



Resurrection

Metropolitan Community Church

March 28, 2010

Prelude

Joel Hammett

Rhapsodie Gothique

by Young

+ Our Community Gathers

Rev. Kristen Klein-Cechettini

+ Exchange of Peace

Mark Eggleston

Hymn

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

Hosanna, loud hosanna,
the little children sang,
through pillared court and temple
the lovely anthem rang.
To Jesus, who had blessed them
close folded to his breast,
the children sang their praises,
the simplest and the best.

From Olivet they followed
mid an exultant crowd,
the victor palm branch waving,
and chanting clear and loud.
The Lord of earth and heaven
rode on in lowly state,
nor scorned that little children
should on his bidding wait.

"Hosanna in the highest!"
that ancient song we sing,
for Christ is our Redeemer,
the Lord of heaven our King.
O may we ever praise him
with heart and life and voice,
and in his blissful presence
eternally rejoice!

Words by Jeanette Threlfall.
Music by Gesangbuch der H.W.K. Hofkapelle
Adapt. & Harm. by W.H. Monk
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+ Invocation

Joy Jolley

+ Please rise in body or spirit.

Palm Sunday

'Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!' With our celebration of Palm Sunday we join the procession of all who have fallen in love with Jesus through the ages, proclaiming our love and devotion. In the midst of our rejoicing however, we are called to recognize the depth and substance of this love we claim. Very soon our cries of triumph and blessing will be turned to shocked silence and the ache of sorrow as we bear witness to Jesus' betrayal and death. Jesus' entry into Jerusalem among palm branches strangely prepares us to fight our tendency toward the delusion of superficial loves. With Jesus there is no superficial love; instead we are given a love that withstands the horror of crucifixion. In our discipleship we find we are called to extend ourselves in the suffering of a broken world, practicing real acts of compassion born of a Christ-like love which forces us to rise out of ourselves for the sake of others.

~ Based in part upon Michael Battle: *Commentary on Mark 11:1-11 in Feasting on the Word*

We Hear the Word

If you take one point, let it be this: safety lies in God, not in our habits. If you feel unsafe, talk with each other and pray. Hand God your feelings, and ask what you should do next. Do that individually and together. Our safety always lies in God. Words cannot express the feelings of forgiveness, overwhelming love, resting in God in silent prayer. This is mystery and depth and holiness. This is what God has made known to us, and this is what Christ has asked us to show others. Faith has to be real. Faith has to go as deeply into the holy mystery of life with God as we can stand. We are invited into give-it-all-away, bet-the-farm, choreographed-by-the-Spirit, life-walking-by-Christ's-side in minute-by-minute miraculous glory . . .

~ Excerpted from "Smart Sailing" in *Unbinding Your Heart* by Martha Grace Reese

First Reading

Rose Wall (9 am)
Marcial Renteria (11 am)

Isaiah 50:4-9

The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning God wakens— wakens my ear to listen as one who would be taught. The Holy One has opened my ears, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backwards. I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who would humiliate me; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. Because The Holy One helps me, I cannot be wounded nor disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame. Our God is at my side, who would dare accuse me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Holy One who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

+ Second Reading

Joel Palomares (9 am)
Lee Walker (11 am)

Matthew 14:22-33

Immediately Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, Jesus went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning Jesus came walking towards them on the lake. But when the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified, saying, 'It is a ghost!' and they cried out in fear.

But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, 'Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.'

Peter answered him, 'Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.'

Jesus said, 'Come.'

So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came towards Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, Peter became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, 'Lord, save me!'

Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, 'You of little faith, why did you doubt?'

When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshipped him, saying, 'Truly you are the Son of God.'

Anthem

Sanctuary Choir

Hosanna, Hosanna

by Joseph Martin

Spiritual Encouragement

Rev. Kristen Klein-Cechettini

Faith Focus

Making Ministry Happen

Rev. Janice Ladd

Offertory

HeavenSound Handbells

Toccata on St. Denio

Arranged by Sondra K. Tucker

Communion

Rev. Janice Ladd

Communion Songs

All Hail King Jesus

All hail King Jesus
All hail Emmanuel
King of Kings
Lord of Lords
Bright Morning Star
And throughout eternity
I'll sing Your Praises
And I'll reign with You throughout eternity.

Lamb of God

Your only Son
No sin to hide
But You have sent Him,
From Your side
To walk upon this guilty sod
And to become the Lamb of God
Oh Lamb of God, Sweet lamb of God
I love the Holy Lamb of God
Oh wash me in His precious Blood
Till I am just a Lamb of God

We Will Glorify

We will glorify the King of Kings;
we will glorify the Lamb.
We will glorify the Lord of Lords,
who is the great I AM.

**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.

Twila Paris

Since 1980, Twila Paris has released 22 albums, amassed 33 number one Christian Radio singles, and was named the Gospel Music Association Female Vocalist of the Year three years in a row. Many of her earlier songs such as *He Is Exalted*, *We Will Glorify*, *Lamb of God*, and *We Bow Down*, are found in church hymnals or otherwise sung in church settings.

Don Wyrzten

Don Wyrzten is recognized as one of the leading musicians and statesmen in Christian music. He is a graduate of Moody Bible Institute, The King's College, and Dallas Theological Seminary. Don has arranged/composed over four hundred anthems and sacred songs, including *Worthy Is the Lamb*, *Finally Home*, and *Love Was When*. Over two million of his musicals have been sold. He resides with his family in Brentwood, Tennessee, a suburb outside of Nashville.

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.

Worthy is the Lamb

Worthy is the Lamb that was slain,
Worthy is the Lamb that was slain,
Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive
Power and riches and wisdom and strength,
Honor and glory and blessing!
Worthy is the Lamb!
Worthy is the Lamb!
Worthy is the Lamb that was slain!
Worthy is the Lamb....

+ **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Rev. Janice Ladd

+ **Benediction**

Rev. Kristen Klein-Cechettini

Postlude

Joel Hammett

Lift Up Your Heads

by Guillmant

Farewell Celebration for Jason

After Service today in the Gathering Place



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Worship

Sunday, 9 & 11 am / Wednesday, 6:30 pm

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

Offering One

April 7 - 21

GET REAL: CREATING A MORE AUTHENTIC LIFE

Are you tired of feeling as though your life is not your own? Do you sometimes feel you've lost the "real" you beneath expectations and the frustration of trying to please others? Do you wish you could more effectively communicate and "connect" in conversation? Would you like to explore ways to find more passion and meaning in your life? If so, join us for a thought-provoking, fun, and interactive workshop series centered around strategies and tools to become a more REAL you!

- Define what having a more authentic life looks like to you.
- Develop the framework and processes needed to create a more authentic life.
- Connect to others in more meaningful ways.
- Find more meaning and purpose by presenting a more "real" you to the world.

Featuring the insights of Brené Brown, Martin Buber, Byron Katie, and Don Miguel Ruiz. Get Real: Session One will focus on personal development, Get Real: Session Two on relationships, and Get Real: Session Three on service and giving back. Susan Parker, a consultant, motivational speaker and author of *Walking in the Deep End* will lead the workshop.



Offering Two

April 7 - 28

HOW TO HAVE A SPIRITUAL PRACTICE

"I sort of talk to God throughout my day ... but that's about it. I would like to do more to develop my relationship with God, but I am not sure what or how to begin ..." If this sounds like you, Spiritual Director Cathleen Sheil has crafted this simple introduction to accessible and effective spiritual practice with you in mind! From breath prayer to journaling to meditation to Lectio Divina – "divine reading" – each of the methods in this offering are geared toward beginners who are as yet unfamiliar with specific forms of prayer and meditation. Receive information, guidance, and encouragement as you practice growing your relationship with God!



Offering Three

April 7 - May 5

SPIRITUAL LEADERSHIP IN A MULTICULTURAL WORLD

As poet Maya Angelou observes in her work *Human Family*, "The variety of our skin tones can confuse, bemuse, delight brown and pink and beige and purple tan and blue and white I note the obvious differences between each sort and type but we are more alike, my friends than we are unlike."

Realizing relational unity in the midst of our diversity is a spiritual journey. As we respond to our hearts' longing to heed God's call to "love our neighbor as ourselves" we must first come to know our neighbor as ourselves. Only then can we truly experience how we are "more alike than unlike" and effect spiritual leadership in a multicultural world. Join Denise Junious and friends in this weekly journey as participants learn about the various "cultural neighborhoods" that our brothers and sisters in God's human family call "home."



IMANI VIDA DRUM CIRCLE

**Saturday, April 3
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.



Bingo Night at Big Tex Bingo!

**Saturday
April 10, 7:30 pm**

Bring your friends and family and join Resurrection for a night of fun! Over \$5,000 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

LGBTQ AND FREE IN THEE!

Adventuring OUT in
Christian Discipleship

**Saturday, April 11
1 - 5 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.



**Thanks to those who
made a donation,
participated in the walk,
raised funds and prayed!**

Our team has raised over \$10,000 of our \$15,000 goal, and there is still time for us to achieve our goal!

You can still donate to our team. Please visit
www.ResurrectionMCC.org
and click on the AIDS Walk Houston link!

New Members' Class

**Tuesday, April 13
6 - 9 pm
Chapel / Dinner Served**

Join us to discuss the mission, vision, and values of Resurrection MCC, to discover our connection to the world through our affiliation with the Metropolitan Community Churches, and to join this family of faith in purpose, service, and fellowship!

To register, contact Jason Wood,
RevJanice@ResurrectionMCC.org
or 713-861-9149 x104.

Download the Spiritual Gifts Assessment
from www.ResurrectionMCC.org

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★ SATURDAY, APRIL 24, 7:00 PM ★

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SABBATH SATURDAY

Saturday, April 24
10 am - 2 pm
4501 Woodway
Houston, 77024
www.houstonarboretum.org

Sabbath is more than the absence of work; it is not just a day off, when we catch up on television or errands. It is the presence of something that arises when we consecrate a period of time to listen to what is most deeply beautiful, nourishing, or true. It is time consecrated with our attention, our mindfulness, honoring those quiet forces of grace or spirit that sustain or heal us.

– Wayne Muller, Sabbath

Refresh your soul each quarter with a special time spent nourishing your relationship with God! Participants will gather by 10 am at the entrance to the Houston Arboretum www.houstonarboretum.org. From there we will walk to a selected area for a brief time of Breath Prayer and simple instruction in the ancient contemplative practice of Lectio Divina – meditation with the Divine Word, facilitated by Rev. Kristen Klein-Cechettini. This time of opening will be followed by an hour of silent individual contemplative practice in the beauty of the Arboretum, after which we will reconvene to break silence with shared prayer and insights until noon. Those wishing to continue in Sabbath community will return to Resurrection for a simple lunch accompanied by an introduction to classic mystical teachings (January: Thomas Merton; April: Catherine of Siena) offered by Spiritual Director Cathleen Sheil.



Fishers Net Prayer Ministry: A Dialogue with God

Contemplation is above our human 'thinking' or 'pondering.' Contemplation has been defined as a concentration on spiritual things; a form of private devotion within a state of mystical awareness of God's being. The Lenten season is a time which calls for contemplation and prayer. It is a time of intention and expectation; intentionally acknowledging our sins and expecting the risen Christ, the Resurrection. We contemplate the cross and Christ's love for us which brought him to it so that we may have a true relationship with God now and forever.

Dear Mother Father Creator and Sustainer God, today, this week, and always, please keep me in consideration of your presence within me. Help me carve out some time to contemplate your mysterious being and to encourage me to acknowledge your presence within me. Help me, oh God, reach out to others so that they too might know the joy of your saving grace. Help me, oh God, place you first in my life and through my prayers remain connected to you and all your children. In your many names. 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.

Good Friday Prayer Vigil

Friday, April 2

8 pm - Midnight, Sanctuary

As a continuation of our Good Friday service and the conclusion of our *Unbinding the Heart* Lenten series, the Sanctuary will remain open until midnight for prayer, contemplation and intercessory prayer.

Light a candle, write out your prayers and petitions and place within the wailing wall, bow your face before God, draw or sketch your prayers, or just BE with the One who loves you beyond measure: this is a time for you and God.

Prayer Partners and Vigil Guides needed to pray and/or facilitate the prayer stations!

**RSVP to Ron Reeser at
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* ®.

Please stop by the Equality Ministry table in the Gathering Place after services today to sign the Resolution of Respect Pledge.

This is the final step needed to become certified as a Community of Respect for 2010.

HOLY WEEK

WEDNESDAY

A Service of Discipleship

Wednesday, March 31
7 pm, Sanctuary

An open contemplative service of discipleship including a simple invitational washing ritual. Join us for this moving reflection upon Jesus' life of love and his call that we join him in it!

John 13: "If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them ..."

And during supper, Jesus, knowing that his Heavenly Parent had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet ... -- John 13:3-5

THURSDAY

A Liberation Seder Celebration

Thursday, April 1
7 pm, Activities Building

A community gathering and ritual meal in celebration of our freedom in God's steadfast love! All are welcome at this table celebration of food, fellowship, and God's liberating faithfulness!

Luke 22: "Go and prepare the Passover meal for us that we may eat it."

When the hour came, he took his place at the table, and the apostles with him. He said to them, "I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer; I tell you, I will not eat it again until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God." Then he took the cup . . . -- Luke 22:14-17

FRIDAY

A Good Friday Meditation on Jesus' Journey through the Stations of the Cross

Friday, April 2
7 pm, Sanctuary

A reflective journey into the heart of holy compassion, broken open on the path of the cross. Together we bear witness to Jesus' life of "no greater love" — the Way of the Cross...

John 18: "Whom are you looking for ...?"

Then Jesus, knowing all that was to happen to him, came forward and asked them, "Whom are you looking for?" They answered, "Jesus of Nazareth." Jesus replied, "I am he." Judas, who betrayed him, was standing with them. -- John 18:4-5

Easter

April 4 • 9 & 11 am


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Worship Services
Sundays, 9 & 11 am
Wednesdays, 6:30 pm

Handicap Accessible
Nursery Available 9 & 11 am
Signed for the Deaf 11 am
Children & Youth Program 11 am

LGBTQ Solutions for Living Well

Professional Services Provided at
Resurrection MCC Wellness Center



Women's Group (full)

Focused on, but not limited to, the coming out process, improving self-esteem, identity clarification and establishing healthy relationships.

Therapist: Tammy S. Fountain, LPC, ATR-BC

Call 832-863-8221 for an intake appointment when availability opens.

There is hope for change, empowerment and living authentically!

Connections: A 12-Session Psychoeducational Shame Resilience Curriculum

Tuesdays
6 - 7:15 pm

Facilitated by Tammy S. Fountain,
LPC, ATR-BC

Call 832-863-8221

Course developed by Brene Brown, PhD, LMSW, researcher, educator & writer. Learn to identify and overcome shame through exercises, handouts and lecture.

In order to provide a safe place for discussion and healing from experiences unique to people of sexual orientation or gender identity difference, group limited to LGBTQ participants.

Connections

A 12-Session
Psychoeducational
Shame-Resilience
Curriculum



Revised and Expanded
Brene Brown, Ph.D., LMSW

Young Adult Group

Tuesdays, 6 - 7:15 pm, begins in May.
Facilitated by Tammy S. Fountain,
LPC, ATR-BC. Call 832-863-8221.

Ages 20 to 30-something

All Sexual Orientations &
Gender Identities Welcome

Focused on, but not limited to, healthy living, goal setting, the coming out process, improving self-esteem, identity clarification and establishing healthy relationships.



Men's Group Therapy

Are you stressed out, worried, or depressed? Struggling to balance a job and a family without everything falling apart? This group provides a safe space to talk about issues affecting men today, ranging from relationships/family issues, financial/job related stress, depression, anxiety, grief, and major life changes.

Group open, space limited. Mondays, 6:00 - 7:15 pm
Therapist: Michael Mann, LCSW.
Call 713-446-8034 for an intake appointment.



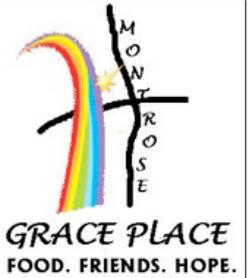
Individual, family, and couples therapy available.
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Adolescents & Adults

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Children, Adolescents & Adults

Montrose Grace Place

provides a safe, welcoming environment for vulnerable homeless youth of all sexualities and genders, providing nourishment, healthy relationships, and hope for the future.



For one night a week, Montrose Grace Place (located at Grace Lutheran Church) is a place of dignity and of respect, with a good meal, creative activities, referrals to social services, and healing relationships with safe, accepting adults.

Did you know?

- Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender teens are coming out to parents as young as 13 and 14?
- 1 out of 4 youth who come out to parents will become homeless as a result?
- LGBT homeless youth are seven times more likely than their heterosexual peers to be the victim of a crime?
- LGBT youth are more at risk for mental health issues, and homelessness only increases this risk?
- Survival sex is often a last resort for homeless youth?
- Many services for homeless youth are non-responsive to LGB youth, and will not serve transgender youth?

How you can help:

- Donate! Money, professional services, toiletries, new underwear, and prayers!
- Bring food! Dinners for 30 people once a year or once a month.
- Volunteer! We need shoppers, grant-writers, table setters, security, and many other positions.
- Teach! Lead a creative and healing class in creative writing, painting, yoga, or a drum circle.
- Take the Leap! Apply to be one of the caring adult volunteers who interact with these youth on a weekly basis. (Background checks are required, and you'll receive 20 hours of training before you start. You'll be asked to make a commitment two nights a month, for one year.)

Grace Lutheran Church Pastor Lura Groen will present information about the program, volunteer opportunities, and answer questions at our next **Equality Meeting on Monday, April 12 at 6:30 pm in the Gathering Place.** Please consider if you can assist in this vital outreach partnership.

Friday Night OUT North



Friday, April 9, 7 pm

Cafe Adobe in The Woodlands
18310 I-45 South, Shenandoah, TX 77381
www.cafeadobe.com/woodlands.htm

Make new friends and reconnect with those you know over a shared meal at our newest social gathering, Friday Night OUT North!

RSVP to
FridayNightOUTNorth@ResurrectionMCC.org

*Friday Night OUT North meets
on the second Fridays of each month.*

Stewardship Thought for the Week

*Give your time to great causes.
Let your candle burn at both ends if necessary.
It will provide a dazzling light,
a beacon for others to follow.*

~ Jerold Panas

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Eve Messina & Wayne Wiggins

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Flowers in the Sanctuary

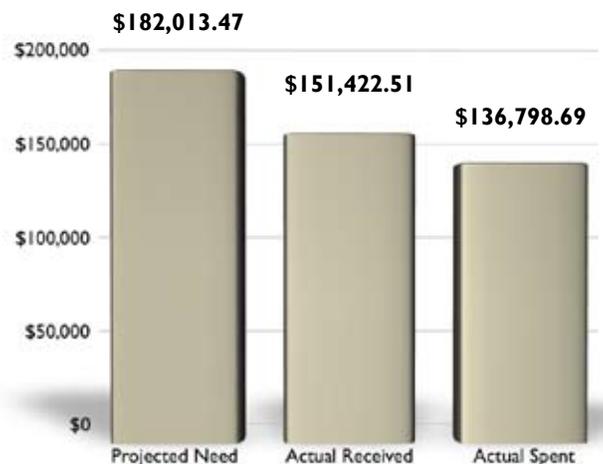
Consider donating flowers in memory of a loved one or to celebrate a special day.

Sign up on the Flower Chart in the Welcome Area.

General Fund Financial Report

Week Ending March 21, 2010

		Week	Year
<i>Tithes & Offerings</i>			
03/21/10 9:00 am	86	\$1,419.69	\$35,226.53
03/21/10 11:00 am	363	\$8,320.60	\$71,106.79
03/17/10 6:30 pm	50	\$28.00	\$1,801.88
Special Services			\$857.75
Online Giving		\$2,610.37	\$17,800.74
Other Contributions		\$740.00	\$12,213.54
Total	499	\$13,118.66	\$139,007.23
<i>Other General Fund Income</i>			
Fundraising		\$284.95	\$2,931.95
Miscellaneous		\$2,649.42	\$9,483.33
Total Received		\$16,053.03	\$151,422.51
Projected Need per Budget		\$15,955.77	\$182,013.47
Total Exceeded Need / (Did Not Meet Need)		\$97.26	(\$30,590.96)
Total Imagine Capital Campaign		\$2,334.34	\$27,219.52



This Week @ ResurrectionMCC.org

SUNDAY MARCH 28

- 9:00 am Sunday Worship / Rev. Kristen Klein-Cechettini**
 10:15 am Farewell Reception for Jason Wood *Gathering Place*
 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 Farewell Reception for Jason Wood *Gathering Place*
 12:30 pm Pastoral Care Ministers Meeting *Activities Building*
 1:30 pm HeavenSound Handbells Rehearsal *Music Room*

MONDAY MARCH 29

- 6:00 pm Board of Director Meeting *Gathering Place*

TUESDAY MARCH 30

- 7:00 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal *Music Room*

WEDNESDAY MARCH 31

- 6:00 pm The Chalice: Community Gathering *Activities Building*
 6:30 pm The Chalice: Wednesday Worship *Activities Building*
 7:00 pm The Chalice: Unbinding Your Heart *Activities Building*
 7:00 pm Holy Wednesday Service (see ad, p. 9) *Sanctuary*

THURSDAY APRIL 1

- 7:00 pm Maundy Thursday Service (see ad, p. 9) *Sanctuary*

FRIDAY OFFICE CLOSED APRIL 2

- 7:00 pm Good Friday Service (see ad, p. 9) *Sanctuary*
 8:00 pm Prayer Vigil *Sanctuary*

SATURDAY OFFICE CLOSED APRIL 3

- 10:00 am Creating a Life That Matters (full) *Gathering Place*
 3:00 pm Imani Vida Drum Circle *Gathering Place*

SUNDAY APRIL 4

- 9:00 am Sunday Worship / Rev. Elder Ken Martin**
 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. Elder Ken Martin
 1:30 pm HeavenSound Handbells Rehearsal *Music Room*