleveland. Her memorial service will be held in the Chapel on Saturday, February 29 at 2:00pm.

**LEGACY CHURCH MEMBER PRAYER CONCERNS:** Wayne Whittlesey, and Paul Reiner's daughter, Marti, at Epworth Village; Raleigh Johnson at Susana Wesley; Jean Korner and Carol Hanna at The Palace.

### SHARE YOUR PRAYER CONCERNS AND/OR ANSWERED PRAYER

Fill out the Connect Card and drop it in the offering plate or designated prayer request boxes found in the foyer by the Welcome Table. Or you can also submit prayer requests at [welovecoralgables.org/prayer](http://welovecoralgables.org/prayer).

## NEWS + EVENTS

**CONNECT KIDS (CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL)** • 11:00am service

- Birth - 2: Hanger Building Room 219 (Nursery)
- 3s, 4s & 5s: Hanger Building Room 210
- Kindergarten - 5th grade: Hanger Building Room 202

**YOUTH MINISTRY** • *following the 11:00am service*

Calling all youth... Come on over to the Youth Lounge for food, games, fun, and conversation today after the service!

### CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED MONDAY

On Monday, February 17, the church office will be closed in observance of Presidents Day. There will no activities or events on campus that day.

### *New!* CHILDREN'S CHOIR!

An exciting new opportunity for children ages 6-12! Part of the ConnectKids programming during the 11:00am service will now include a time for a children's vocal ensemble rehearsal! This is to prepare for participation in Sit-Together Sunday morning worship services and other potential special events. Please see Lauren Hartman for any questions and to fill out an interest form.

### *Tonight!* DISCIPLE BIBLE STUDY • 7:00pm, Head Center

A new study launches tonight! It will offer an overview of the New Testament books and letters--and the Gospel of Mark, the earliest of our four Gospels and the one which most closely reflects the immediate "Messiah message" of Jesus. Workbooks are free!

### ALTAR GUILD • *preparing for Lent, Holy Week, & Easter*

Any time is a good time to lend a hand on the Altar Guild! This is an especially fun time in their activities as they prepare the church for Lent, Palm Sunday and Easter. If you have ever wanted to be the hands that beautify the Sanctuary, now's your chance to offer them! Contact the church office for more information: 305.445.2578 or [mmarcos@firstcoralgables.org](mailto:mmarcos@firstcoralgables.org).

### CHANGING THE WORLD, ONE BOOK AT A TIME DISCUSSION GROUP

*New Book!* **Tuesday, February 18, 12:30pm, Room 209**

Here is your chance to join a fun and unique book club! This group selects a Christian book, reads it, and then comes together to engage in lively discussion about it. We will begin exploring Melvin Bray's *Better: Waking Up to Who We Could Be*. We'd love to have you join us!

### CHAPMAN PARTNERSHIP • *Friday, February 21, 1550 North Miami Avenue*

Join us in preparing and serving meals for those in need! This program assists homeless men, women and children in transition off of Miami's streets and on their way to attaining greater stability and self-sufficiency in their lives. Meal prep starts at 2:30pm. You can either go directly to Chapman Partnership, or rendezvous at the church at 1:45pm to ride with the group. If you'd like to help with meal service, please arrive at Chapman Partnership by 4pm. We serve until 7pm. Bring someone along for more fun!

### *This Saturday!* SEAN KENNARD IN CONCERT • *February 22, 7:00pm*

We are excited to announce that the esteemed Professor of Piano at Stetson University, Dr. Sean Kennard, will join us for an evening of inspiring music as part of the Lamar Louise Curry Concert Series! For more information, visit [www.welovecoralgables.org/lc-concert-series](http://www.welovecoralgables.org/lc-concert-series)!

### *Next Sunday!* LOVE LANGUAGES WORKSHOP • *February 23, 12:30-2:30pm*

Falling in love is easy. Staying in love: that's the challenge. How can you keep your relationship fresh and growing amid the demands, conflicts, and everyday-ness of everyday life? Join Pastor Hedy Collver for a two-hour workshop based on the book *The 5 Love Languages*. Lunch included! Reserve your spot at [welovecoralgables.org/lovelanguages](http://welovecoralgables.org/lovelanguages), or call the church office at 305.445.2578. Need childcare? Email number and names of children and their ages to [lorban@firstcoralgables.org](mailto:lorban@firstcoralgables.org).

### ASH WEDNESDAY • *Wednesday, February 26*

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the season of Lent, a time of reflection and preparation before Easter. You can receive ashes in the morning, anytime from **8:30-9:30am in the breezeway** linking the Sanctuary and The Growing Place preschool. And join us that evening at **7:00pm in the Sanctuary** for worship as together we enter into this meaningful season.

### *Nuevo Grupo Pequeño!* HAPPY HOUR LATINO

A new small group is forming for Spanish-language speakers! Empezando el viernes, 28 de febrero, invitamos todos de habla hispana para reunirnos y celebrar viernes social! Solteros o casados, jóvenes y no muy jóvenes... todos serán bienvenidos! Contacta a Pastor Lucas para más informaciones: [lbonates@firstcoralgables.org](mailto:lbonates@firstcoralgables.org) o 305.445.2578 x103.

### LUNCHTIME CLASS • *THE GOSPEL OF JOHN*

*Mondays, March 2 - April 6, 12:30-1:30pm, Room 123*

Bring a bag lunch and join us for this study of John's beautiful, poetic rendering of the life, teachings, death, and resurrection of Jesus. Pastor Hedy Collver will guide our discussion together. To reserve your seat, contact Pastor Hedy at [hcollver@firstcoralgables.org](mailto:hcollver@firstcoralgables.org) or 305.445.2578 x101.



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BELIEVE  
THERE IS  
LOVE  
IN THE  
WORLD

Sunday, February 16, 2020  
8:30 & 11:00am

Week 2 • *Love of Neighbor*

*"Human happiness and moral duty  
are inseparably connected."*

— George Washington

*Love is a choice — not simply, or necessarily, a rational choice, but rather a willingness to be present to others without pretense or guide. Love is a conversion to humanity — a willingness to participate with others in the healing of a broken world and broken lives. Love is the choice to experience life as a member of the human family, a partner in the dance of life.*

— Carter Heyward, *Our Passion for Justice*

## Welcome!

*We are so glad that you chose to worship with us this morning!*

### Visiting with us for the first time?

*Please be sure to pick up a welcome brochure and fill out the Connect Card. We'd love to get to know you!*

An \* below indicates to stand, as you are able.

## *We Gather in God's Name*

**INVOCATION** • *O How He Loves You and Me* Anjane Firestone, soprano

**PRELUDE**  
*Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us* • Arr. Kendall Seth Carlson, organ

**WELCOME & PRAYER** Hedy Collver, Senior Pastor

### CELEBRATION OF MINISTRY

\* **CALL TO WORSHIP** Roberto Perez, Assistant Pastor

Leader: Our hope is in you, Lord, our hearts belong to heaven.

**People: Our hope comes from the gospel, the word of the truth that you brought to us.**

Leader: May it bear abundant fruit in our lives. Let the whole world be filled with your hope!

**People: As we grow in faith, help us truly comprehend your grace.**

Leader: Help us understand your amazing grace, as we seek to lead lives worthy of you, O Lord.

**People: May our lives bear the fruit of our hope in Christ! For we belong to the kingdom of God! Thanks be to God! Amen.**

by Bill Hoppe, *MinistryMatters*

\* **PROCESSIONAL HYMN** • *Jesus Shall Reign* • Hymnal No. 157

\* **OPENING PRAYER** Hedy Collver

**Gracious God: We come to worship today to hear your good news, to hear of faith, hope, and love ringing out from your kingdom. We know that doubt, fear, and hatred can shake even the strongest.**

**Shape us into faithful, hopeful people, fill us with your love that passes all understanding. Be with us in this hour, and every moment of our lives. We pray all this in Jesus' name, Amen.**

by Carol Penner, *re-Worship*

\* **GLORIA PATRI**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.**

**PASSING OF THE PEACE** Roberto Perez

**CONNECT CARDS** Hedy Collver

**CHILDREN'S MOMENT** (11:00am) Hedy Collver

*Parents, if you haven't yet checked your child in for ConnectKids, this is a great time to head back to the Sanctuary lobby. One of our volunteers will be there to help you sign your child in!*

## *We Offer Ourselves to God*

**OFFERING** Hedy Collver

**OFFERTORY** • *Morceau de Concours* • Faure Mackenzie Miller, flute

\* **DOXOLOGY**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

**PASTORAL PRAYER** Hedy Collver

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

**ANTHEM** (11:00am) • *Here I Am, Lord* • arr. Courtney Sanctuary Choir; Mackenzie Miller, flute

## *We Listen for God's Word*

**SCRIPTURE** • 1 Corinthians 13:1-8 (NRSV) Roberto Perez

*If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am*

*nothing. If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.*

*Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.*

*Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. .*

Leader: The word of God, for the people of God.

**People: Thanks be to God! Amen.**

**MESSAGE** • *Love of Neighbor* Hedy Collver

## *We Respond with Joy!*

\* **HYMN OF DEDICATION** • *Open My Eyes, That I May See* • Hymnal No. 454

\* **BENEDICTION** Hedy Collver

\* **MUSICAL BENEDICTION** Sanctuary Choir

**POSTLUDE** • *Maestoso in B Flat* • Rink Seth Carlson, organ

*Thank you for worshipping with us today!*

*Altar Flowers* are placed by Kathy and Allan Feldman in loving memory of our beloved Mother and Grandmother Marjorie Gould, who went home to be with the Lord on February 14, 2016.

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**These — and other such commandments — are summed up in this one commandment: "Love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no wrong to others, so love fulfills the requirements of God's law.**

— Romans 13:9-10