

This Saturday! *Experiment Church*

A Contemporary Worship Experience

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

We're launching a new 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 *this Saturday*, and add your experience to its future development! **If you're planning to be there, please let Pastor Hedy know, or RSVP at welovecoralgables.org/experimentchurch!** Childcare is available by reservation.

Prayer Requests

PRAYERS REQUESTED FOR: Healing and peace for Howard Axler, Norma Cox, Richard Escobar, Alfie Franco, Martha Hobbs, Rene Kelbjornsen, Ken Murrell, and Mary Whitcomb. For Australia, The Bahamas, the Caribbean, Cuba, Haiti, the Middle East, Puerto Rico. Shooting victims in Milwaukee. Containment of the coronavirus, and healing for all those affected.

CONDOLENCES: The family of Joseph Fisher, who passed away on February 24 at the age of 97. Services will be held in the Sanctuary on March 3 at 6pm.

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 105 (Nursery)
- 3s, 4s & 5s: Hanger Building Room 107
- Kindergarten - 5th grade: Hanger Building Room 109

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!

***Begins Tomorrow!* 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.

***No Meeting This Week!* HAPPY HOUR LATINO**

This Friday, March 6th, we'll be supporting the Family Movie Night! We'll meet again next Friday.

***Next weekend!* DAYLIGHT SAVINGS BEGINS @ 2am on Sunday, March 8!**

Before you go to sleep on Saturday, March 7, after you get home from Experiment Church, make sure you set your clocks forward one hour... or you'll be very early for church on Sunday morning! ;)

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

Friday, March 6, 6:00pm on the playground

Pizza, popcorn, drinks, and other treats will be served as together we watch *Frozen III*! Bring your comfy chairs or blankets. Children can come dressed up or in their pajamas! RSVP to Livia Orban at lorban@firstcoralgables.org. **Volunteers are needed to make this event a success!** If you're available, please let Livia know: lorban@firstcoralgables.org!

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP • Thursday, March 12, 7:00pm, Room 209

Any and all are welcome to participate in this emotional support group. If you are experiencing a difficult time and would like to confide in a group of friends, feel free to stop in.

MEN'S BREAKFAST • Saturday, March 14, 8:30am, Founders Hall

Help yourself to a heaping plate of hotcakes! The United Methodist Men are having a guys-only get-together. Invite a buddy or two, or make it a father-son weekend starter!

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN MEETING

Sunday, March 15, 12:30pm, Head Center

Right after service, drop in at the Head Center and listen in on what's happening among your sisters in the United Methodist Women!

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.

SIT-TOGETHER SUNDAY • Easter, April 12, 11:00am worship service

Our next Sit-Together Sunday will be on Easter! On April 12th, our community's children will lead us in worship, and all children will be invited to stay in worship with their families to enjoy the service and to take Communion together! This will be a fun, joyful, family-friendly service. Invite a friend... or two or three!

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.

WEEKLY COMMUNION @ THE 8:30AM SERVICE

For the weeks of Lent (which began on Ash Wednesday), 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.



Mosaic from St. Photini's Church in Nablus, West Bank

Sunday, March 1, 2020
8:30 & 11:00am

Lent 2020
Week 1 • Living Water



First United Methodist Church of Coral Gables

March 1, 2020 • 8:30am & 11:00am
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What is Lent? Lent is a season of forty days, not counting Sundays, which begins on Ash Wednesday and ends on Holy Saturday. Lent comes from the Anglo-Saxon word *lencten*, which means "spring." These days represent Jesus' time in the wilderness, enduring temptation and preparing to begin his ministry. Lent is a time to open the doors of our hearts a little wider and to understand our Lord a little deeper, so that when Good Friday and Easter come, it is not just another day at church, but an opportunity to receive the overflowing of grace God offers each of us!

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 • *What Wondrous Love Is This* • verse 1 Eric Firestone, tenor

PRELUDE • *Amazing Grace* • arr. Swann Seth Carlson, organ

WELCOME Hedy Collver, Senior Pastor

CELEBRATION OF MINISTRY

* **PROCESSIONAL HYMN** • *Holy, Holy, Holy* • Hymnal No. 64

LENTEN LITURGY Hedy Collver
Teach Us the Wisdom of God • Arr. Raney Choir sings once time, congregation joins in

Eye has not seen, ear has not heard what God has
 read-y for those who love him; Spir - it of
 love, come, give us the mind of Je - sus,
 teach us the wis-dom of God.

RESPONSIVE LITANY Margaret Cox
 Leader: During Lent, we reflect on our sins and the meaning of repentance.

All: Repentance is our response to God's boundless grace.
 Leader: We look for clear direction and firm guidance from God.
All: Repentance is turning from darkness and walking in the light.
 Leader: We strive to become people who are more loving, and less self-serving.
All: Repentance is taking responsibility for our actions.
 Leader: We seek forgiveness and place our faith in God's mercy.
All: Repentance is trusting God's eternal grace and steadfast love.

REFRAIN • *Teach Us the Wisdom of God* Sanctuary Choir & congregation

* **PRAYER OF REPENTANCE** Margaret Cox
Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you, both in our deeds and in our inaction. We have forgotten your teachings and have loved ourselves more than our neighbor. Through your Holy Spirit, come and work repentance into our hearts. Open us to change and growth. Give to us an experience of grace that lifts our burdens from us and enables us to live rich, joyful lives for the good of others, and for your kingdom. Amen.

Words & Music by Marty Haugen & Joel Raney

CONNECT CARDS Roberto Perez

PASSING OF THE PEACE 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!

We Offer Ourselves to God

OFFERING Hedy Collver

OFFERTORY Via de Cristo Men

* **DOXOLOGY** • *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* • verse 4
Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were an offering far too small; love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.

OFFERING & PASTORAL PRAYER Hedy Collver

We Listen for God's Word

SCRIPTURE • John 4:5-10 (*New Living Translation*) Lucas Bonates

Eventually Jesus came to the Samaritan village of Sychar, near the field that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there; and Jesus, tired from the long walk, sat wearily beside the well about noontime. Soon a Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Please give me a drink." He was alone at the time because his disciples had gone into the village to buy some food.

The woman was surprised, for Jews refuse to have anything to do with Samaritans. She said to Jesus, "You are a Jew, and I am a Samaritan woman. Why are you asking me for a drink?"

Jesus replied, "If you only knew the gift God has for you and who you are speaking to, you would ask me, and I would give you living water."

Leader: The word of God, for the people of God.
People: Thanks be to God! Amen.

MESSAGE • *On the Way* • Living Water

Hedy Collver

We Respond to God's Promises

HOLY COMMUNION • Hymnal page 15

Servers: Lucas Bonates & Jack Edwards;
 Roberto Perez & Tomy Edwards

COMMUNION ANTHEM

Bread of the World • Buck

Sanctuary Choir

HYMN OF DEDICATION • *The Lord's Prayer*

Our Father, which 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever! Amen.

* **BENEDICTION**

Hedy Collver

POSTLUDE • *Rejoice, the Lord is King* • arr. Swann

Seth Carlson, organ

Thank you for worshipping with us today!

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