

PRAYER REQUESTS

PRAYERS REQUESTED FOR: Healing and peace for Howard Axler, Teresa Brooks, Norma Cox, Richard Escobar, Alfie Franco, and Mary Whitcomb. For Australia, The Bahamas, Brazil, the Caribbean, Cuba, Haiti, the Middle East, Puerto Rico, and people struggling around our globe.

CONDOLENCES: The family of Leonard Feldman, Kathy Feldman's brother-in-law and Allen Feldman's uncle.

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

CONDOLENCES: The family of Roland Robinson, Jean Korner's son and Sandy Robinson's husband.

CONDOLENCES: The family of William F. Furr, former member, who passed away in Atlanta, GA, this past week.

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.

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 • *today 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! We also still have openings for our confirmation experience for 5th/6th graders!

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! Please see Lauren Hartman for any questions and to fill out an interest form.

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.

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

Join us for a powerful overview of the New Testament books and letters. This week... the Gospel of Matthew, and how Jesus' message was a radical departure from the traditional teachings of the Pharisees.

WEEKLY COMMUNION @ THE 8:30AM SERVICE

For the weeks of Lent (which begins on Ash Wednesday, February 26), we will offer Communion each Sunday morning at our 8:30am Traditional Service in the Chapel (off Coral Way, to the west of The Growing Place school playground). Communion will also be offered on the first Sunday of each month, as usual, in all three worship services.

SILVER CLUB • *Thursday, February 27, 10:30am, Head Center*

Back by popular demand... "Our Favorite Musicians!" We are excited to announce a special performance by Dr. Bob Gower, Dr. Lauren Hartman, and Mackenzie Miller. Join us! Lunch is \$5.

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 or 305.445.2578 x101.

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

Friday, March 6, 6:00pm on The Growing Place playground on Coral Way

Pizza, popcorn, drinks, and other treats will be served as together we watch the newly released *Frozen II*! Bring your comfy chairs or blankets. Children can come dressed up or in their pajamas! Please RSVP to Livia Orban at lorban@firstcoralgables.org. **Volunteers are needed to make this event a success!** Set-up crew (4:30pm), greeters (5:15), food table hospitality (5:15), clean-up crew (7:45)! If you're available, please let Livia know!

Save the Date! EXPERIMENT CHURCH • Contemporary Worship

Saturday, March 7, 7:00-8:00pm, Head Center

We're launching a once-per-month contemporary worship experience! It'll be different every time (it's an experiment after all!), with great music, conversation, and stuff to think about throughout your week. We hope you'll join us in the experiment, and add your experience to its future development! Let us know you're coming:

www.welovecoralgables.org/experimentchurch

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION • *deadline Friday, April 3*

If you are a member of First Coral Gables and a high school senior planning to attend college in the fall, the church's Educational Assistance Committee is offering scholarship aid! Scholarships are also available to church members who are in college or graduate school and need help with their educational expenses. Grades and activities (especially activities connected to the church) are important. For more information and to download the application, visit www.welovecoralgables.org/scholarships.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS BEGINS @ 2am on March 8!

Before you go to sleep on Saturday, March 7, make sure you set your clocks forward one hour... or you'll be very early for church that Sunday!



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BELIEVE
THERE IS
LOVE
IN THE
WORLD

Sunday, February 23, 2020
8:30 & 11:00am

Week 3 • *Love of Self*

*"Love the Lord your God with all your heart,
all your soul, all your mind, and all your strength
... and love your neighbor as you love yourself."*

— Mark 12:30-31

Even before we were born, God knew us.
 God has always been with us.
 Place your trust in God's presence
 and forgiving love.
 Rejoice!
 In the name of Jesus Christ,
 we are all forgiven.

— Nancy C. Townley, *MinistryMatters*

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 • *O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee* • arr. Bish Seth Carlson, organ

WELCOME & PRAYER Hedy Collver, Senior Pastor

CELEBRATION OF MINISTRY

* CALL TO WORSHIP Roberto Perez, Assistant Pastor

Leader: Come to Christ, that living stone, rejected by the world, but in God's sight chosen and precious.

People: We have responded to Christ's call, and seek to be built into a spiritual house, a living reminder of God's presence on earth.

Leader: Once we were no people, but now we are God's people, called out of the darkness into God's marvelous light. Therefore we sing with the Church in all ages:

People: Blessed be your name, O God, our Redeemer. By your mercy we have been born anew to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. Thanks be to God! Amen.

The United Methodist Book of Worship, No. 510

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN • *Christ for the World We Sing* • Hymnal No. 568

* OPENING PRAYER Lucas Bonates, Associate Pastor

Almighty God, in a world of change you placed eternity in our hearts and gave us power to discern good from evil. Grant us sincerity, that we may persistently seek the things that endure, refusing those which perish, and that, amid things vanishing and

deceptive, we may see the truth steadily, follow the light faithfully, and grow ever richer in that love which is the life of all people; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

The United Methodist Book of Worship, No. 456

* 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 Lucas Bonates

CONNECT CARDS Roberto Perez

We Offer Ourselves to God

OFFERING Hedy Collver

OFFERTORY • *I'd Rather Have Jesus* • Shea Sanctuary Choir;
 Joey Speranzo, tenor saxophone

* 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.

OFFERING PRAYER Lucas Bonates

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!

ANTHEM (11:00am) • *Set Me as a Seal* • Childs Sanctuary Choir;
 Joey Speranzo, tenor saxophone

We Listen for God's Word

SCRIPTURE • Psalm 63:1-5 (*New Living Translation*) Roberto Perez

O God, you are my God; I earnestly search for you. My soul thirsts for you; my whole body longs for you in this parched and weary land where there is no water.

I have seen you in your sanctuary and gazed upon your power and glory. Your unfailing love is better than life itself; how I praise you! I will praise you as long as I live, lifting up my hands to you in prayer. You satisfy me more than the richest feast. I will praise you with songs of joy.

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

People: Thanks be to God! Amen.

MESSAGE • Love of Self

Hedy Collver

We Respond to God's Promises

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.

* HYMN OF DEDICATION • *Here I Am, Lord* • Hymnal No. 593

* BENEDICTION

Hedy Collver

* MUSICAL BENEDICTION

Sanctuary Choir

POSTLUDE • *To God Be the Glory* • arr. Swann

Seth Carlson, organ

*Thank you for
 worshipping with us today!*

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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, any time from **8:30-9:30am in the "Welcome Pavilion"** linking the Sanctuary and The Growing Place preschool, off the church's south parking lot. Then join us that evening at **7:00pm in the Sanctuary** for a special worship service as together we enter into this meaningful season.