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Prelude

Joel Hammett

Our Community Gathers

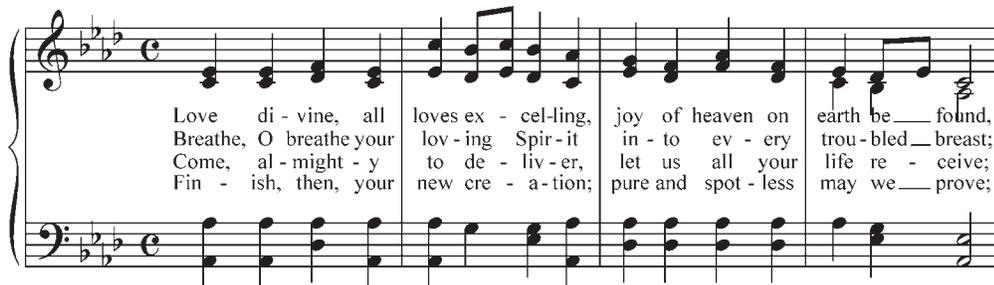
Rev. Dwayne Johnson & Jason Wood

+ Exchange of Peace

+ Processional Hymn

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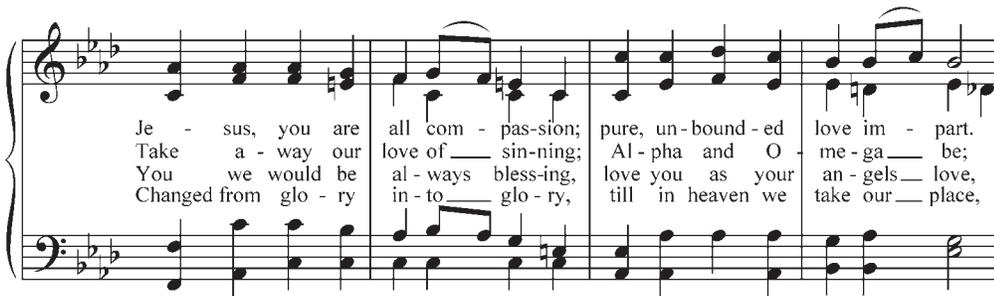
Love Divine All Loves Excelling



Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel-ling, joy of heaven on earth be ___ found,
 Breathe, O breathe your lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - ery trou - bled ___ breast;
 Come, al - might - y to de - liv - er, let us all your life re - ceive;
 Fin - ish, then, your new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less may we ___ prove;



Fix in us a hum - ble ___ dwell - ing, all your faith - ful mer - cies ___ crown;
 Let us all in you in - her - it, let us find your prom - ised ___ rest;
 Sud - den - ly re - turn, and ___ ne - ver, ne - ver - more your tem - ples ___ leave.
 Let us see your great sal - va - tion per - fect - ly re - stored in ___ you;



Je - sus, you are all com - pas - sion; pure, un - bound - ed love im - part.
 Take a - way our love of ___ sin - ning; Al - pha and O me - ga ___ be;
 You we would be al - ways bless - ing, love you as your an - gels ___ love,
 Changed from glo - ry in - to ___ glo - ry, till in heaven we take our ___ place,



Vis - it us with your sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.
 End of faith, as its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at li - ber - ty.
 Pray and praise for your un - fail - ing, wound - ed arms out - stretched a - bove.
 Crowned as saints, we ev - er shall be lost in won - der, love, and praise.

+ Invocation

Rev. Bernie Barbour

+ Please rise in body or spirit.

We Prepare

The prelude is designed to set the tone for the worship service. It is also an offering from one of our gifted musicians. Many wish to listen and meditate during this time.

We Worship

This hymn describes the miracle of God's perfect love. The fervor of Charles Wesley's faith and confidence in God's abiding love is spoken smoothly and directly, seeking holiness through the love of the Spirit in the heart. This evangelical hymn is particularly disarming in the very personal manner in which it speaks to the God of love, yet it is written in a corporate sense appropriate for congregational singing. This hymn was first published in *Hymns for Those that Seek, and Those that Have Redemption in the Blood of Jesus Christ* (1747).

We Hear the Word

This is considered one of the Psalms of David. The lament of an innocent individual asks God for attention and protection from threatening enemies. If God will hear, the complainant is certain all will be well, for God is a sure refuge.

We Worship

This prayer hymn comes from the GIA Catholic publication, *Gather*. It was written by Diana Kodner in the 1950's but was not published until 1994.

We Hear & Experience the Word

In this miracle Jesus demonstrates his life-giving and beneficial power. God's will is that hungry people be fed. Imperial propaganda claimed the gods supplied food through the emperor. False "shepherds" spoken of in Ezekiel 34 do not feed the people or heal the sick. Jesus' healing and feeding anticipate the wholeness that will abound when God's realm is established. Today we experience this story through dramatic presentation. The text is provided for reflection as well.

Psalm Reading

Denise Junious (9 am)
Eve Messina (11 am)

Psalm 17:1-7

Hear a just cause, O God; attend to my cry; give ear to my prayer from lips free of deceit. From you let my vindication come; let your eyes see the right. If you try my heart, if you visit me by night, if you test me, you will find no wickedness in me; my mouth does not transgress. As for what others do, by the word of your lips I have avoided the ways of the violent. My steps have held fast to your paths; my feet have not slipped. I call upon you, for you will answer me, O God; incline your ear to me, hear my words. Wondrously show your steadfast love, O savior of those who seek refuge from their adversaries at your right hand.

Call to Prayer

Pues Si Vivimos

En es - ta vi - da, fru - tos he - mos de dar; las o - bras
Through-out our lives we have fruit to bear. all of our

bue - nas son pa - ra-of - ren - dar. Ya sea que de - mos o que re - ci -
bles - ings are for us to share. Whether we give, or we re -

ba - mos, so - mos del Señ - or, so - mos del Señ - or.
ceive we be - long to God, we be - long to God.

Community Prayers

Rev. Kristen Klein-Cechettini

Gospel Presentation

Drama Ministry

Matthew 14:13-21

Jesus had withdrawn into a boat to a deserted place to be alone. But when the crowds heard he was near, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is so late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." And he said, "bring them here to me." Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were over five thousand.

Anthem

Sanctuary Choir

With a Voice of Joy

Words by J. Paul Williams, Music by Patti Drennan

Spiritual Encouragement

Rev. Dwayne Johnson

***Summer Love:
Behold the Leftovers***

Making Ministry Happen

Rev. Bernie Barbour

Offertory

Karen Battiste & Karla Johnson

Trust His Heart

Words & Music by Eddie Carswell & Babbie Mason

Holy Communion

Rev. Mona Lopez

Words of Institution

Prayer of Consecration

Invitation to the Table

Music During Communion

I Love You, Lord

I love you, Lord, and I lift my voice
To worship you. O my soul rejoice!
Take joy, my God, in what you hear:
May it be a sweet, sweet sound in your ear.

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Make Us One

Make us one, Lord, make us one,
Holy Spirit, make us one.
Let your love flow so the world will know
We are one in you.

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We Listen

This anthem takes text from Psalm 42. It was originally written in 1994 for the Oklahoma Baptist All-State Youth Choir. The composer has used upbeat syncopated rhythms to proclaim this joyful text. While the text does not specifically speak of the miracle of love, it does ask the question: "Why should I despair; why should I be afraid when God is my strength with such majesty arrayed? God's loving kindness is mine; God is my rock and my shield!"

We Receive

All Congregations in MCC practice an open communion. We believe that communion is a visible sign of Christ's presence and God's grace that each one of us, visitor, friend, or member, may receive. Simply come forward as the ushers direct. We use grape juice for the cup. After you are served you will receive a blessing from the server. If you are in need of further prayer, our Fisher's Net Prayer Ministry team is available following both services to pray with you.

We Sing

We sing as a body during the distribution of the elements. If you do not wish to sing, please be in an attitude of prayer for those who wish to meditate during this time.

God, through our communion at your table, may your miracle of love multiply in our hearts.

Receive the miracle of eternal love for all seasons through these gifts of grace.

Communion Songs

My Jesus, I Love Thee

My Jesus, I love thee; I know thou art mine.
For thee all the follies of sin I resign.

My gracious Redeemer, my Savior art thou:
If ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

In mansions of glory and endless delight,
I'll ever adore thee in heaven so bright,
I'll sing with the glittering crown on my brow,
"If ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now."

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I Stand in Awe

You are beautiful beyond description, too marvelous for words,
Too wonderful comprehension, like nothing ever seen or heard.

Who can grasp your infinite wisdom,
Who can fathom the depth of your love?

You are beautiful beyond description, majesty enthroned above.

+ And I stand, I stand in awe of you,
I stand, I stand in awe of you,
Holy God, to whom all praise is due,
I stand in awe of you.

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+ Prayer of Thanksgiving

Rev. Mona Lopez

+ Benediction

Rev. Dwayne Johnson

Postlude

Joel Hammett

Grow Up

Spiritual Maturity, Transformation & Application

The Worship of God Each Day

Prayer of Opening

Holy and wholly loving
God, gather me into Your
hands...remake me, this
day. Amen.

~ Rev. Kristen
Klein-Cechettini

Daily Scripture Readings

Sun - Acts 9:1-19
Mon - Matthew 11
Tue - Isaiah 6:9
Wed - Matthew 13
Thu - Romans 12:1-2
Fri - Luke 19:41-42
Sat - * Matthew 14:22-33

* Preparation for
Sunday, August 10

Sacred Reading (pages 5 & 6)

See opening essay,
quotes, or other sources.

Spiritual Maturity & Application (page 6)

See questions and
reflection journal
exercises.

Prayer of Sending

Holy and wholly loving
God, let all my breaking
open into Your grace; let
my very life mark Your
Way. Amen.

~ Rev. Kristen
Klein-Cechettini

Opening Essay

Breaking, Remaking & Scars

I talk with books. Okay, more accurately, I converse with the authors of books through the words they have written. It is difficult for me to read a book about anything I care about - cooking, poetry, God - without a pen or pencil in my hand. Cookbooks have my culinary revisions and inspirations written in them, books of poetry inspire new awarenesses and poetry of my own, and books which involve "God-talk" of any sort are marked-up, scarred with questions and arguments and discoveries - and more questions.

Lately I have been engaged in a lively conversation with a pastor from Michigan named Rob Bell, in the pages of his book *Velvet Elvis: Repainting the Christian Faith*. And he's got me thinking - a lot. As a result, you can imagine what the pages of his book look like by now: scribbles, underlines, exclamations, circles with multiple question marks. All this marking-up, together with our conversation about the relationship between God and brokenness, has got me thinking about scars.

I have always been fascinated by scars. Once, as a young child, I caught my leg on a blackberry bush and tore open the skin all along my left shin. It was a dramatic injury - much blood and crying - but not especially serious. Over the weeks that followed I watched intently as the lengthy cut scabbed and healed and returned to "just skin" again - with a clear white line marking the path of the tear and the healing. Why, I wondered, didn't it all get better? Meaning "Why didn't the whole thing just disappear?" I would look at my leg over the many years which followed and consider on multiple levels what, exactly, was the purpose of a scar?

Rob Bell writes:

The remaking of this world is why Jesus' first messages begin with "T'shuva, for the kingdom of heaven has come near. The Hebrew word t'shuva means "to return." Return to the people we were originally created to be. The people God is remaking us into.

I write in the margin:

Remaking involves breaking, first. Breaking then remaking leaves scars. We don't like breaking. And we don't like scars.

Rob seems interested in this. He (I imagine, as we "converse") considers the possibility that it isn't the scars we are headed toward that are of concern to us in this remaking process of God's; it's the scars that already exist that seem to get in the way.

He writes:

The problem is that the image of God is deeply scarred in each of us, and we lose trust in God's version of our story. It seems too good to be true. And so we go searching for identity. We achieve and push and we perform and we shop and we accomplish great things, longing to repair the image... Longing to be comfortable in our own skin. But the thing we are searching for is not somewhere else. It's right here. And we can only find it when we give up the search, when we surrender, when we trust. Trust that God is already putting us back together.

And I think about how scars mark the places where God has "gathered up our broken pieces," etching the heart of "redemption" and "salvation" into our very bodies with lines and patches that speak of recovery despite the cost, that proclaim new life in the face of that which would tear us apart.

What is the purpose of scars? To remind us - no matter where they mark us - that God gathers our broken pieces and, with them, through them, because of them, God remakes us...and the world.

~ Rev. Kristen Klein-Cechettini, Director of Life Development

Sacred Reading

And so the great task becomes that of allowing the blessing to touch us in our brokenness. Then our brokenness will gradually come to be seen as an opening toward the full acceptance of ourselves as the Beloved.

~ Henri Nouwen, *Life of the Beloved*

Jesus said, "This, the human, is good. The material, the physical can be trusted. This world is the hiding place of God and the revelation of God." We believe ... in the resurrection of the body, which says material and physical realities are a part of the mystery. It is not just an accident or a mistake or a burden. This bodily self, this physical world, participates in whatever it is that God is doing. Now even the new physics tells us that matter is merely manifestation of spirit, but spirit, consciousness, relationship itself is the real thing.

~ Richard Rohr, *Everything Belongs*

When I die
give what's left of me to children
and old men that wait to die.
And if you need to cry,
cry for your brother walking the street
beside you.
When you need me,
put your arms around anyone
and give them what you need to give me.
I want to leave you something,
something better than words or sounds:
look for me in the people I've known or loved.
And if you cannot give me away,
at least let me live in your eyes and not on your mind.
You can love me most
by letting hands touch hands,
by letting bodies touch bodies,
and by letting go of children
that need to be free
Love doesn't die; people do.
So that when all that's left of me is love,
give me away.
I'll see you at home in the earth.

~ Merritt Malloy, *Epitaph*

Yes, creation is moving toward us; life is moving toward us all the time. We back away, but it keeps pushing toward us.

~ Joan Halifax, *The Vein of Gold by Julia Cameron*

Exercises for Maturity & Transformation

"Take time to enter into a quiet space of "conversation" with Jesus. Read the poem *Epitaph* by Merritt Malloy aloud, imagining the words to be Jesus' own. Reflect upon Jesus' journey and the ways it might call you to reconsider your own. What marks of God's redeeming and saving love - love which has brought you back to yourself, brought you to new life - are evidenced in your journey? Journal for a few minutes in response to your time in prayer.

Look through your home or yard and find a broken teacup or bowl, a pot or a platter. If the broken item is something you have loved, so much the better. Place the pieces before you, along with Crazy Glue or the appropriate adhesive. After a time of prayer, ask that the Spirit bless you with loving intention, and repair the piece as best you can. Notice how it feels to remake something you love. Reflect upon the remade piece - how it is both the same and different. How do these similarities and differences mirror our own "becoming" through the grace of God?

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Sunday, 9:00 am & 11:00 am

Children & Youth Worship

Sunday, 11:00 am

Nursery

Sunday, 9:00 am & 11:00 am

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Welcome!

If you are visiting Resurrection Metropolitan Community Church for the first time, we are glad to have you here! We invite you to join us each week as we worship God and learn more about Christian living in an inclusive way. All are welcome.

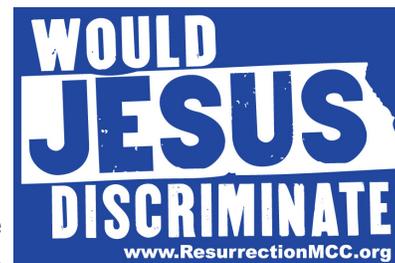
Make sure to visit the Concierge Desk, located next to Inspirations, our coffee café and gift shop, to receive a gift from us. You will find friendly volunteer hosts waiting to greet you.

Worship Services

Resurrection MCC is proud to offer a variety in our worship services. Our two Sunday services, at 9 & 11 am, are identical in form, however they contain different elements from diverse religious traditions each week.

About Us...

Resurrection MCC is a Christian church with a primary outreach to the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer community. We are a part of the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches, founded by Rev. Troy D. Perry in Los Angeles, California on October 6, 1968. Metropolitan Community Churches are on a bold mission to transform hearts, lives, and history. We are a movement that faithfully proclaims God's inclusive love for all people, and proudly bears witness to the holy integration of spirituality and sexuality.



The **Mission** of Resurrection MCC is to demonstrate God's unconditional love to all people through Christian action.

The **Vision** of Resurrection MCC is to **ATTRACT** people into a relationship with God through radical **INCLUSION** into God's family, transform them to Christ-like **MATURITY**, and **MOBILIZE** them for their life purpose.

At Resurrection MCC, every member and friend is a minister of the church. We envision a Christian community that values diversity and is as diverse and all-encompassing as creation. Through salvation, service, study, and tithing, each member and friend will live and grow in faith and be spiritually fed. To that end, we embrace five core beliefs:

We believe in God's unconditional love for everyone.

We believe in the saving grace of Jesus Christ and the empowering presence of the Holy Spirit.

We believe in including everyone and excluding no one.

We believe in joyfully providing access to Christ-centered spiritual nourishment and Biblical truths.

We believe that each of us will discover our spirituality through active participation in the work of God and in the pursuit of health, wholeness, and justice for everyone.

Again, welcome!



Would Jesus Discriminate? (Part I)

Rev. Nancy Wilson
Moderator, MCC

When my partner's mother first learned her daughter was a lesbian, and that I was a minister in Metropolitan Community Churches, she was devastated and confused. But one thing she knew, and said, not without some considerable irritation, "Well, yes, of course Jesus didn't say anything bad about homosexuality -- he is always so forgiving and easy about that kind of thing!" Isn't that just like Jesus to be soft on 'sinners'! How annoying!"

At the time, thirty years ago, it was a light moment in a difficult series of conversations. But what it pointed out is that those of us who grew up hearing the stories of Jesus are pretty sure he was about love and acceptance and healing; and on the side of the underdog. It would be just like him not to be as hard on homosexuals as many religious folks seem to be.

Georgia Harkness, one of my favorite theologians, said a long time ago, "It is easier to praise Jesus than to follow him." Christians love Jesus, but we sometimes have a hard time following. We get irritated with who he loved. His behavior towards those labeled "sinners" was troubling: he ate and drank with them, invited himself into their homes, saved them from stoning by good, religious people.

Today, good, religious people in our country think nothing of saying harsh words and voting for laws that punish undocumented workers. Never mind that in ten years our shrinking labor pool will be desperate for workers of any race or national origin. The inhospitality (a major Biblical sin!) visited on the poorest, and often hardest working people is unworthy of people who claim "Christ." But it is Christians who are often seduced by the panic about "securing our border" to the south, even though our border to the north is a lot longer and less secure. It is hard to think of Jesus in our context and not imagine him hanging out at the day laborer location, sharing coffee and conversation.

I have a friend, a lesbian social worker, who has a secret side vocation working to help undocumented people get to safety from a border town. Her eyes burn bright as she tells the harrowing stories of people she has saved from cold and heat, hunger and certain death, people "for whom Christ died." But, don't you know, as Lou Dobbs shrilly points out, they are breaking the law! Somewhere, deep within us, we know that Jesus doesn't give a damn about that. He only sees their suffering -- partly caused by a NAFTA agreement that has nearly destroyed the farm economy of Mexico, driving more people north to survive.

Jesus was more critical of religious folks, their rigidity, lack of forgiveness, and hypocrisy than he was of those accused of breaking laws, including alleged sexual misconduct, according to the rules of the day. Jesus' attitude really disturbs us, like his admonition to "turn the other cheek" toward an enemy. It does not square with how we feel, how we often live and act, and reduces us to rationalizations.

We marginalize and trivialize Jesus, saying, "Well, after all, he was God, and we are not." Except, of course, Jesus expected us to follow him and believed we could do even greater things than he did. How irritating of Jesus to expect that of us!

Today, my mother-in-law lives near us and treats me as her daughter as well. She has many gay and lesbian friends and has been willing to speak up when she hears people speaking in derogatory ways about our community. She just doesn't put up with prejudice and discrimination anymore. She's over it. I am sure she doesn't remember the time when she was irritated with Jesus about his non-discriminating ways.



Would Jesus Discriminate?

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Sunday, August 17

Worship Services: 9 & 11 am

Celebrate over brunch at 12:30 pm in the Activities Building!

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Featuring Rev. Carolyn Mobley

Emcees for the event are
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A Note of Appreciation

It has been over ten years since I first came to Resurrection MCC. I can't believe it! From scripture reading, Sunday school, the welcome ministry, and now being active in the music department, this has been one of the most inspirational experiences of my life. Now, as I head off to college, I couldn't have asked for a greater network of people and support to help me along the way. I just want to say thank you to this great congregation for everything that you all have done to help me achieve my dreams. Of course, I can't say thank you enough to what has been my 'home away from home' the last several years, the music ministry. I extend the deepest gratitude to Steven, the church staff, and the other ministry groups that have let me come in and do what I love to do. I'll have some interesting stories to share in college!!! It has truly been an honor and a pleasure to serve this congregation. Thank you all so much for your support!

With lots of love and gratitude,
Justin

Fond Farewell

Today we say good-bye to two long time members of our family: Georgia Chambers and Michelle Freeman. These two women have served in many ministry areas at Resurrection. They will be moving to California where Michelle will be attending seminary at Pacific School of Religion. We want to bless them as they extend outward from our family. The Gospel Ensemble will be hosting a reception in the Gathering Place after services today to honor both of them. Please come by, have some cake and give them warm wishes, blessings and prayers.



CREATING A LIFE THAT MATTERS



MCC's Transformational Spiritual Development Curriculum

Creating a Life that Matters is a three-course curriculum which explores ways to rediscover relationship with the Sacred, with my Self, and with my Passion. These three courses correspond to the spiritual experiences of being changed, gifted and called. Graduates of Creating a Life that Matters will have been challenged to broaden their understanding of all that is Sacred; integrate their self-awareness into being authentic, aware leaders; and live their passion intentionally through the life and work of the church.

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Session I: The Sacred
September 17, 2008 - October 29, 2008

Session II: My Self
November 5, 2008 - December 17, 2008
(Except 11/26)

Session III: My Passion
January 7, 2009 - February 18, 2009

For more information, please pick up a brochure located in the Welcome Area and at the Concierge Desk, or contact **Rev. Kristen** at 713-861-9149 x107 or by email at RevKristen@ResurrectionMCC.org



GARAGE SALE

**Saturday Aug 9,
8 am - 1 pm**

Resurrection Front Lawn

All proceeds assist Excel Ministries & Resurrection General Fund.

Donations accepted Friday, August 8, 5:00 - 8:30 pm.

*If donating large items, please contact any Excel Team member for assistance or email excelofthearmadillo@yahoo.com
Tax donation letters provided upon request.*

Bursting at the seams?

Does your household feel too crowded?

Too overwhelmed with stuff?

Let Excel of the Armadillo Sale help you. Donate your 'stuff' and help yourself while your stuff helps others. Proceeds from the Garage Sale support Excel Ministries provide weekend retreat scholarships.

**Drop off: Friday, August 8
5:30 pm - 8:30 pm**

Chapel (bayou side) entrance.

Donations are tax deductible. Letter provided upon request.

Calling All Kids!

Do you like to act and sing?

If so, then you will definitely want to participate in the children's musical, *It's Cool in the Furnace*, a story about Daniel, King Nebuchadnezzar, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego.

Please have your parent drop you off in the Activities Building today at 10:50 am for an important rehearsal. Additional rehearsals will be held the week of August 11-15, each evening from 5 - 8 pm. Dinner will be provided each evening. The performance will be on Sunday, August 17 at 2 pm. Practice CDs will be provided.

Children's Musical
Sunday, August 17, 2pm, Sanctuary

It's Cool in the Furnace

35th
Anniversary
Edition

A Musical about Daniel, Nebuchadnezzar, Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego



music by Buryl Red
book and lyrics by Grace Hawthorne
orchestrations and tracks by Joseph Linn

What are Your Gifts?

Board of Directors Positions Available

In membership class, each of us take a Spiritual Gifts Assessment (available from our Web site). Those with the gifts of Administration, Creative Communication, Knowledge, Wisdom, Leadership, Discernment and/or Prophecy may be perfect candidates to serve on Resurrection's Board of Directors.

The Board of Directors is responsible for the fiduciary health of the church and administrating our resources to support the vision of Resurrection. We need people with a passion for financial issues, fundraising, community building outside our walls, and strategic planning for our future. We know those skills are in our congregation.

If you have taken the Spiritual Gifts Assessment and know you have these gifts, please consider this opportunity to serve. If you haven't taken the Assessment, please visit our website and take the survey. You may be the person(s) we need to fill these two open positions.

For more information, contact the Nominating Committee at Nominating@ResurrectionMCC.org or speak to one of the committee members: Win Boyd, Georgia Chambers, Ron Drumm, Yolanda Richardson and Rose Wall.



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Please contact Jason@ResurrectionMCC.org

A.A. Recovery Group

Every Tuesday, 7 pm - 8 pm
Chapel

This is an open meeting of
Alcoholics Anonymous.

For more information, please call
Jason Wood, Director of Connections, at 832-971-0354.



Join us for lunch!

Second Family Care Partners TODAY!

12:30 pm, Activities Building #108

Kristia Ammerman

SecondFamily@ResurrectionMCC.org

This care team acts as extended family and friends, offering
emotional, practical, and spiritual support.

If you would like to receive a care visit, or are interested in
becoming a care visitor, please contact Jason at 832-971-0354
or by email at Jason@ResurrectionMCC.org

Meet for lunch the 1st Sunday of each month at 12:30 pm.

Food Pantry

Open Mondays & Wednesdays

by appointment

Drop-off Donations in
Shopping Cart near
Concierge Desk



Needed: Canned Meats, Canned Vegetables, Canned Fruit,
Canned Juice, Canned Soup, Pasta, Bagged Rice, Dry Beans

Board Members on Duty

Jerry Reitz & Debbie Skelly

Board Minutes Available Upon Request.

Flowers for the Sanctuary

Please consider donating flowers for the Sanctuary.
Sign up on the flower chart in the Welcome Area.

Outreach, Wisdom, Laughter, Support:
A Ministry for Seniors & Friends



THIS Tuesday!

**Noon - 2 pm
Gathering Place**

RSVP & Questions to Pat Walker, Team Lead, at
OWLS@ResurrectionMCC.org
Potluck lunches held 1st & 3rd Tuesdays of each Month

Why Become a Legacy Giver?

- To stimulate our worship experience through audio/visual enhancements.
- To forge new friendships through a revitalized, enlarged Welcome Center.
- To design a space that will transform lives by converting the Activities Building into the Life Development Center.
- To create committed leaders for tomorrow through expanded children and youth programs.
- To inspire adults to vitality and wholeness through increased education, wellness, community involvement, and spiritual growth opportunities.
- To reach millions with the Would Jesus Discriminate? billboard and marketing campaign.
- To impact the lives of those oppressed through further partnerships with organizations focused on social justice.
- To create financial health and long-term stability through increased payments on our debt.

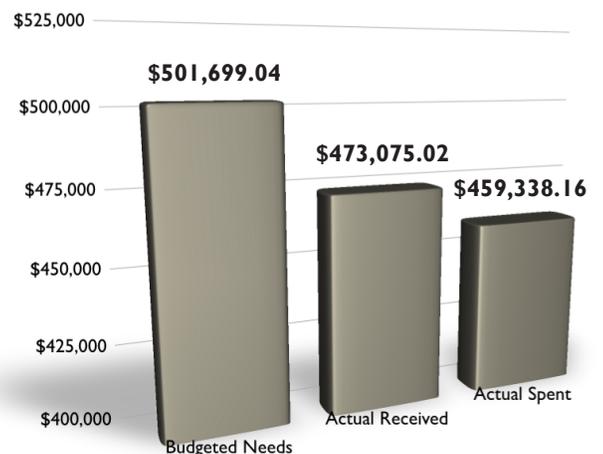


**Commitment cards may be picked up at
The Concierge Desk and Sanctuary entrances.
They may be returned in
the offering basket or by mail.**

General Fund Financial Report

Week Ending July 27, 2008

| Tithes & Offerings | | Week | Year |
|---------------------------------------|------------|--------------------|----------------------|
| 07/27/08 9:00 am | 154 | \$4,666.00 | \$151,958.96 |
| 07/27/08 11:00 am | 360 | \$6,290.85 | \$200,284.93 |
| Special Services | | | \$5,833.44 |
| Online Giving | | \$595.00 | \$42,423.76 |
| Other Contributions | | \$4,240.00 | \$52,959.60 |
| Total | 514 | \$15,791.85 | \$453,460.69 |
| Other General Fund Income | | | |
| Fundraising | | \$212.00 | \$4,184.55 |
| Miscellaneous | | (\$925.00) | \$15,429.78 |
| Total Received | | \$15,078.85 | \$473,075.02 |
| Budgeted Need | | \$16,066.63 | \$501,699.04 |
| Total Surplus / (Deficit) | | (\$987.78) | (\$28,624.02) |
| Total Imagine Capital Campaign | | \$2,837.00 | \$125,405.05 |



This Week @ ResurrectionMCC.org

SUNDAY AUGUST 3

- 9:00 am Sunday Worship / Rev. Dwayne Johnson**
10:15 am Fisher's Net Prayer Ministry *Chapel*
11:00 am Sunday Worship / Rev. Dwayne Johnson
11:00 am Children & Youth Worship Service *Activities Building*
12:30 pm HeavenSound Handbells Rehearsal *Music Room*
12:30 pm Second Family Care Partners Luncheon *Act. Bldg. #108*
2:00 pm EXCEL in Faithfulness *Workroom*

MONDAY AUGUST 4

No Events Scheduled.

TUESDAY AUGUST 5

- 12:00 pm OWLS Luncheon *Gathering Place*
6:30 pm Lesbian Health Initiative Board Mtg *Gathering Place*
7:00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting (Open) *Chapel*

WEDNESDAY AUGUST 6

- 7:00 pm Houston Pride Band Rehearsal *Activities Building*
7:00 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal *Music Room*

THURSDAY AUGUST 7

- 7:00 pm Resurrection Singers Rehearsal *Music Room*

FRIDAY AUGUST 8

- 6:00 pm EXCEL Garage Sale Drop-Off *Chapel Entrance*

SATURDAY AUGUST 9

- 8:00 am EXCEL Garage Sale *Front Lawn*
1:00 pm Angels in Motion Rehearsal *Sanctuary*

SUNDAY AUGUST 10

- 9:00 am Sunday Worship / Rev. Dwayne Johnson**
10:15 am Fisher's Net Prayer Ministry *Chapel*
10:15 am Lay Delegates Meeting *Activities Building #108*
11:00 am Sunday Worship / Rev. Dwayne Johnson
11:00 am Children & Youth Worship Service *Activities Building*
12:30 pm HeavenSound Handbells Rehearsal *Music Room*
12:30 pm youthLife *Activities Building*