



Resurrection

Metropolitan Community Church

January 24, 2010

Prelude

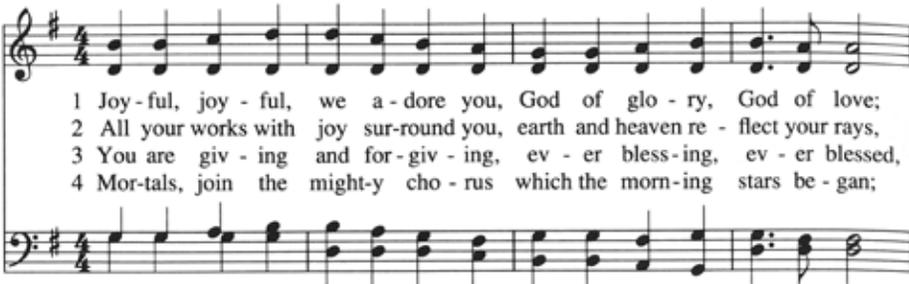
Joel Hammett

Our Community Gathers

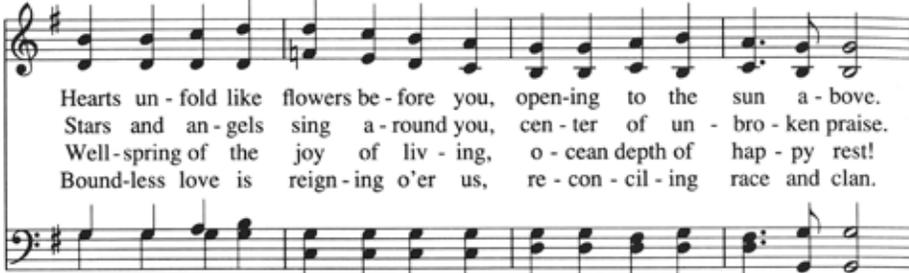
Rev. Kristen Klein-Cechettini
Mark Eggleston

+ Exchange of Peace

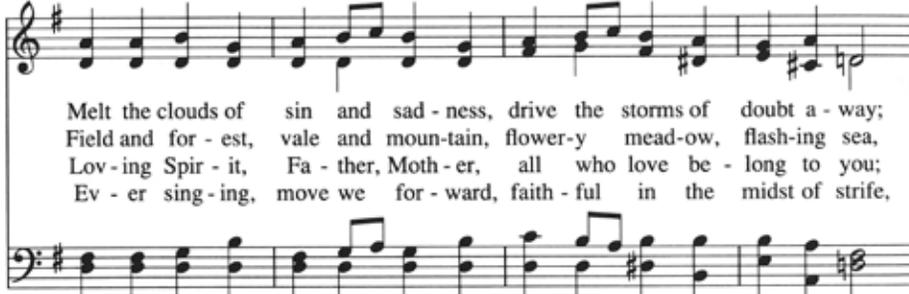
+ Hymn



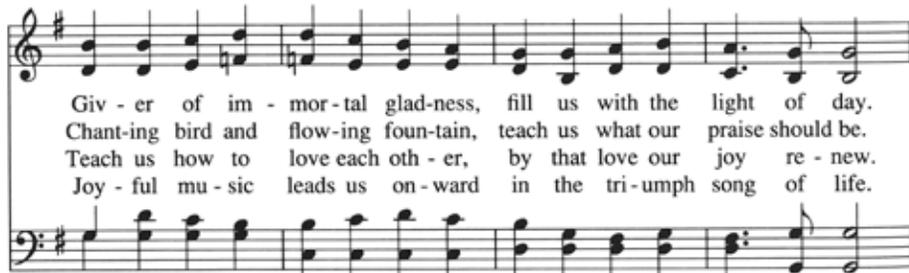
1 Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore you, God of glo - ry, God of love;
2 All your works with joy sur-round you, earth and heaven re - flect your rays,
3 You are giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blessed,
4 Mor - tals, join the might - y cho - rus which the morn - ing stars be - gan;



Hearts un - fold like flowers be - fore you, open - ing to the sun a - bove.
Stars and an - gels sing a - round you, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.
Well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean depth of hap - py rest!
Bound - less love is reign - ing o'er us, re - con - cil - ing race and clan.



Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, drive the storms of doubt a - way;
Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, flower - y mead - ow, flash - ing sea,
Lov - ing Spir - it, Fa - ther, Moth - er, all who love be - long to you;
Ev - er sing - ing, move we for - ward, faith - ful in the midst of strife,



Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.
Chant - ing bird and flow - ing foun - tain, teach us what our praise should be.
Teach us how to love each oth - er, by that love our joy re - new.
Joy - ful mu - sic leads us on - ward in the tri - umph song of life.

+ Invocation

Rev. Mona Lopez

+ 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

Luke wants us to know how Jesus' ministry began upon this earth.

It began when the Holy Spirit claimed him in baptism, tested him in the wilderness, and filled him with power for an urgent ministry of grace to the downtrodden in this world. The Holy Spirit came and taught Jesus what was real: to say no to the false options and temptations in this world and yes to God's good purposes for all people; to say no to self-glory in all its forms and yes to helping the poor and captured of all kinds; to say no to trying to get your God to work for you and yes to working for your God with urgency and compassion.

~ Robert M. Brearley
*Feasting on the Word:
Third Sunday After the
Epiphany*

Nehemiah 8:1-3,5-6,8-10

All the people gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which God had given to Israel. Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and all who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people answered, 'Amen, Amen,' lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshipped God with their faces to the ground. So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, 'This day is holy to the Lord your God; do not mourn or weep.' For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. Then he said to them, 'Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our God; and do not be grieved, for the joy of our God is your strength.'

Response to the Word

Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee,
How great thou art, how great thou art.

+ Second Reading

Georgette L. Monaghan (9 am)
Elizabeth Conyer (11 am)

Luke 4:14-21

Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

'The Spirit of Our God is upon me, because the Most High has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. God has sent me to proclaim liberation to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of Our God's favor.'

Rolling up the scroll, Jesus gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, 'Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.'

Anthem

Sanctuary Choir

A Mighty Fortress is Our God

Arranged by Dennis Allen

Spiritual Encouragement

Rev. Kristen Klein-Cechettini

Real Holy

Response to the Message

Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee,
How great thou art, how great thou art.

Making Ministry Happen

Rev. Janice Ladd

Offertory

HeavenSound Handbells

As the Deer

Written by Martin Nystrom. Arranged by Patricia Cota.

Communion

Karla Johnson & Wayne Wiggins

Introduction to Communion

Words of Institution

Prayer of Consecration

Invitation to the Feast

Communion Songs

Come, O Fount of Every Blessing

Come, O Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing your grace
streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of endless praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount; I'm fixed upon it, mount of God's unfailing love.

Here I pause in my sojourning, giving thanks for having come,
come to trust, at every turning, God will guide me safely home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God,
Came to rescue me from danger, blessed body, precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor daily I am drawn anew!
Let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to you.
Prone to wander, I can feel it, wander from the love I've know:
Here's my heart, O take a seal it, seal it for your very own.

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), prayer ministers are available at the Side Altar during communion. The Fishers Net Prayer Ministry is also 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.

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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.

Wonderful Words of Life

Sing them over again to me, wonderful words of life,
Let me more of their beauty see, wonderful words of life;
Words of life and beauty teach me faith and duty.

Beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful words of life,
Beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful words of life.

Christ, the blessed One, gives to all wonderful words of life;
Sinner, list to the loving call, wonderful words of life;
All so freely given, wooing us to heaven.

Beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful words of life,
Beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful words of life.

Sweetly echo the Gospel call, wonderful words of life;
Offer pardon and peace to all, wonderful words of life;
Jesus, only Savior, sanctify us forever.

Beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful words of life,
Beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful words of life.

How Great Thou Art

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder,
consider all the works thy hands have made.
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,
Thy power throughout the universe displayed.

Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee,
How great thou art, how great thou art.
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee,
How great thou art, How great thou art!

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration
and there proclaim; my God, how great Thou art!

Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee,
How great thou art, how great thou art.
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How great thou art, How great thou art!

+ **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Karla Johnson

+ **Benediction**

Rev. Kristen Klein-Cechettini

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Joel Hammett

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Children & Youth Worship

Sunday, 11 am

Nursery

Sunday, 9 & 11 am

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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 one month through three 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. Because of our faith we are called to: do justice, show kindness, and live humbly with God (Micah 6:8); explore life's questions with open hearts and minds; raise our voices in sacred defiance against exclusion, whether religious, political or systemic; reach out to those with no hope; equip new generations of remarkable, far-reaching spiritual activists.

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!



The Chalice

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

Wednesdays

Community Gathering

6:00 - 6:30 pm | Activities Building

*bring a brown bag or enjoy a light snack
while you meet new friends.*

Wednesday Worship

6:30 - 7:00 pm | Activities Building

spiritual encouragement, song, and prayer

Life Development Offerings

7:00 - 8:30 pm | Activities Building

*three classes, many paths . . .
where will you journey?*

Connection Groups

Coming Soon . . .

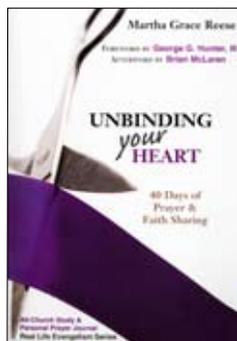
February 24 - March 31

Many of us are trying to figure out how to meet someone around here! How do you find potential friends? How do you begin conversations? You may want to check out Connection Groups. Join us for a six-week Lenten study of *Unbinding Your Heart: 40 days Prayer and Faith Sharing!* *Unbinding Your Heart* is an incredible small group study that focuses on untying the knots that keep us from living exciting lives in the Spirit. We will learn to unbind the Good News that God adores us and everyone else! The small group will provide an opportunity to share our love of God with one another, build relationships upon passion for our faith, and prepare ourselves to lead our congregation in boldly sharing God's love.

We hope to have everyone connected in this study during Lent: February 24 - March 31. We will have groups available every Wednesday night, many throughout the city at different times, and even an online group. Stop by the Gathering Place to sign up for a group. Let us know if you are interested in being a Connection Group Host. Training will be available on February 6, 2010.

"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."

-- from *Unbinding Your Heart* by Martha Grace Reese



Offering One

Open to All

LIVING THE QUESTIONS II

JANUARY 6 - FEBRUARY 10

Living the Questions is an exciting, intellectually rigorous, video-based conversation exploring Christianity in the new millennium. Encouraging questions and unsettling answers, this series is for engaged seekers desiring authentic engagement with the Christian faith. Segments include conversations with leading Christian scholars and ministers, sermon and lecture clips, digital stories illustrating aspects of an evolving faith, and concrete spiritual practices and disciplines. This season we will consider such topics as: Jesus as Prophet; The Myth of Redemptive Violence; and Reclaiming Faith. This series facilitated by members of the Spiritual Growth and Education Team can be experienced as independent segments or as an ongoing conversation.

Offering Two

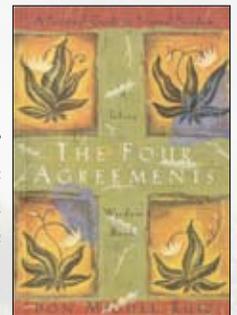
Open to All

THE FOUR AGREEMENTS

JANUARY 6 - FEBRUARY 10

With the practice of The Four Agreements we free ourselves from the chaos and conflict which arises when our thoughts, feelings and actions are at odds with our spiritual intentions. Very simply, we ask ourselves: Am I honoring myself and others with my word? Do I take responsibility for my beliefs and my choices, and understand that the choices of others indicate their realities and not mine? Am I open to seeing and hearing beyond the confines of my personal perceptions? Where can I increase my attention to these practices and thus my honor for all life? Living with greater harmony, freedom and integrity is the intention and the result of these practices.

Co-facilitated by Denise Junious, Spiritual Growth & Education Team Lead, and Vickey Gibbs, Student in Ministry. Send questions to FourAgreements@ResurrectionMCC.org



Offering Three

Open to All

DISCOVERING MY SPIRITUAL GIFTS

JANUARY 20 & 27

As a community we are interrelated and interdependent. Finding our part in the body comes from discovering and utilizing our spiritual gifts. Director of Connections Jason Wood will facilitate this class to help each person discover and develop their spiritual gifts; place members in a meaningful ministry that best suits their unique gifts and abilities; and stimulate creativity in gifted people for developing new ministries. Join us as we find our unique fit in the body of Christ and build up our community.

IMANI VIDA DRUM CIRCLE

**Saturday, February 6
3 - 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.
DrumCircle@ResurrectionMCC.org
www.meetup.com/DrummingCircle

Drum Circle is hosted monthly on the first Saturday.



Fishers Net Prayer Ministry:

A Dialogue with God

Have you ever driven using a global positioning system (GPS)? The first time I drove using such device, it was a little unnerving as I felt a loss of control and dependent upon a little box to tell me when and in which direction to turn. Even though part of the trip was a familiar route, I found myself blindly tooling along waiting for full directions, only to receive the next step, small steps and never the entire route. This driving blind is similar to how our relationship with God works, when we place our faith in God's hands and let go of our own control, we are in communication and communion with God. We reach out to God through prayer, asking "what is next" or petitioning for answers, "when what, where is my next step?" and expect to have an instantaneous full route answer, yet it is seldom delivered to us in full. Instead, the answer received is only part of a grand picture. We need to trust and let go.

The more we pray and communicate with God, the more direction, assurance and guidance we receive. One step and one day at a time, God has and will continue to provide as all prayers are answered when asked within Christ.

Dear Creator Sustainer God, please show me the next step I should take. Please open my heart to hear your voice of guidance.. Please pour down your Grace upon me so that I will continue to listen fully to your Word. Help me to continue to reach out away from myself to help others in need. Oh God, help me this week to hear you. Thank you for our ever growing relationship. Amen.

Do you have a prayer request? Send your requests to Prayers@ResurrectionMCC.org. Postings are published each week in a Praise and Prayer alert email, where others around the country are praying collectively with you. To sign up for Praise and Prayer alerts, go to our Web site and click on the "In Need of Prayer?" link.

Growing stronger in Christ and realizing our Prayers together.

~ Fishers Net Prayer Ministry ~

The Gospel Ensemble Presents

We Are The Ones We've Been Waiting For



February 21, 2010 at 4pm

Join Resurrection MCC's Gospel Ensemble and Friends as we share the many different forms of African American Gospel Music through song, drumming and praise dancing.

The music will be as varied as Sweet Honey in the Rocks', We Are The Ones We've Been Waiting For to Jonathan Nelson's Champions.

Come ready to sing, dance and maybe even shout!

Kids Give Back

Each Fifth Sunday at 9 & 11 am, kids have an opportunity to serve the church. Students age four and up are invited to serve as ushers, greeters, readers, and communion celebrants with adult supervision. Allow your children to share their talents. Sign them up for Fifth Sunday in the Activities Building or email Joel Palomares at Joel@ResurrectionMCC.org today! Teach them the spirit of giving... the gift for a lifetime.



Bingo Night at Big Tex Bingo!

**Friday
February 12, 7:30 pm**

Bring your friends and family and join Resurrection for a night of fun! Over \$5,000 is given away nightly (bingo prizes and pull tabs). Big Tex offers a full service snack bar, daily food specials, beer, margaritas and more.

*Resurrection MCC & Pride Charities
are two of the organizations who share in the profits!*

13030 Veterans Memorial Dr, Houston
www.bigtexbingo.com 281-586-0700

WORSHIP ARTS

Resurrection MCC is so blessed to have a number of groups to minister at our worship services. Auditions are not required, but a desire to worship and share is. Feel free to visit any rehearsals to 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

Thursdays • 7 pm

Directed by CC, 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

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.

ADESTE PRAISE BAND

Sundays • 8:00 am

Directed by Jason Wood, this group will provide corporate leadership in worship through accompanying congregational song and pieces from other ensembles. Moderate to advanced level of proficiency on your instrument required.

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

Get Connected to a First Impressions Ministry

Concierge Desk

Wendy Hand

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

Ana Tarver

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 first Sundays of the month 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

Donna McRoberts

[Welcome@ResurrectionMCC.org](mailto>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.



Sunday, March 14

Sam Houston Park

Check-In at 8 am. Walk begins at 10 am.

Join your Resurrection family as we continue the fight against HIV & AIDS.

To donate or join the team, visit
www.ResurrectionMCC.org
 and click on the AIDS Walk Houston link!

LGBTQ AND FREE IN THEE!

Adventuring OUT in
 Christian Discipleship

Saturday, February 13
 10 am - 2 pm, Chapel

In his book *Don't Be Afraid Anymore* Rev. Troy Perry shares how he, like so many of us, had to wrestle with the questions "What does the Bible say about homosexuality?" and "What did Jesus say?" He writes, "They were questions that had to be answered with absolute correctness, but I needed to return to my Bible before I could give an adequate answer. Therefore, in that instant I said to myself, 'Troy, you know God loves you without a shadow of a doubt. You know you're God's child. You know God called you to the ministry and you know God told you to start this work. Now be able to defend what has been given you to do.'" During this foundational Life Development offering for those seeking to reconcile their experience of God with their understanding of Scripture we will engage the Bible through the lens of our personal faith experience as we consider the six "clobber passages" in light of current scholarship and the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Facilitated by Rev. Kristen. All are welcome.

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.**

FILM SCREENING

*Brother Outsider:
 The Life of Bayard Rustin*

Saturday, February 20
 7 pm, Sanctuary



A master strategist and tireless activist, Bayard Rustin is best remembered as the organizer of the 1963 March on Washington, one of the largest nonviolent protests ever held in the United States. He brought Gandhi's protest techniques to the American civil rights movement, and helped mold Martin Luther King, Jr. into an international symbol of peace and nonviolence.

Despite these achievements, Rustin was silenced, threatened, arrested, beaten, imprisoned and fired from important leadership positions, largely because he was an openly gay man in a fiercely homophobic era. Five years in the making and the winner of numerous awards, *Brother Outsider* presents a feature-length documentary portrait, focusing on Rustin's activism for peace, racial equality, economic justice and human rights.

*A discussion will be held following
 the screening in the Gathering Place.*

OFFERINGS FROM
MEMBERS & FRIENDS...



Purpose-Full Preparation: Job Search Strategies for a Tough Economy

Saturday, February 6
10 am - Noon
Chapel

As 2010 begins, does a job search have you feeling more pressure than promise in the New Year?

Are you anxious that ...

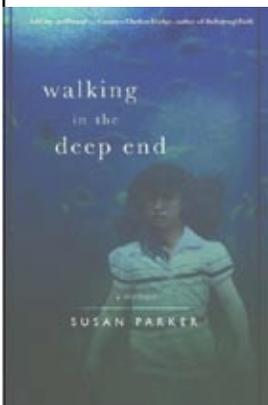
- The economic down-turn could leave you without a job in the New Year?
- The competition in an especially tough job market could overwhelm you?
- The last resume you prepared no longer reflects your skills and experience?

How might you best prepare for, begin, or manage a job search?

Listen to what Susan Parker has to say about job-hunting strategies for the new decade! A recruiter, consultant, motivational speaker, and author of *Walking in the Deep End*, Susan has over 20 years of experience providing career counseling and recruiting expertise across a wide-range of industries. Proficient in working with all levels of experience, from students to C-level executives, Susan is skilled at guiding others in purposeful preparation and job search strategies for a tough economy!

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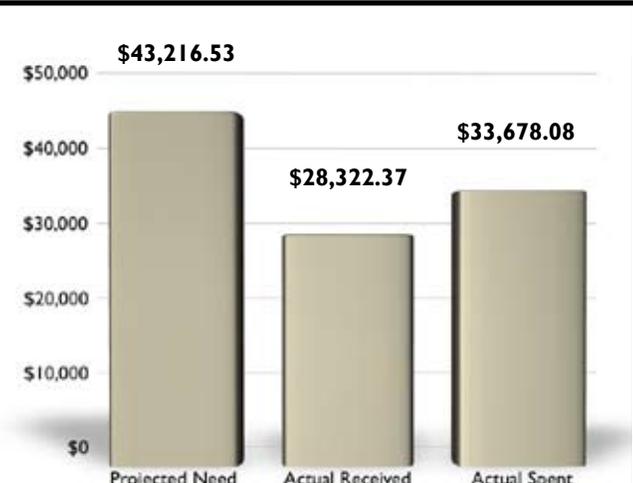
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General Fund Financial Report				Week Ending January 17, 2010	
<i>Tithes & Offerings</i>		Week	Year		
01/17/10 9:00 am	134	\$1,551.05	\$6,010.05		
01/17/10 11:00 am	389	\$4,572.35	\$15,311.53		
01/13/10 6:30 pm	71	\$304.72	\$367.37		
Special Services					
Online Giving		\$675.00	\$3,406.11		
Other Contributions		\$1,050.00	\$1,988.77		
Total	594	\$8,153.12	\$27,083.83		
<i>Other General Fund Income</i>					
Fundraising			\$12.00		
Miscellaneous		\$189.80	\$1,226.54		
Total Received		\$8,342.92	\$28,322.37		
Projected Need per Budget		\$18,358.26	\$43,216.53		
Total Exceeded Need / (Did Not Meet Need)		(\$10,015.34)	(\$14,894.16)		
Total Imagine Capital Campaign		\$1,091.00	\$9,521.00		



Category	Amount
Projected Need	\$43,216.53
Actual Received	\$28,322.37
Actual Spent	\$33,678.08

This Week @ ResurrectionMCC.org

SUNDAY JANUARY 24

8:00 am	Adeste Praise Band Rehearsal	Sanctuary
9:00 am	Sunday Worship / Rev. Kristen Klein-Cechettini	
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. Kristen Klein-Cechettini	
12:30 pm	Pastoral Care Minister Luncheon	Activities Building
1:30 pm	HeavenSound Handbells Rehearsal	Music Room

MONDAY JANUARY 25

6:00 pm	Board of Directors Meeting	Gathering Place
7:00 pm	Krewe of Olympus Rehearsal	Activities Building

TUESDAY JANUARY 26

8:00 am	Nonprofit Consulting	Gathering Place
7:00 pm	Gospel Ensemble Rehearsal	Music Room
7:00 pm	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
7:00 pm	Krewe of Olympus Rehearsal	Activities Building

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 27

8:00 am	Nonprofit Consulting	Gathering Place
6:00 pm	The Chalice: Community Gathering	Activities Building
6:30 pm	The Chalice: Wednesday Worship	Activities Building
7:00 pm	The Chalice: Four Agreements	Activities Building
7:00 pm	The Chalice: Living the Questions II	Activities Building
7:00 pm	The Chalice: Spiritual Gifts Class	Activities Building

THURSDAY OFFICE CLOSED JANUARY 28

8:00 am	Nonprofit Consulting	Gathering Place
10:00 am	US Census Testing	Activities Building
1:00 pm	US Census Testing	Activities Building
6:00 pm	Pastoral Search Committee Meeting	Workroom
7:00 pm	Resurrection Singers Rehearsal	Music Room

FRIDAY OFFICE CLOSED JANUARY 29

No Events Scheduled.

SATURDAY OFFICE CLOSED JANUARY 30

9:00 am	Connection Groups Trainer Training	Gathering Place
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SUNDAY JANUARY 31

8:00 am	Adeste Praise Band Rehearsal	Sanctuary
9:00 am	Sunday Worship / Susan Parker	
10:15 am	Fisher's Net Prayer Ministry (Everyone Welcome)	Chapel
10:45 am	Youth Ministries Program	Activities Building
11:00 am	Sunday Worship / Susan Parker	
1:30 pm	HeavenSound Handbells Rehearsal	Music Room