

# Resurrection

Metropolitan Community Church

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## Prelude

Justin West

### *Fantasy for Piano*

By William Joseph

## Our Community Gathers

Rev. Dwayne Johnson & Rev. Janice Ladd

## + Exchange of Peace

## + Processional Hymn

WESTCHASE

### *Bring Many Names*

Bring man - y names, beau - ti - ful and good, cel - e - brate, in  
Strong moth - er God, work - ing night and day, plan - ning all the  
Warm fa - ther God, hug - ging ev - ery child, feel - ing all the  
Old, ach - ing God, grey with end - less care, calm - ly pierc - ing  
Young, grow - ing God, ea - ger, on the move, say - ing no to  
Great - liv - ing God, nev - er ful - ly known, joy - ful dark - ness

par - a - ble and sto - ry, ho - li - ness in glo - ry, liv - ing, lov - ing  
won - ders of cre - a - tion, set - ting each e qua - tion, gen - i - us at  
strains of hu - man liv - ing, car - ing and for giv - ing till we're rec - on -  
e - vil's new dis - guis - es, glad of good sur - pris - es, wis - er than de -  
false - hood and un - kind - ness, cry - ing out for jus - tice, giv - ing all you  
far - be - yond our see - ing, clos - er yet than breath - ing, ev - er - last - ing

God. Hail and Ho - san - na! bring man - y names!  
play: Hail and Ho - san - na, strong moth - er God!  
ciled: Hail and Ho - san - na, warm fa - ther God!  
spair: Hail and Ho - san - na, old, ach - ing God!  
have: Hail and Ho - san - na, young, grow - ing God!  
home: Hail and Ho - san - na, great, living God!

1, 2, 3, 4, 5. 6.

## + Invocation

Rev. Mona Lopez

+ 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

How do we name what we cannot see and touch? What do we call the Force that began the universe millions of years ago and yet who is as near as our last and next heartbeat? The Judeo-Christian tradition includes many names for God. Sometimes we have forgotten God's many names or have found one name so powerful that we used it exclusively. But

God continues to reveal Godself to different people in different ways. And part of how that occurs is in images we know and understand - mother, father, youth, aged, hugging, working, planning, and wise. This text was written by Brian Wren in 1987 and uses a variety of names and images encompassing both genders and all ages.

## We Hear the Word

This is a lyrical wisdom psalm or greeting. The psalmist describes a situation that is considered rare and splendid. The Hebrew literally reads only that "people live together". The word translated "together" conveys some quality of harmony in life that warrants the designation "very good and pleasant." The anointing of oil refers to the generous and lavish use of precious oil with which a new chief priest is anointed from his beard and onto his vestments.

## 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.

## Psalm Reading

Roger Geisel (9 am)  
Elizabeth Conyer (11 am)

### Psalm 133

See how good, how pleasant it is for God's people to live together as one! It is like precious oil on Aaron's head running down his beard, running down to the collar of his robes. It is like the dew of Mount Hermon, falling on the hills of Zion. For that is where our God bestows the blessing -- life that never ends.

## Call to Prayer

### Pues Si Vivimos



En es - ta vi - da, fru - tos he - mos de dar; las o - bras  
Throughout 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 -  
bless - ings are for us to share. Whe - ther 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

Jason Wood

## Gospel Reading I

Rev. Janice Ladd

### Matthew 15:10-20

Jesus called the crowd to him and said, "Listen and understand: it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles." Then the disciples approached and said to him, "Do you know that the Pharisees took offense when they heard what you said?" He answered, "Every plant that God has not planted will be uprooted. Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit." But Peter said to him, "Explain this parable to us." Jesus said, "Are you also still without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach, and goes out into the sewer? But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and that is what defiles. For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander. These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile."

## Anthem

Sanctuary Choir

### Was I Faithful?

Words & Music by Carolyn Hamlen

## Gospel Reading II

Rev. Janice Ladd

### Matthew 15:21-28

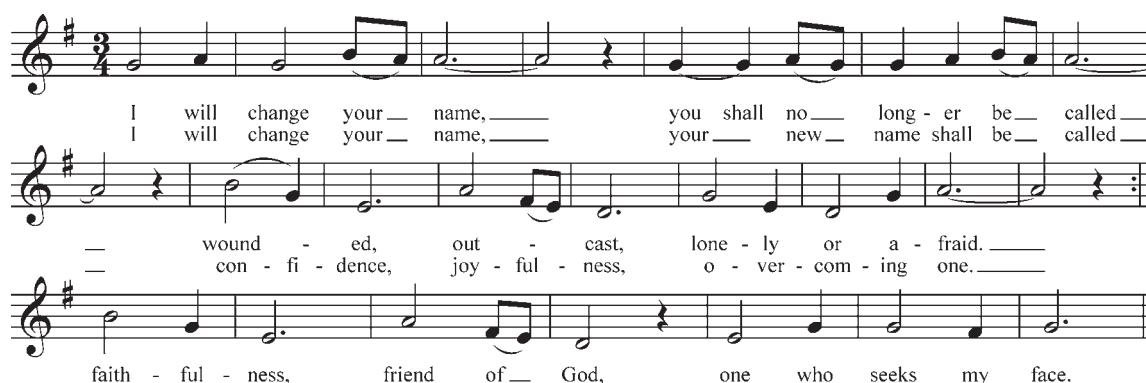
Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Heir of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." Jesus answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." He answered, "it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their owner's table." Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed instantly.

## Spiritual Encouragement

Rev. Dwayne Johnson

### Summer Love: Tag...You're It!

## Naming Ritual



I will change your name, you shall no longer be called  
I will change your name, your new name shall be called  
wound-ed, out-cast, lone-ly or a-fraid.  
con-fi-dence, joy-ful-ness, o-ver-com-ing one.  
faith-ful-ness, friend of God, one who seeks my face.

## Making Ministry Happen

Mark Eggleston, Director of Outreach

## Special Presentation

La Monica Yarbrough,  
ADL Community of Respect™ Project Coordinator

### Community Resolution of Respect

- One: Resurrection Metropolitan Community Church takes responsibility for standing up against all forms of prejudice and discrimination.
- All: **We commit to creating a world that is a Community of Respect.™**
- One: We pledge from this day forward to do our best to combat prejudice and to stop those who, because of hate or ignorance, would hurt anyone or violate their civil rights. We will try at all times to be aware of our own biases and seek to gain understanding of those who we perceive as being different from ourselves.
- All: **We will speak out against all forms of prejudice and discrimination. We will reach out to support those who are targets of hate.**
- One: We will think about specific ways that Resurrection MCC can promote respect for people and create a prejudice-free zone. We firmly believe that one person can make a difference and that no person can be an 'innocent' bystander when it comes to opposing hate. We recognize that respecting individual dignity, achieving equality and promoting intergroup harmony are responsibilities of all people.
- All: **We commit ourselves to creating a Community of Respect.™**

## We Hear the Word

Cultural, ethnic, political, economic, and religious barriers and prejudices operate in this scene. The woman successfully challenges an excluding focus on Israel's covenant privilege to experience God's blessing and Jesus' commendation. Somewhere on the borders of Galilee and the predominantly Gentile cities of Tyre and Sidon, Jesus meets the unnamed woman, a Canaanite, the native inhabitants of the land displaced by Israel's occupation. Despite this long history of antagonism and her Gentile identity, she seeks Jesus' merciful help for her daughter. Jesus initially ignores her, claiming a mission only to Israel. With submissive and persistent action, she outwits Jesus, recognizing Israel's temporal priority in God's purposes but rejecting any exclusive focus. Food/• crumbs refer to God's realm or saving activity. Jesus identifies her persistence and dependence as faith. He heals her daughter. This event marks a change in Jesus' ministry.

## 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 move forward into communion with all people.

Receive the miracle of respect for all people.

Offertory

Kedric Brown & Justin West

### *Theme And Variations for Clarinet*

By Franz Joseph Hadyn

## Holy Communion

Rev. Kristen Klein-Cechettini & Mark Eggleston

## Communion Songs

HeavenSound Handbells

### *Canon with Simple Gifts*

Arranged by Winslett/Moore

### *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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### *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 for 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. Kristen Klein-Cechettini

## + Benediction

Rev. Dwayne Johnson

## Postlude

Joel Hammett

## Spiritual Maturity, Transformation & Application

### *Juxtaposing Layers of Differences, Struggles and Beauty*

The truth of the matter is that life is not neatly and tightly packaged into either-or-boxes. People are impossible to label, catalogue and shelve. Not even nations are politically homogeneous, not even families have members who are entirely identical or exactly opposite, not even tribes can duplicate members so that if you have met one Meru, you've met all Meru.

How do we survive juxtaposing our histories with the histories of people who are not like us and do not want to be like us? How do we live in a manner mindful of the layers of exploitation and struggles of different groups of people?

How do we live out as a body not just for some but for all of God's children?

This can only be done by telling the whole story, the whole truth and nothing but the truth. It means allowing others to tell their stories and learning to listen to other people's stories.

Full life is about interrelatedness, how all of us are connected.

~ Rev. R. Grace Imathiu, Kenyan, Poet, Daughter,  
Preacher, Shero, Methodist, Pot Stirrer, Liberator  
from *Words of Fire, Spirit of Grace*, 26-27, adapted.

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~ Rev. Dwayne Johnson,  
Story Collector,  
Lubbockian, Bear,  
Activist, Explorer, Friend

Sun - Leviticus 19:17-18  
Mon - Romans 13:8-10  
Tue - Matthew 5:43-48  
Wed - Exodus 12:1-4  
Thu - Luke 10:38-42  
Fri - Luke 15:1-8  
Sat - \* Romans 12:1-8

\* Preparation for  
Sunday, August 24

**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

Listen.  
Observe.  
Speak.  
Be silent.  
Hold.  
Release  
Transform . . .



## ***Sacred Reading***

It is important to be in relationships with people who are different from us. It is critical to be in relationships with people who are different from us because the social positions we occupy make certain knowledge impossible to access. That kind of knowledge is not the same as information you can acquire from a book, or by downloading a program or by living in a certain place.

There is a kind of knowledge that comes only by being in relationship with someone different from us. This kind of relationship is not simply a case of being friendly but learning to speak to that other person in such a way that they take us seriously. The relationship can be considered successful only if the other person is able to answer back.

~ Gayatri Chakravorty Spivak, Bengali Woman, Islander, Sister, Artist, Line Crosser, Creator  
noted by Rev. R. Grace Imathiu from *Words of Fire, Spirit of Grace*, 65, adapted

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You are accepted by that which is greater than you. . .Simply accept the fact that you are accepted.

~ Paul Tillich, Seeker, Writer, Radical, Inquirer, Struggler, Renown Theologian

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Then I saw the earth blazing with sunlight:  
I saw children laughing as they learned the secrets of the earth  
From people who smiled and shared their knowledge.  
I saw the world celebrating carnival: black and white,  
Protestant and Catholic, Christians and Jews,  
All joining hands and dancing through the countryside  
And the city streets.

I saw the streets a mass of color  
Where people left their jobs and houses to join the fun:  
And then I saw people returning to jobs  
Where they felt the fulfillment of creation.

I saw faces full of peace and joy,  
I saw children full of food and excitement;  
I saw prisons with open doors for people to come out,  
and I saw homes with open doors for people to enter in.

Alison Head, Observer, Questioner, Friend, Artist, Visionary  
included by Rev. R. Grace Imathiu from *Words of Fire, Spirit of Grace*, 67

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When a church manifests understanding, tolerance, and love, Jesus is there.

~ Thich Nhat Hanh, Peace Maker, Alchemist, Trust Keeper, Prophet, Lover

## ***Exercises for Maturity & Transformation***

Ask someone to tell you their story. Really listen. Consider this a way of prayer.

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Tell someone your story. Really share. Consider this a way of prayer.

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## Worship

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 2)

Rev. Nancy Wilson  
Moderator, MCC

"Would Jesus Discriminate?" asks us to think about Jesus today, in a very different time and culture. Discrimination is a very modern concept. It is a word with many meanings, but the most common, in our culture, is the act of showing one's prejudice, particularly racial or gender or class prejudice: to disfavor someone

because of some perceived or even arbitrary characteristic.

A gay pastor was being ordained and wanted his father to participate. His father was a pastor in a conservative denomination and felt he had to ask the head of his denomination for permission to lay hands on his gay son in this more accepting church.

The denominational head was in the process of retiring, and he and his wife had moved into a new senior complex, next door to a gay male couple. Over time, his wife became friends with the men - with one, in particular. They went shopping together, met for lunch, and had coffee, and the neighbor was handy around the house in a way that the denominational executive was not.

When the denominational executive told his wife about the request from one of his pastors (to participate in the ordination of a gay son into a denomination that has a very different view of homosexuality than their own denomination), she became upset. She said, "Our neighbors are the two nicest men I have ever met; they are Christian in every sense of the word. I just don't understand what the big deal is and why the church believes and acts as it does!"

At that moment, the wall between assumptions or prejudices and what is true or real came tumbling down for that denominational executive; the permission requested was given to the pastor. This happened because the wife remembered that the Jesus she grew up with was about love and grace, about not just saying "Lord, Lord" but "doing the will" of the One who created us, about loving our neighbors - maybe even our gay neighbors.

We can only continue to hate and discriminate if we keep the "others" at a distance and don't see them as human, as part of someone's family, if not our own. If we can just label them "sinners" and can continue to not eat or drink or shop or work or go to church with them, we can continue to see them as a "threat" to us.

Jesus does not discriminate because he can't discriminate against his own. In the 25th chapter of Matthew's gospel, Jesus said we would always know how to find him: he lives today among the "least of these" - those who are discriminated against, hated, devalued, or abused - those who need food, clothing, shelter, or simply a visit - those who need justice, hope or understanding.

Jesus is with the gay teen who is mercilessly teased and bullied at school on a daily basis. Jesus suffers with lesbians and gay men in Jamaica who are attacked and beaten in their own homes by vigilantes. Jesus is with the undocumented worker who is threatened with deportation and having her family split apart. Jesus is with the parents who suffer silently in a church that condemns their son or daughter, and who agonize about their child's spirituality and safety. Jesus is with the child living with AIDS in Zimbabwe who cannot get lifesaving medications because of the expense.

In our heart of hearts, we know that Jesus was incapable of the kind of cruel discrimination that divides and harms. We also know that following him should cause us to care about our neighbors - all our neighbors - all the time.

August 22  
7 pm

Friday Night OUT



Join this newly formed social group for dinner and a night on the town!

**Anita's Bar & Grill**  
2409 Grant (behind South Beach)  
[www.anitabump.com](http://www.anitabump.com)

For more information, or to join the email list for the group,  
email [NightOUT@ResurrectionMCC.org](mailto:NightOUT@ResurrectionMCC.org)



**Would Jesus  
Discriminate?**  
T-shirts

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Inspirations Today!**

**\$12 (L & XL)**

Our Children & Youth Ministry presents...

**TODAY! 2 pm, Sanctuary**

**It's  
Cool  
in the  
Furnace**

35th  
Anniversary  
Edition

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





# COMMUNITY OF RESPECT®

A NO PLACE FOR HATE® PROGRAM OF THE ADL

*Congratulations, Resurrection, on becoming a  
2008 Community of Respect!*

**Join us for a brunch in celebration!  
12:30 pm TODAY in the Activities Building**

## Resolution of Respect

By signing this Resolution of Respect you are taking personal responsibility for standing up against all forms of prejudice and discrimination and committing yourself to creating a world that is a *Community of Respect®*.

I pledge from this day forward to do my best to combat prejudice and to stop those who, because of hate or ignorance, would hurt anyone or violate their civil rights.

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By signing this pledge, I commit myself to creating a community that is a *Community of Respect®*.

**Visit the Equality Ministry table in the Gathering Place after services today and sign your name in support of our Resolution of Respect.**



**Human Rights Campaign®**  
*Working for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender equal rights.*

HRC envisions an America where gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender people are ensured equality and embraced as full members of the American family at home, at work and in every community. As the largest civil rights organization working to achieve equality for gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender Americans, the Human Rights Campaign represents a grassroots force of more than 700,000 members and supporters nationwide - all committed to making HRC's vision a reality.

**Visit the HRC table after  
both services in the Gathering Place!**

## 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.

Creating a Life that Matters integrates art, scripture, music, film, journaling, and diverse spiritual resources to augment our exploration of the Christian path.



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## Register Today!

**Class size is limited to 25.**

Cost is \$100 and covers curriculum, workbook, and other materials. We ask that you make a commitment to attend all 18 classes. Classes held Wednesdays from 6:30 - 8:45 pm. The first 25 individuals to submit this form, with payment, to *Inspirations Coffee Cafe & Gift Shop* will be secured a spot in the class.

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City, State, Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

### **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 from the Concierge Desk, or contact  
**Rev. Kristen at 713-861-9149 x107**  
or by email at [RevKristen@ResurrectionMCC.org](mailto:RevKristen@ResurrectionMCC.org)

Resurrection Metropolitan Community Church  
Life Development Ministries  
presents

## The Chalice

*opening...receiving...offering*  
Life in Fullness

Wednesdays

Join Us.

6:00 - 6:30 pm Community Meal  
6:30 - 7:00 pm Spiritual Deepening  
7:00 - 8:30 pm Life Development Offerings  
**Begins Wednesday, September 17, 2008**

## Parents Lunch Social

**Today, 12:30 pm, Activities Building**

Parents, Parents-To-Be, or those interested in becoming parents, are invited to join us for lunch!

If you aren't able to join us today, but would like to receive announcements about future events, email [Parents@ResurrectionMCC.org](mailto:Parents@ResurrectionMCC.org)



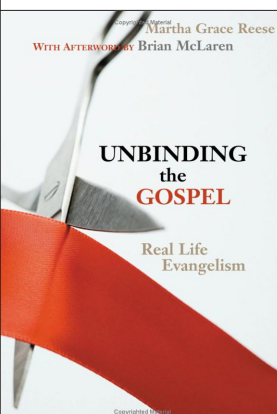
## Unbinding the Gospel

You are invited to join Rev. Janice, Rev. Dwayne and Mark Eggleston in an exciting in-depth study of *Unbinding the Gospel: Real Life Evangelism!*

This incredible 7-week study provides church leaders, formal and informal, with an opportunity to share our love of God with one another, to build relationships upon passion for our faith, and to ignite our church and community anew with the fire of God's love!

This faith adventure runs Wednesday evenings, September 17 - October 29, from 7:00 - 8:30 pm.

Books (\$15) available next Sunday, August 24, in *Inspirations*. RSVP to [RevJanice@ResurrectionMCC.org](mailto:RevJanice@ResurrectionMCC.org).



The heart of evangelism emerges from the interaction of these three sets of relationships: our personal relationships with God, healthy congregational relationships, and caring about people who don't have a conscious connection with Christ. The heart of evangelism is being in love with God, being part of a church you love and caring about other people who do not know that faith.

— *Unbinding the Gospel: Real Life Evangelism* by Martha Grace Reese

## 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 administering 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](mailto:Nominating@ResurrectionMCC.org) or speak to one of the committee members: Win Boyd, Georgia Chambers, Ron Drumm, Yolanda Richardson and Rose Wall.

**Labor of Love**  
CONCERT RAFFLE

Featuring Rev. Carolyn Mobley

Emcees for the event are  
An' Marie Gill & Marcia Mink Anne Gill

Sunday, August 31, 2008  
Meteor Video Lounge • 5PM  
2306 Genesee St • Houston, TX 77006

No Cover. Raffle Ticket: \$100.  
Grand Prize: \$5,000 (Odds of winning 1:249)  
Second, Third, Fourth, and Fifth Prize: \$500. (Odds of winning 4:249)  
Prizes awarded as Visa Gift Card

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All proceeds benefit Resurrection's Ministries

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Metropolitan Community Church



Fall "Season of Service"

# Volunteer Training Day

Saturday, August 23, 10 am - Noon

Followed by a BBQ Lunch & Pool Party!  
Noon - 4 pm, Dave & Milton's Home

Share Yourself & Get Connected!

## First Impressions Volunteers Needed:

- Welcome Team
- Usher Team
- Concierge Desk Hosts
- Inspirations Gift Store

## Youth Ministries Programs Teachers Needed:

- Join a 3-Person Teaching Team
- Serve 1 Sunday a Month for 3 Months (Sep-Nov)
- All Age Groups Available (Infants-Teens)
- Training & Teaching Materials Provided

Whether you are...

"Wise & Experienced" or "Brand New & Excited"  
... this Volunteer Training is for You!

## First Impressions Volunteers RSVP to

Jason@ResurrectionMCC.org  
713-861-9149 x105

## Youth Ministries Volunteers RSVP to

RevKristen@ResurrectionMCC.org  
713-861-9149 x107

\* Teachers may choose to remain from  
Noon - 1 pm and prepare their lessons.

## Board Members on Duty

Leslie Jackson & Bryan Long

Board Minutes Available Upon Request.

# RESURRECTION MCC 6<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL GOLF CLASSIC

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2008  
BEAR CREEK GOLF WORLD

8:30 AM SHOTGUN START - SCRAMBLE FORMAT

\$80.00 PER PLAYER INCLUDES:

- FOUR FREE ROUNDS OF GOLF FOR EACH PARTICIPANT
- GREAT DOOR PRIZES
- AWARDS
- LUNCH SPONSORED BY SPAGHETTI WAREHOUSE



TO REGISTER & FOR MORE INFORMATION  
VISIT [WWW.RESURRECTIONMCC.ORG](http://WWW.RESURRECTIONMCC.ORG)

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## THE REVIEW

with Darren Carlos Terry

A monthly topical film and/or book discussion  
For more intel call 713-256-4202

Premiere: 27 Dresses / Katherine Heigl

Sunday, August 24

1:10 pm, Gathering Place / Hot Wings & Pizza Served

Different People Different Insights Different Points of View  
Maybe a little too different - but that's OK!



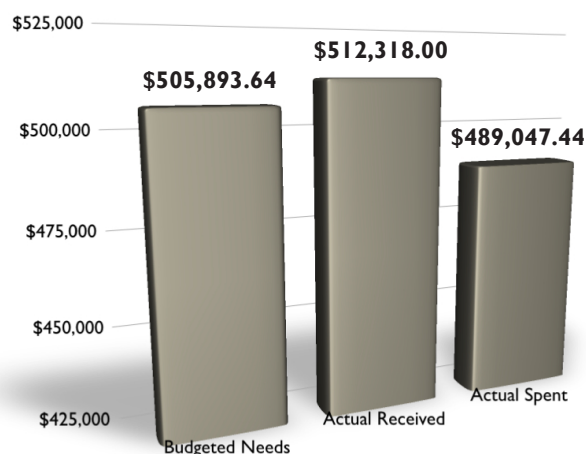
## Flowers for the Sanctuary

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

## General Fund Financial Report

Week Ending August 10, 2008

Tithes & Offerings			Week	Year
08/10/08	9:00 am	107	\$3,558.00	\$158,470.96
08/10/08	11:00 am	308	\$6,369.00	\$218,406.18
	Special Services			\$5,833.44
	Online Giving		\$2,035.00	\$45,429.83
	Other Contributions		\$1,875.00	\$60,806.43
	<b>Total</b>	<b>415</b>	<b>\$13,836.00</b>	<b>\$488,946.84</b>
<b>Other General Fund Income</b>				
	Fundraising		\$1,700.00	\$7,275.54
	Miscellaneous		\$225.84	\$16,095.62
	<b>Total Received</b>		<b>\$15,761.84</b>	<b>\$512,318.00</b>
	<b>Budgeted Need</b>		<b>\$16,315.57</b>	<b>\$505,893.64</b>
	<b>Total Surplus / (Deficit)</b>		<b>(\$553.73)</b>	<b>\$6,424.36</b>
	<b>Total Imagine Capital Campaign</b>		<b>\$74,532.00</b>	<b>\$202,137.05</b>



# This Week @ ResurrectionMCC.org

## SUNDAY

AUGUST 17

**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 Brunch Celebration (All are Welcome!) *Activities Building*

12:30 pm Equality Ministry Meeting *Activities Building*

12:30 pm Parents Lunch Social *Activities Building*

12:30 pm HeavenSound Handbells Rehearsal *Music Room*

2:00 pm *It's Cool in the Furnace* Musical *Sanctuary*

## MONDAY

AUGUST 18

6:30 pm JustUs Rehearsal *Music Room*

## TUESDAY

AUGUST 19

12:00 pm OWLS Luncheon *Gathering Place*

7:00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous *Wellness Center*

7:00 pm Gospel Ensemble Rehearsal *Music Room*

## WEDNESDAY

AUGUST 20

8:00 am NCS In-Service Training *Gathering Place*

7:00 pm Houston Pride Band Rehearsal *Activities Building*

7:00 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal *Music Room*

## THURSDAY

AUGUST 21

7:00 pm Resurrection Singers Rehearsal *Music Room*

## FRIDAY

AUGUST 22

7:00 pm Friday Night OUT *Anita's Bar & Grill (see ad, page 8)*

## SATURDAY

AUGUST 23

9:00 am EXCEL of the Armadillo Meeting *Gathering Place*

9:00 am Volunteer Training program *Activities Building*

12:00 pm Teacher Training / Prep *Activities Building*

1:00 pm Angels in Motion Rehearsal *Sanctuary*

## SUNDAY

AUGUST 24

**9:00 am Sunday Worship / Paul Guillory**

10:15 am Fisher's Net Prayer Ministry *Chapel*

10:15 am Lay Delegates Meeting *Activities Building #108*

**11:00 am Sunday Worship / Paul Guillory**

11:00 am Children & Youth Worship Service *Activities Building*

12:30 pm HeavenSound Handbells Rehearsal *Music Room*

12:30 pm youthLife *Activities Building*