



Resurrection

Metropolitan Community Church

8th Sunday After Pentecost

July 26, 2009

Prelude

Joe Lenhoff

Toccata

by Anna Ignatowicz

Our Community Gathers

Rev. Dwayne Johnson &
Rev. Kristen Klein-Cechettini

+ **Exchange of Peace**

+ **Opening Worship**

LET IT RISE

Let the glory of the Lord rise among us.
Let the glory of the Lord rise among us.
Let the praises that we sing rise among us. Let it rise.
Oh, let it rise. Oh, let it rise.

Let the songs of the Lord rise among us.
Let the songs of the Lord rise among us.
Let the joy that we sing rise among us. Let it rise.
Oh, let it rise. Oh, let it rise.

MY HOPE IS BUILT

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' love and righteousness.
I dare not trust this earthly frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

chorus On Christ the solid rock I stand, all other ground is sinking sand,
all other ground is sinking sand.

When shadows veil my Savior's face, I rest upon unchanging grace.
In every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil.
repeat chorus

Christ's oath, his covenant and blood, support me in the whelming flood.
When all around my soul gives way, he then is all my hope and stay.
repeat chorus

When he shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in Love be found.
Dressed in God's righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne.
repeat chorus

Invocation

Pam Jefferson (9 am)
Tim McCullough (11 am)

+ Please rise in body or spirit.

We Gather

From many places
we gather here. This
is a high point of our
week. We see our
friends. We make new
friends. And we spend
time with The Friend
-- the loving Christ
who meets us where
we are, as we are. In
this Sanctuary we
worship and through
worship the courage
within us is kindled
to inspire courageous
living beyond
this place.

We Hear the Word

Paul's ministry began with a mystical vision of the risen Christ and in this passage we encounter a continuation of this deep spirituality. The writer rearticulates a vision of a new humanity made possible in Christ, testifying to the power of Christ's love not only to reconcile communities and cultures, but to reconcile the conflict even in our inner life. The writer prays, "May Christ dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love" (verse 17). Our yearning and desire begin and end in our inner most being. God's abundance is not only actualized externally, but internally as well. Our inner life with God is infinite, and our desire and yearnings are "filled with all the fullness of God" (verse 19).

~ Out in Scripture for Year B, July 26, 2009; adapted

Breath Prayers

Strengthen us...
in our inner being.
Dwell in our hearts...
grounded in love.
Fill us...
with all Your fullness.

First Reading

Vickey Gibbs

Ephesians 3:10-21

¹⁰ Now, therefore, through the church, God's manifold wisdom is made known to the rulers and powers of heaven. ¹¹ This is in accord with the eternal purpose, carried out in Christ Jesus our Savior, ¹² in whom we have boldness and confident access to God through our faith in Christ. ¹³ I pray therefore that you not lose heart because of my sufferings for you; they are your glory.

¹⁴ For this reason I kneel before God, ¹⁵ from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. ¹⁶ And I pray that God, out of the riches of divine glory, will strengthen your inner being with power through the working of the Spirit. ¹⁷ May Christ dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. ¹⁸ I pray that you will be able to grasp fully the breadth, length, height and depths of Christ's love. And, with all the saints, ¹⁹ may you experience this love that surpasses all understanding, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

²⁰ Now to God -- whose power now at work in us can do immeasurably more than we ask or imagine -- ²¹ to God be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus through all generations, forever and ever! Amen.

Sung Response

LET IT RISE

Let the words of the Lord rise among us.

Let the words of the Lord rise among us.

Let the message that we hear rise among us. Let it rise.

Oh, let it rise. Oh, let it rise.

+ Second Reading

Loyal Kletzien (9 am)

Scott Easterly (11 am)

John 6:15-21

¹⁵ When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him ruler, Jesus withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

¹⁶ As evening approached, the disciples went down to the lake. ¹⁷ They got into their boat, intending to cross to Capernaum, which was on the other side of the lake. By this time it was dark, and Jesus had still not joined them; ¹⁸ moreover, a stiff wind was blowing and the sea was becoming rough.

¹⁹ When they had rowed three or four miles, they caught sight of Jesus approaching the boat, walking on the water. They were terrified. ²⁰ But he said to them, "It is I. Don't be afraid." ²¹ They were about to take him into the boat, but suddenly the boat was ashore at their destination.

Anthem

Sanctuary Choir

Rejoice! Rejoice!

by Craig Courtney

Spiritual Encouragement

Rev. Dwayne Johnson

GODISNOWHERE

Making Ministry Happen

Rev. Dwayne Johnson

Offertory

Joel Hammett

Communion

Rev. Janice Ladd

Introduction to Communion

Words of Institution

Prayer of Consecration

Invitation to the Feast

Communion Songs

THE OLD RUGGED CROSS

On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross,
the emblem of suffering and shame;
And I love that old cross where the dearest and best
for a world of lost sinners was slain.

chorus So I'll cherish the old rugged cross,
till my trophies at last I lay down;
I will cling to the old rugged cross,
and exchange it some day for a crown.

O that old rugged cross, so despised by the world,
has a wondrous attraction for me;
For the dear Lamb of God left the glory of heaven
to bear it to cold Calvary.

repeat chorus

In that old rugged cross, which bore Love so divine,
a wondrous beauty I see,
For upon that old cross Jesus suffered and died,
to pardon and sanctify me.

repeat chorus

To the old rugged cross I will ever be true;
Its shame and reproach gladly bear;
When God calls me some day to my home far away,
there God's glory forever I'll share.

repeat chorus

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, friend or member, may receive. Simply come forward as the ushers direct.

During Communion you will be offered bread and cup with a brief blessing.

We use grape juice for the cup so that all may participate.

If you desire a deeper partnering in prayer (intercessory prayer), our Fishers Net Prayer Ministry team is available following both services to pray with you.

Receive God's sufficient grace - the gift of freedom in God's love.

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.

We Go Forth

God's love cannot be contained within the walls of this Sanctuary. Take the love of Christ from this place into your homes, neighborhoods and communities.

IN CHRIST ALONE

In Christ alone my hope is found, He is my light, my strength, my song.
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm.

What heights of love, what depths of peace,
when fears are stilled, when strivings cease!

My Comforter, my All in All, here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness scorned by the ones he came to save.

'Til on that cross as Jesus died the plan of God was satisfied;
For every sin on Him was laid. Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay, Light of the world by shadows slain.
Then bursting forth in glorious day, up from the grave he rose again!

And as He stands in victory, sin's curse has lost its grip on me.
For I am His and He is mine, bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the power of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath. Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of death, no scheme or plan can ever pluck me from His hand.
'Til He returns or calls me home, Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

LET US BE BREAD

Let us be bread, blessed by the Lord, broken and shared, life for the world.
Let us be wine, love freely poured. Let us be one in the Lord.

+ **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Rev. Janice Ladd

+ **Benediction**

Rev. Dwayne Johnson

Singing Forth

FOR EVERYONE BORN

And God will delight when we are creators
of justice and joy, compassion and peace;
Yes, God will delight when we are creators of justice, justice and joy.

Postlude

Joel Hammett

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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

Wednesdays, 6:30 pm

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Welcome!

If you are attending 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 in our Welcome Area, 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.

A Special Welcome to our First-Time Families!

Our nursery staff would love to meet you and your infants & children aged 1-3 years! The nursery is located to the right of the Sanctuary entrance and is open during both the 9 am & 11 am services.

Children and youth aged 4-12 years are invited to join our Youth Ministries Program during the 11 am service in the Activities Building (located across the breezeway from our main parking lot). Sign-in begins at 10:45 am. All children must be registered and signed-in to attend. Parents are welcome to join the children for Communion at 12 noon in the Activities Building. Snack & sign-outs begin at 12:15 pm.

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!





Opportunity

I keep a quote posted near my computer: "In the middle of difficulty lies opportunity." This quote is encouragement for the difficult moments that come each day. I also remember that the Chinese symbol for "crisis" and the Chinese symbol for "opportunity" are the same symbol.

One difficulty is the global economic downturn. Most individuals, families, businesses and organizations are facing this difficulty. Some are hunkering down like when facing a hurricane, waiting for it to pass, hoping to survive.

Others, in the midst of this difficulty, see an opportunity. That's us. At Resurrection MCC, financial difficulty is an opportunity to see who we are . . . what we're made of. The difficulty becomes an opportunity when God is in it and we're open to what God wants to do through us.

At Resurrection MCC, our ministry responds to difficulty. We know that our ministry is needed now more than ever. People need listening ears, open hearts, inspiring worship, places to connect, learning options, prayer, projects that help others, and participation in goodness.

Even as we minister to those facing difficulty, we too have been impacted by the global economic downturn. Giving has been impacted by the economy, making it more difficult to minister to those who need us most.

As good stewards, we are managing our cash flow carefully, and are spending below budget. At the June meeting, your Board of Directors reduced the budget by 5%, acknowledging projects and ministry that we did not do for the first six months of 2009. Those opportunities are now missed. Yet scripture says, "As for the past, forget all that. Move forward and seize the prize before you" (Philippians 3:13-14). Missed opportunities of the last six months do not mean we need to miss great opportunities for the next 6 months.

Here are some key goals we can accomplish in the next 6 months which will stimulate growth and increase our ability to minister.

For Outreach, one goal is to produce a high quality commercial to post on YouTube, Facebook, our Web site and beyond. The result: people will see how our ministries transform lives and will be drawn to enter a personal relationship with God.

For Life Development, one goal is to get the word out about our great spiritual growth offerings for all ages, with multiple options to meet people where they are on the spiritual journey. We seek to create a "Life Development at Resurrection" catalogue so that our offerings will be advertised in advance and marketed within our congregation and the community we serve.

For Connections, meeting our budget goal will result in seasonal Connection Groups. These groups will increase the opportunity for people to find a place where they really fit . . . where they can grow in friendships, learn and pray together, and support each other.

For Operations, two of our greatest assets are our campus and our strategic location. We have long range goals to maximize this asset. Yet in the next six months we can begin the work towards converting the Activities Building into a Life Development Center that will buzz with the energy of ministries for all ages and many interests.

For Worship, we are poised to become a world class, world changing church. We have great talent, and Jace Hill has just arrived to support and lead our dynamic talent to new levels of joy and unity. With a passion for congregational song, our worship of God will be known throughout the community as a dynamic home for everyone. One highlight of the next six months will be a glorious Christmas production to impact our community and inspire hope, even through difficult times.

What a vision . . . and this is just for this budget period, the next six months.

Yet how do we meet this challenge?

One Resurrection MCC couple is ready to meet the challenge with a challenge: a \$15,000 matching gift to close the budget gap and meet the opportunity. This is beyond their regular giving. Their only request is that the congregation match them. Gifts of any amount will go towards this matching gift.

If you've not heard of the matching gift concept this is how it works: if you give \$10 this couple will match you with another \$10 . . . thus, your \$10 becomes \$20. Or, if you offer \$1,000 -- it will double before your eyes as this couple matches your \$1,000 and transforms it into \$2,000. Someone or another couple may feel called to match the full amount. For others it may be \$5 or \$50. All gifts matter. With all of us participating, we will surpass our goal and create even greater opportunity.

If you're ready to meet this opportunity, offer your gift (above and beyond your regular giving) today at 9 or 11 am and simply write "opportunity" on the memo line of your check or on the envelope containing your gift.

There is so much that God wants to do through us. We see the difficulty. God is turning it into opportunity.

Now, get ready: watch your giving double before your eyes.

Faithfully,

Rev. Dwayne Johnson



Adopt a Bed!

The recent workday has beautified our campus! There are a few beds that need to be adopted so they'll stay maintained.

Email Craig@
ResurrectionMCC.org
if you would like to help!

Food Pantry

Mondays & Wednesdays
11:30 am - 1:30 pm
Appointment Necessary:
713-861-9149 x103

**Nonperishables Needed:
Canned Meats, Vegetables,
Fruit, Juice, Soup, Pasta,
Rice, Beans**



DRUMMING CIRCLE

**Saturday, August 1, 3:00 - 4:30 pm
Gathering Place**

This group is open to ALL, and requires no prior experience with drumming. Join us! For more information, contact Denise Junious, DrummingCircle@ResurrectionMCC.org.

Drumming Circle is hosted monthly on the first Saturday.

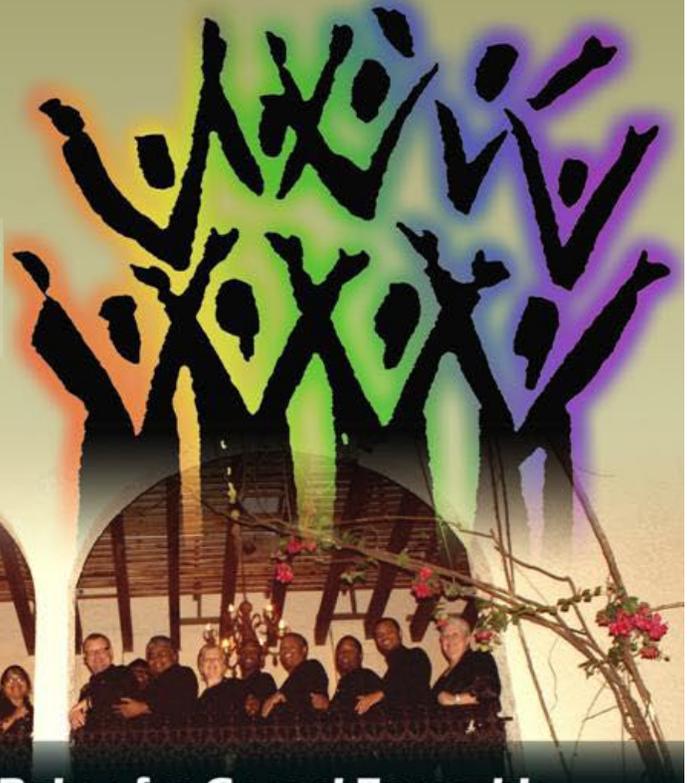
Tickets available after service today in the Gathering Place & Inspirations



Gospel Cafe Dinner Theatre

**Friday, July 31, 2009
6:30 - 9:30pm**

**Activities Building
\$25.00 per person**



Fund Raiser to acquire Choir Robes for Gospel Ensemble



Fishers Net Prayer Ministry: A Dialogue with God

Prayer. Prayer is intentional. Prayer is direct and it is the action which directs our attention, our energy our very soul towards a particular situation. During prayer, we also direct our attention towards and upon God our Creator. Jesus tells us in John 14:6-14 that we may ... "ask for anything in my name and I will do." This is a simple act, the act to pray and place our attention in God's name and into God's hands, while bringing glory to God. When we allow our heart, mind and soul to let go of the world around us and enter the presence of God, we enter into communication with God. This, I believe is how prayer rituals such as beads, the labyrinth, drumming, tapping and other forms of relaxation and mind diverting exercises started. By placing our attention first on a physical action, we allow our mind to let go of the world we live thus allowing our hearts to open for true communications with God. When we are in true communications with our Creator and our intentions are glorifying God, all things are possible.

Dear Mother Father Creator God, Today my prayer is intentional, in your name. You know my needs, wants and desires. You know me more than I know myself. Please guide and direct me towards good. Allow me to fully communicate and worship you, oh God, so that I may always honor you by my intentions and actions. Amen.

Would you like someone to pray with and over you? The Fishers Net Prayer Ministry is available for you in the chapel between services and at the Alter after the 11:00AM service. You can also email your intentions to Prayers@ResurrectionMCC.org.

Need prayers? Contact the Fisher's Net Prayer Ministry where together we will grow stronger in Christ and realize good and our Prayers together. Prayers@ResurrectionMCC.org



By signing this Resolution of Respect (available in the Gathering Place after services today) 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.

I will try at all times to be aware of my own biases and seek to gain understanding of those who I perceive as being different from myself.

I will speak out against all forms of prejudice and discrimination. I will reach out to support those who are targets of hate.

I will think about specific ways my community members can promote respect for people and create a prejudice-free zone.

I firmly believe that one person can make a difference and that no person can be an "innocent" bystander when it comes to opposing hate.

I recognize that respecting individual dignity, achieving equality and promoting intergroup harmony are the responsibilities of all people.

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

Summer in the Spirit Worship Series

WEDNESDAYS

Each Wednesday evening in the summer months we are calling the Spirit to move among us in new and wonderful ways ...

During the months of June, July and August you are invited to our *Summer in the Spirit* Worship Series!

On Wednesday evenings from 6:30 - 7:30 join us in the Chapel for a creative worship experience imagined, fashioned and facilitated by Worship Teams led by members of our community in discernment for the ministry!

Each week a different theme, a different team, an exciting Summer evening in the Spirit!

Artists and musicians, dramatists and liturgists, contemplatives and evangelists, wise ones and witnesses – all are invited into collaboration with one another and the Spirit in the spiritual adventure of Worship!

If you are interested in joining a *Summer in the Spirit* Worship Team contact Rev. Kristen at RevKristen@ResurrectionMCC.org

We Can Do It!

I Want You!

Do you have a smile, a hello, and 20 minutes a month? That's all it takes to be a part of the Welcome ministry.

Contact Jason at
Welcome@ResurrectionMCC.org

Get Connected to a First Impressions Ministry

Stop by the Gathering Place after services and find out more about exciting volunteer opportunities!

Concierge Desk

Eliot Perez

Concierge@ResurrectionMCC.org

Do you like to help people feel welcome and included?

We need loving, warm and friendly people to serve at the Concierge Desk, located in the Gathering place, before and after both Sunday Worship Services! This desk helps welcome new friends, provide them with a free gift, and help them get connected.

Inspirations Coffee Cafe & Gift Shop

Dawn Ashbrook

Inspirations@ResurrectionMCC.org

Looking for new friendly faces and volunteers for this ministry! Provide outstanding customer service in an atmosphere of fellowship for people to make connections.

Second Family Care Partners

Kristia Ammerman

SecondFamily@ResurrectionMCC.org

This care team acts as extended family and friends, offering emotional, practical, and spiritual support. Meets for lunch 1st Sun. at 12:30 pm.

Ushers

Dave Mathis

Ushers@ResurrectionMCC.org

We need ushers for 9 & 11 am Sunday Worship Services. Teams serve one service (either 9 or 11 am) each month. Remember, "No one is *JUST* an usher."

Welcome Team

Jason Sowders

Welcome@ResurrectionMCC.org

Do you like helping people feel special and welcome the moment they arrive to the church?

We want to welcome people to the church and help them get to where they need to go. Team members are positioned at every door and sidewalk, greeting people with a smile and kind word, offering directions or answering questions.

If you have questions or would like to join any of these teams, email the team lead (listed above) or contact Jason Wood at Jason@ResurrectionMCC.org or 832-971-0354.

MUSIC MINISTRY

Resurrection MCC is so blessed to have a number of music groups to minister at our worship services. Solo or professional quality voices are not necessary to be a part of these groups. Auditions are not required, but a desire to worship and share is. Below is a list of the groups and when they meet. The first step to becoming a part of any of the groups is checking out what they do, so feel free to come visit the rehearsals and see which group might be the right place for you to serve.

GOSPEL ENSEMBLE

Tuesdays • 7 pm

Directed by Cassandra White, this group sings music in the African-American Gospel tradition, traditional Spirituals and contemporary music of all types. Reading music is not required for this group, but the ability to match pitch and sing a part separate from the melody is.

SANCTUARY CHOIR

Tuesdays • 7 pm

Directed by Steven Ponder, this group sings mostly traditional church choral music with some contemporary music added from time to time. Reading music is not required for this group, but the ability to match pitch and sing a part separate from the melody is.

RESURRECTION SINGERS

Mondays • 6:30 pm

Directed by Jace Hill, this small vocal ensemble serves as both a corporate worship leadership team for congregational song, and sharing through a wide variety of styles of music. Reading music is very helpful and regular rehearsal participation is required.

ANGELS IN MOTION

Second & Fourth Saturdays • 1 pm

This group is a dance troupe that ministers through dance and movement. This group has its own choreographers. Experience in dance is not necessary, if one has the willingness to learn.

HEAVENSOUND HANDBELLS

Sundays • 1:30 pm

Currently there are several open spots in the handbell choir. Interested people need to have some music reading skills. Experience in ringing is not required. The director, Jim Winslett, will teach anyone the techniques of ringing.

If you have interest in any of these groups, please email Jace@ResurrectionMCC.org

Second Family Care Team Ministry

Is looking for caring, loving, helping people just like you!

The CareTeam is ministry developed in partnership with Interfaith Care Partners and other congregations. Team members serve on this in-home support program as extended family and friends with Care Partners from congregation and community.

Care Partners are those members of the congregation or community with special needs. Needs include respite care for caregiver, emotional support during personal family crisis, assistance after hospitalization, or any other time of need in the Care Partner's life.

Our vision is to communicate God's unconditional love to all people through simple acts of kindness to members or our church family and community who have a need and seek our help. We believe the Christian community should reach out with loving hearts and helping hands to serve our community and church family members. We believe that by providing emotional, practical and spiritual support with an attitude of love and grace, we can create a positive change in the lives of individuals and their families. Through this form of Christian action, we envision a renewed hope in Christ and in the Christian community.

If you would like be a ministry team member, we meet on the first Sunday of each month, following the I I am service in the Activities Building for lunch, training, and fellowship care and planning.

If you would like to be a Care Partner and have a special need please fill out a request sheet that is available at all the entrance to the sanctuary and place it in the box labeled, Care Team. For more information on giving or receiving care, contact Jason Wood, Director of Connections by email at Jason@ResurrectionMCC.org or call 713-861-9149 x105.

Care for our environment by recycling newspapers, magazines, catalogs and junk mail in the containers in our parking lot.



We now have two collection bins as this program grows. We receive cash based on the weight of the paper collected.

GLBT Solutions for Living Well Professional Services Provided at Resurrection MCC



New Men's Group Therapy
Introducing The Gentlemen's Club, a place for guys to talk.
Resurrection Wellness Center
\$40 per group
Begins July 28, 6:00 - 7:30 pm

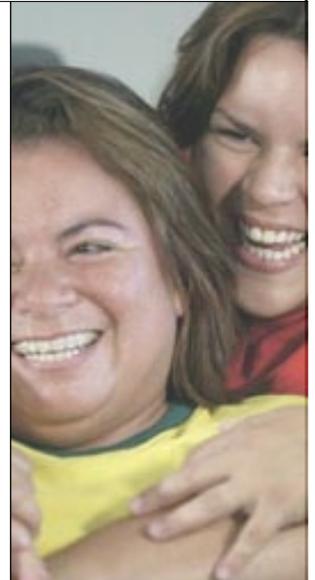
Therapist:
Michael Mann, LCSW

Couples Group

Thursdays, 6:00 - 7:30 pm
Resurrection Wellness Center
\$55 per couple weekly

10-week closed group for 5-6 couples focused on improving communication, conflict resolution, empathy and intimacy. Begins when group is filled.

Co-Therapists:
Takis Bagdanos, LPC-I
Theresa Allen, LPC-I



Individual, family and couples therapy available.
Request MCC Rates.

Michael Mann, LCSW / 713-446-8034
Adolescents & Adults

Tammy S. Fountain, LPC, ATR-BC / 832-863-8221
Children, Adolescents & Adults



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. Please return in offering basket or by mail.

Stewardship Thought for the Week

*Preach the Gospel at all times.
Use words only if necessary.*

~ St. Francis of Assisi

Board Members on Duty

Eve Messina & Len Shelton

Board Minutes Available Upon Request.

Flowers in the Sanctuary

Dan and Bubbles - 25 years together

Increase OUR Imagine Campaign Fund



How can YOU increase OUR Imagine Campaign Fund?

Here's how...

Simply refer or use my services as your Realtor, to Buy or Sell a home. Once the transaction is complete a donation in your name will be made to the Imagine Campaign.

Together we can make a difference!

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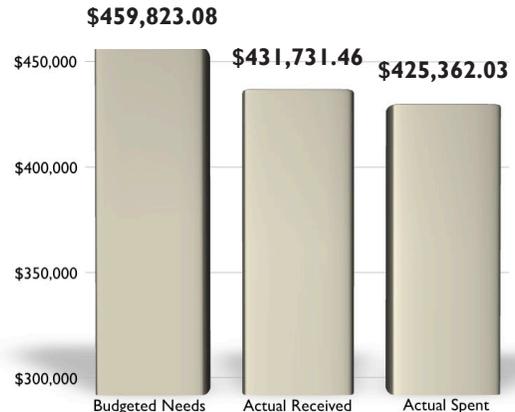
Serving Christ through Song & Worship!

The Anointing, a non-profit ministry, is seeking individuals who have a desire to share their gifts and talents. Membership in the organization involves a minimal to moderate travel commitment within the State of Texas and various adjoining states. Participation is voluntary and there is no monetary compensation for time or service. Instrumentalists are expected to provide their own instruments. Practices are held on a regular basis every other week on Monday evening at 6:30 pm at Resurrection MCC and are a mandatory component of membership. The following positions are available: pianist, electric and acoustic guitar, alto voice and sound person. Other instruments would be considered. Please contact Steve Day at 832.455.3534 if you would like more information or to inquire.

General Fund Financial Report

Week Ending July 19, 2009

		Week	Year
<i>Tithes & Offerings</i>			
7/19/09	9:00 am	121	\$2,673.00
7/19/09	11:00 am	414	\$4,712.26
7/15/09	6:30 pm	25	\$46.00
	Opportunity Challenge		\$7,467.25
	Special Services	142	\$464.61
	Online Giving		\$1,325.39
	Other Contributions		\$935.00
	Total	702	\$17,623.51
<i>Other General Fund Income</i>			
	Fundraising		\$82.84
	Miscellaneous		\$2,586.08
	Total Received		\$20,292.43
	*Budgeted Need		\$17,653.85
	Total Surplus / (Deficit)		\$2,638.58 (\$28,091.62)
	Total Imagine Capital Campaign		\$2,934.34 \$73,548.54



* Board of Directors approved a 5% reduction to the operating budget lowering the deficit by \$45,900.

This Week @ ResurrectionMCC.org

SUNDAY JULY 26

9:00 am **Sunday Worship / Rev. Dwayne Johnson**
 10:15 am Fisher's Net Prayer Ministry (Everyone Welcome) *Chapel*
 10:45 am Youth Ministries Program *Activities Building*
 11:00 am **Sunday Worship / Rev. Dwayne Johnson**
 1:30 pm HeavenSound Handbells Rehearsal *Music Room*

MONDAY JULY 27

6:00 pm Board of Directors Meeting *Sanctuary*
 6:30 pm Resurrection Singers Rehearsal *Music Room*

TUESDAY JULY 28

7:00 pm Gospel Ensemble Rehearsal *Sanctuary*
 7:00 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal *Music Room*

WEDNESDAY JULY 29

6:30 pm *Summer in the Spirit* Worship *Chapel*
 7:00 pm Houston Pride Band Rehearsal *Activities Building*

THURSDAY JULY 30

5:30 pm Yoga for Bears (www.yogaforbears.com) *Activities Building*
 7:00 pm AA Steps Study (Open) *Chapel*

FRIDAY OFFICE CLOSED JULY 31

6:30 pm Gospel Cafe Dinner Theatre (see p. 7) *Activities Building*

SATURDAY AUGUST 1

3:00 pm Drumming Circle *Gathering Place*

SUNDAY AUGUST 2

9:00 am **Sunday Worship / Rev. Dwayne Johnson**
 10:15 am Fisher's Net Prayer Ministry (Everyone Welcome) *Chapel*
 10:45 am Youth Ministries Program *Activities Building*
 11:00 am **Sunday Worship / Rev. Dwayne Johnson**
 12:30 pm First Impressions Team Lunch *Activities Building #104*
 12:30 pm Second Family Care Partners Lunch *Act Building #108*
 1:30 pm HeavenSound Handbells Rehearsal *Music Room*