



Resurrection

Metropolitan Community Church

April 14, 2013

+ Call To Worship

Rev. Dr. Michael Diaz

One: You breathed the gift of creation and said "Good!"

ALL: God, help us see the good.

One: You gave Abraham and Sarah a promise and said "Go!"

ALL: God help us hear the promise.

One: You gave Joseph a dream and said "Prepare!"

ALL: God help us dream the way.

One: You gave Moses a people and said "Trust!"

ALL: God help us trust the journey.

One: You gave Joshua trumpets and said "Shout!"

ALL: God help us shout the walls down.

One: Good! Go! Prepare! Trust! Shout!

ALL: Yes God, we will. With you God, we will.

Preparing Our Hearts

Joel Hammett

Our Community Gathers / Nuestra Comunidad Se Reúne

Rev. Kristen Klein-Cechettini

Announcements / Anuncios

Mark Eggleston

+ Exchange of Peace / Saludo de Paz

Rev. Kristen Klein-Cechettini

What is Midrash?

"It is both a collection of the interpretations of sacred Scripture and a method for the continued expansion of the sacred Scripture. It comes in three forms: Halakah, Haggadah, and Pesiqta. Halakah is an interpretation of the law—the sacred Torah. Haggadah is the interpretation of a story or an event by relating it to another story or event in sacred history. Pesiqta is a whole sermon or an exhortation written midrashically to capture themes of the past to enable them to be perceived as operative in the present.

...Midrash is the Jewish way of saying that everything to be venerated in the present must somehow be connected with a sacred moment in the past. It is the ability to rework an ancient theme in a new context. It is the affirmation of a timeless truth found in the faith journey of a people so that this truth can be experienced afresh in every generation. It is the recognition that the truth of God is not bound within the limits of time but that its eternal echoes can be and are heard anew in every generation. It is the means whereby

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+ You are invited to rise in body or spirit.

What is Midrash? Cont.

the experience of the present can be affirmed and asserted as true inside the symbols of yesterday.

Midrash occurred again and again in the Hebrew sacred Scriptures as they were compiled over the centuries.”

-Bishop John Shelby Spong

Enter the Story

The Story of God's relationship with the peoples of God is a story which has the power to change our lives! As we experience a truly Living Word in the stories of the Bible texts, both ancient and ever-new, we discover our enduring connection with the Creator of the universe and the many peoples of faith who have gone before us. Realizing each of our stories is part of The Story of revelation – humanity's ongoing encounter with The Holy - God's Story literally comes to life in our lives! Join us as we enter the "big story" of the Bible in worship.

+ Opening Song / Apertura Canción

On Jordan's Stormy Banks I Stand

On Jordan's stormy banks I stand
And cast a wishful eye
To Canaan's fair and happy land
where my possessions lie.

*I am bound for the promised land
I am bound for the promised land;
Oh, who will come and go with me?
I am bound for the promised land.*

O'er all those wide extended plains
Shines one eternal day;
There God the Son forever reigns
And scatters night away.

(Chorus)

No chilling winds or poisonous breath
Can reach that healthful shore;
Sickness and sorrow, pain and death
Are felt and feared no more.

(Chorus)

When I shall reach that happy place
I'll be forever blest,
for I shall see Creator's face
And in her bosom rest.

by Donald P. Hustad, Rigdon M. McIntosh, and Samuel Stennett
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Enter the Story

Marcial Renteria (9 am)

After the death of Moses, Joshua led the people. Joshua sent scouts to Jericho who were saved by Rahab--the prostitute. God helped Joshua lead the people through the Jordan river on dry ground. They set stones to remember the crossing and then they re-initiated the rite of circumcision as a sign of keeping their covenant with God.

Joshua led the people as God instructed marching around the walls of the city daily until on the last day, they blew their trumpets and the walls fell. Then Joshua led them killing every living thing in the city. This was the first of many battles. Joshua was a faithful commander and did as God commanded. God even stopped the sun in the sky so that the Israelites could be sure of victory.

Joshua took the entire land; then the land had rest from war. As Joshua neared the end of his 110 years, he challenged the people "Choose for yourself this day who will you serve. For me and my house, we will serve the Lord."

This is where we enter the story ...

Reflective Moment

Rev. Dr. Michael Diaz

Joshua 3: 14-17, 4: 1-7

When the people set out from their tents to cross over the Jordan, the priests bearing the ark of the covenant were in front of the people. Now the Jordan overflows all its banks throughout the time of harvest. So when those who bore the ark had come to the Jordan, and the feet of the priests bearing the ark were dipped in the edge of the water, the waters flowing from above stood still, rising up in a single heap far off at Adam, the city that is beside Zarethan, while those flowing towards the sea of the Arabah, the Dead Sea, were wholly cut off. Then the people crossed over opposite Jericho. While all Israel were crossing over on dry ground, the priests who bore the ark of the covenant of the Lord stood on dry ground in the middle of the Jordan, until the entire nation finished crossing over the Jordan.

When the entire nation had finished crossing over the Jordan, the Lord said to Joshua: 'Select twelve men from the people, one from each tribe, and command them, "Take twelve stones from here out of the middle of the Jordan, from the place where the priests' feet stood, carry them over with you, and lay them down in the place where you camp tonight.'" Then Joshua summoned the twelve men from the Israelites, whom he had appointed, one from each tribe. Joshua said to them, 'Pass on before the ark of the Lord your God into the middle of the Jordan, and each of you take up a stone on his shoulder, one for each of the tribes of the Israelites, so that this may be a sign among you. When your children ask in time to come, "What do those stones mean to you?" then you shall tell them that the waters of the Jordan were cut off in front of the ark of the covenant of the Lord. When it crossed over the Jordan, the waters of the Jordan were cut off. So these stones shall be to the Israelites a memorial for ever.'

Anthem

Sanctuary Choir

Joshua Fit The Battle Of Jericho

Engage / Sermón

Rev. Troy Plummer Treash

Plunging In

Baptism

Devin Paul Martinez (11 am)

We Offer Ourselves

Van English

Offertory / Ofertorio

Sanctuary Choir

You Are My Song
by Cindy Berry

+ **Doxology**

Mark C. Brown

Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow
by Thomas Ken

+ **Prayer of Blessing for Our Gifts**

Rev. Kristen Klein-Cechettini

Communion

As we gather, break bread, and tell stories of hope through prayer, song and ritual in the practice we call "communion," we bear witness that "Life is stronger than death. People can change with God's help. And God is worthy of our thanks and praise." All are welcome at the table: you do not need to be a member of this or any church to gather as God's children at the table of Life.

A brief blessing is offered with bread and juice, available to all. Gluten-free bread is offered at the far right; Spanish blessing offered at the far left.

Please honor this time of sacred community with singing, quiet meditation or prayer that we might each receive the spiritual nourishment we seek ...

Comunión

Al reunirnos, partir el pan, y contar historias de esperanza a través de la oración, el canto y el ritual en la práctica que llamamos "comunión", damos testimonio de que "la vida es más fuerte que la muerte. Las personas pueden cambiar con la ayuda de Dios. Y Dios es digno de nuestro agradecimiento y alabanza. "Todos están invitados a la mesa: no es necesario ser miembro de esta iglesia o cualquier reunir como hijos de Dios en la mesa de la Vida.

Una breve bendición se ofrece con el pan y el jugo, al alcance de todos. Pan sin gluten se ofrece en el extremo derecho; bendición españoles ofrecen en el extremo izquierdo.

Por favor respetar este tiempo de comunidad sagrada con canto, la meditación o la oración silenciosa para que podamos recibir cada uno el alimento espiritual que buscamos ...

Communion Songs / Cantos de Comunción

Lord I Lift Your Name On High

by Rick Founds
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Blessed Be Your Name

by Beth Redman and Matt Redman
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One Thing Remains

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Mighty To Save

Everyone needs compassion
Love that's never failing
Let mercy fall on me
Everyone needs forgiveness
The kindness of a Savior
The hope of nations

*You're my Savior
You can move the mountains
You are mighty to save
You are mighty to save
Forever, Author of salvation
You rose and conquered the grave
Yes You conquered the grave*

So take me as you find me
All my fears and failures
Fill my life again
I give my life to follow
Everything that I believe in
Now I surrender

Shine Your light and let the whole world see
We're singing For the glory we have been set free
Jesus, Shine Your light and let the whole world see
We're singing For the glory we have been set free.

by Ben Fielding and Reuben Morgan
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Prayer

If you are in need of prayer support, you can find prayer partners available during our time of communion or after worship in the right wing of the Sanctuary.

+ **Prayer of Thanksgiving / Acción de Gracias**

Rev. Janice Ladd

+ **Benediction / Bendición**

Rev. Troy Plummer Treash

Postlude / Postludió

Mark C. Brown

Wade In The Water

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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 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 & 11 am services.

Children and youth aged 4 - 17 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 Noon in the Activities Building. Snack & sign-outs begin at 12:15 pm.

About Us...

Resurrection MCC is a Christian church that follows God's call to justice for all people. We build on a rich history of social justice for, and on behalf of, lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer people. Since its founding in 1968, Metropolitan Community Churches have been at the vanguard of civil and human rights movements as an international advocate for vulnerable people in places where religious orthodoxy, sexism, transphobia and homophobia can result in violence and death. MCC has been on the forefront in the struggle towards marriage equality in the US and other countries worldwide and continues to be a powerful voice in the LGBTQ equality movement. MCC's ministry reaches over 43,000 members in over 250 churches in 22 countries worldwide.

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. We embrace four core values:

Core Values

Inclusion

Love is our greatest moral value and resisting exclusion is a primary focus of our ministry. We want to continue to be the conduits of a faith where everyone is included in the family of God, and where all parts of our being are welcomed at God's table.

Community

Offering a safe and open community for people to worship, learn and grow in their faith is our deep desire. We are committed to equipping ourselves and each other to do the work that God has called us to do in the world.

Spiritual Transformation

Providing a message of liberation from the oppressive religious environment of our day or to those experiencing God for the first time is what guides our ministry. We believe that when people are invited to experience God through the life and ministry of Christ, lives will be transformed.

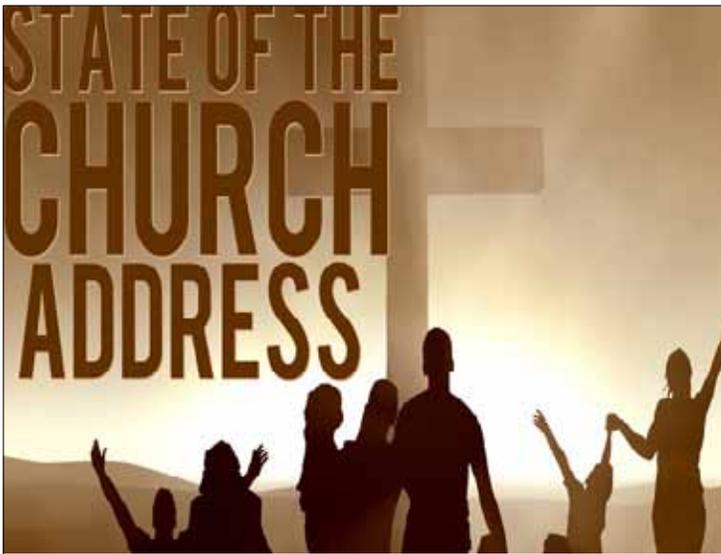
Social Action

Working to talk less and do more, we are committed to resisting the structures that oppress people and standing with those who suffer under the weight of oppressive systems, being guided always by our commitment to Global Human Rights.

Worship | Sunday, 9 & 11 am
Children & Youth Worship | Sunday, 11 am
Nursery | Sunday, 9 & 11 am

Resurrection MCC

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www.ResurrectionMCC.org



TODAY

12:30 pm • Activities Building

Join our Board of Directors, Executive Team, Facility Committee, and others as we provide highlights of the ministry accomplished over the last six months, a financial overview, and consider how we are living out our values of inclusivity, community, spiritual transformation, and justice in our church life and beyond.

\$6 suggested donation for lunch.



Celebration Choir

Sundays

**April 14 & 28,
May 12 & 26, June 9 & 23**

10:15 - 10:50 am
Activities Building #104

All our young friends ages 6-14 are invited to join in celebration singing Praise & Worship music. This new group will be lead by Jules Czarnik and Eve Messina. Questions to CelebrationChoir@ResurrectionMCC.org.



LGBTQ AND FREE

WEDNESDAYS

APRIL 17 & 24

7 - 8:30 pm, Gathering Place

"What does the Bible say about homosexuality?" and "What did Jesus say?" These questions are at the heart of this foundational offering for those seeking to reconcile their experience of God with their understanding of Scripture. Over a series of 3 evenings we will engage a survey of the six "clobber passages" in the Bible through the lens of our personal faith experience, current Biblical scholarship, and the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

RevKristen@ResurrectionMCC.org

FRIDAY NIGHT OUT SOUTH



FRIDAY, 7 pm

APRIL 19

Willie's Grill & Icehouse

3481 E. Sam Houston Pkwy. S
Pasadena, TX 77505

www.williesgrillandicehouse.com
(281) 991-1400

Join our NEWEST social dinner gathering for our friends South of Houston!

These monthly dinner gatherings are a great way to reconnect with those you may already know and is an opportunity to meet new folks and friends.

To ensure seating is available for all, please RSVP to [Facebook.com/ResurrectionMCC/events](https://www.facebook.com/ResurrectionMCC/events)
FridayNightOUTSouth@ResurrectionMCC.org

21ST ANNUAL TRANSGENDER UNITY BANQUET

Presented by the Houston Transgender Unity Committee



SATURDAY • 6:30 PM - 2 AM

APRIL 20

SHERATON BROOKHOLLOW

3000 North Loop West, Houston 77092

The Houston Transgender Unity Committee hosts the banquet annually to acknowledge and honor their allies and advocates. This is the largest Transgender Community event held in Houston each year and this year's keynote speaker is Susan Stryker, a professor, author, filmmaker, and theorist of gender and sexuality.

Proceeds support the Peggy Rudd Transgender Scholarship Fund, established to help trans-identified students pursuing higher education and named in honor of advocate and educator Dr. Peggy Rudd. Resurrection MCC is proud to be a Platinum Sponsor of the Unity Banquet.

Tickets are \$65 in advance for open seating and are available online at www.bit.ly/HTUC2013

Resurrection MCC is proud to be a Platinum Sponsor of the event. A limited number of sponsored tickets at our table are available. Please contact Mark@ResurrectionMCC.org for information.



Dine Out, Fight AIDS

THURSDAY • 7 PM - 8:30 PM

APRIL 25

CHELSEA GRILL

4621 Montrose Blvd, Houston 77006

www.chelseagrill.com

On Thursday, April 25, restaurants across Houston will unite in the fight against HIV / AIDS. Each restaurant donates at least 25% of food bills all day long. Friday Night OUT has agreed to change their normal night out (just for this month) to THURSDAY, to support this important cause. Have dinner with your Resurrection MCC family and enjoy a fabulously fun night out with delicious food and fellowship, all for a great cause!

AIDS Foundation Houston presents this annual event to raise much needed funds for almost 100,000 people infected or affected by HIV/AIDS. There are over 27,000 men, women, and children in Houston who are infected with HIV and another 20% who are unaware of their status. Between 2006 and 2010, infections in Houston have grown 10%, making Houston the fourth fastest growing HIV+ region. Your help is needed to end new infections and treat those living with the disease. www.diningoutforlife.com/houston

Online registration required to secure a seat.

Event is expected to reach capacity.

www.bit.ly/DOFL-Houston2013



GENERATION FAITH TEENS

BUY YOUR OWN BRUNCH

SUNDAY • 1 - 3 PM

APRIL 21

IHOP

6508 Washington Ave • Houston, TX 77007

Our Generation Faith Teens will "Buy Your Own Brunch" together after church every third Sunday. Our Teen Ministry Facilitators will drive the 13-17 year-olds to and from a nearby restaurant as we share a monthly social brunch with Generation Faith. All Teens are welcome and families may attend (at nearby tables). Signed release forms required.

Details and RSVP: www.bit.ly/rmcc-events
RevKristen@ResurrectionMCC.org



Spirit Walk

SATURDAY

APRIL 27

10 am - Noon

Mercer Arboretum & Nature Center

For some, the natural world is most truly the dwelling place of God and time spent in it is time spent in worship. Come and enjoy the easy devotion of a walk among the flowers and trees with friends and let your spirit be refreshed by the simple beauty of creation! We will gather at the front entrance of the Mercer Arboretum & Botanic Gardens <http://www.hcp4.net/mercerc/>, walk a while, and close by informal sharing and a simple prayer.

Bring a journal, bring a friend, and watch as all of nature joins you and gives your soul a glimpse of the Divine! Carpooling available. We will leave from the church parking lot at 9:30 am to arrive at Mercer at 10:00 am.

Joy@ResurrectionMCC.org



MURDER AT THE CABARET

FRIDAY

APRIL 26

7 - 9 PM • ACTIVITIES BUILDING

A Murder Mystery Dinner filled with suspense and intrigue!

You'll be transported to the grand opening of the Silk Purse Cabaret, a new gay club located in Harlem in the 1920s. This exciting evening is being attended by a "Who's Who" of New York's elite, stars of music and theater, and the movers and shakers in government and business. Anticipation abounds for the glamorous Florida Swansong to cut the opening ribbon to her nightclubclub. And while most are here to be seen and have a grand time, one has a sinister purpose in mind!

Admission to the event and dinner is free. Generous donations are encouraged to support the ministries of Resurrection MCC.

Seating is limited.

Registration required at www.bit.ly/RMCC-MurderMystery

YOGA CONNECTIONS

TUESDAYS

7 - 8 pm | Activities Building

Please bring a mat and towel.

Everyone is welcome to join us for these free sessions.

RSVP at [Facebook.com/ResurrectionMCC](https://www.facebook.com/ResurrectionMCC) or for more info email Yoga@ResurrectionMCC.org

Strictly Showtunes

FRIDAY
MAY 3

8 - 9:30 PM • SANCTUARY

Join us for an unforgettable evening of showtunes sung by Steven Shannon and accompanied by Mark C. Brown. A variety of your favorite Broadway shows will be presented ranging from Avenue Q to Les Miserables to Young Frankenstein. Proceeds support the ministries of Resurrection MCC and help cover travel costs for Bayou City Performing Arts and Steven Shannon as they sing at Carnegie Hall this June!

Warning: May contain Jazz Hands!

\$20 Tickets Available:

Online - www.stevenshannon.eventbrite.com

At the Door

CHILDREN & YOUTH VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

**ONE 11 AM SERVICE...
ONE SUNDAY A MONTH...
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**Our Nursery young 'uns ages 1 month - Pre K
would love your care!**

**Our Youth school age kids ages 5 - 12 years
would love your attention!**

**Our Teens ages 13 - 17 years
would love your company!**

Our families would love your love!

Please consider volunteering to become a Nursery Angel, Teacher's Assistant, or Teen Facilitator Assistant today! Our committed Coordinators and Lead Teachers need your eyes, ears, hands and hearts in ministry with them.

**Contact Nursery@ResurrectionMCC.org,
Youth@ResurrectionMCC.org, or
Teens@ResurrectionMCC.org and join us today -
we need you! It's time for YOU to Get
Your Blessing! Questions to RevKristen@ResurrectionMCC.org.**

Online Giving

The mission of Resurrection MCC is to demonstrate God's unconditional love to all people through Christian action. We believe that lives are transformed when people are invited to experience God through the life and ministry of Christ. Financial contributions are obviously very important to the achievement of Resurrection MCC's ministry goals, and we sincerely appreciate the generous offerings that you give faithfully each and every week.

To make it more convenient for you to financially support the ministries of Resurrection MCC, we now offer a **convenient online giving payment option** through ACS. Online giving enables you to easily make your financial contributions to the church by credit card, debit card, or directly from your bank account. Online giving is a simple way for you to give, and it enables you to support the church's mission and service no matter where you are in the world.

We ask that you prayerfully consider giving online.

It's really quite easy to set up an online giving account. Account creation instructions are available on our website by clicking on the "Giving is Only a Click Away" banner, and they are also included in the "How do I give online?" handouts that are available at all entrances to the Sanctuary. We will be actively promoting the online giving program until April 28. One of us will be available between services to answer any questions or concerns that you may have regarding online giving.

For those of you who would still like to participate in the offering during services even though you give online, we are now providing quarterly "I Give Online" coupons for each Sunday in the quarter. If you wish, you can place an "I Give Online" coupon in the offering basket in place of a check or cash. If you set up a recurring gift, a receipt will be sent to your e-mail address by ACS each time your recurring gift is processed. As an alternative, you can print a copy of this receipt and place it in the offering basket in place of a check or cash.

Lastly, as our way of saying "Thank You," all online givers will be given an "I Give Online" button pin upon request. Recurring online givers will be gifted with a "Giving is Only a Click Away" mouse pad, and new recurring online givers will be entered into a prize drawing. Please visit our website or pick up a copy of the online giving handout for answers to online giving frequently asked questions.

Yours in Christ,
Eddie Domingue, Treasurer
Manuel Diaz, Assistant Treasurer
OnlineGiving@ResurrectionMCC.org



A Letter from Our Executive Pastor

April 10, 2013

Dear Rev. Troy Plummer Treash and the People of Resurrection MCC,

With joy and peace in my heart, I am submitting my resignation as your Executive Pastor. I am joyful because I have been privileged to serve the most amazing and diverse congregation in our denomination alongside the most gifted and dedicated leaders throughout more than 7 years on staff and 15 years of total ministry with you. My heart is full of love for each of you and I feel blessed to have been part of God's call on this congregation: to spread God's unconditional love to all people. I am also peaceful because I see in you great readiness for the next step of your journey. There is simply no doubt that you are equipped, committed, and commissioned for the work of God in this community.

While on Sabbatical, God began to stir in me that it was time for me to let go of my nurturing hold of the people of Resurrection MCC. As uncomfortable as it seemed at the time, I have come to understand now that God is breaking in to do a new thing in our lives. I don't have a magic ball to know the plans for our future, but I have enough experience with God and this church to know that all will be well. When we say "Yes" to God and break our heart open for each other, we are blessed beyond our wildest imagination. So press on, church, and continue giving your very best to the work of faith and you will never be disappointed at what God will do in and through you.

I want to personally thank you, Rev. Troy, for ministering to me in this time of discernment. You indeed are the one God has called to lead this congregation and I will hold you in my daily prayers as you step with them into this next chapter of their ministry. I also want to thank the staff, Board, and leadership of today, and the many I have served with over the years, for their unwavering commitment to God and this church and the many sacrifices they have made to ensure a way would be made for others. And finally, I want to thank you, the people of Resurrection MCC, for your grace and care in nurturing and shaping my pastoral call throughout my service. I am deeply grateful for your love and inspired by your faith.

In Shared Ministry and Service,
Rev. Janice

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "janice" in a lowercase, cursive script.

Rev. Janice Ladd
Executive Pastor

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Board Member on Duty

Eddie Domingue and Dr. Jackie Marshall
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General Fund Giving Report

For Week and YTD Ended April 7, 2013

Giving (Tithes and Offerings)	Week Ended	YTD Total
Total Amount Received	\$15,571.16	\$244,651.55
Total Amount Anticipated	\$20,769.23	\$280,384.63
Total Giving Variance		(\$35,733.08)
Weekly Giving Comparison		
Average Amount Received	\$18,122.34	
Cash Flow Need	19,865.38	(A)
Ministry Plan Need	\$20,769.23	(B)
Attendance	Week Ended	YTD Average
Worship	506	551
Programming	205	152
Total Weekly Attendance	711	704

Cash Flow Need
is the minimum amount
needed each week to fund our
basic ministry obligations:
staff, property, operations
and debt (i.e., the minimum
amount needed to keep the
doors open each Sunday)

Ministry Plan Need
is the weekly amount needed
per the budget approved by
the congregation to achieve
our 2013 ministry plan goals
and strategic growth initiatives
(i.e., the amount needed to
make ministry happen)

This Week @ ResurrectionMCC.org

Fishers Net Prayer Ministry

Fishers Net offers personal prayers on Sundays at the Prayer Wall after the 11:00 am Worship Service. Please email your prayer request to Prayers@ResurrectionMCC.org. **Philippians 4:6-7** do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

SUNDAY APRIL 14

9:00 am	Worship Service	Sanctuary
10:15 am	Celebration Choir Rehearsal	Activities Building 104
10:15 am	Fisher's Net - Prayer Time	Chapel
10:45 am	Youth Ministries Program	Activities Building
11:00 am	Worship Service	Sanctuary
12:30 pm	"State of the Church" and Friendrasier	Activities Building
1:30 pm	HeavenSound Handbells Rehearsal	Sanctuary

MONDAY APRIL 15

12:00 pm	Rehearsal	Music Room
6:30 pm	Facility Committee Meeting	Gathering Place

TUESDAY APRIL 16

4:00 pm	Special Music Rehearsal	Music Room
4:30 pm	Jubilee Theater Leadership Meeting	Gathering Place
6:00 pm	Praise & Worship Rehearsal	Sanctuary
7:00 pm	Gospel Ensemble Rehearsal	Music Room
7:00 pm	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
7:00 pm	Rainbow of Hope NA Group	Gathering Place
7:00 pm	Yoga	Activities Building

WEDNESDAY APRIL 17

7:00 pm	LGBTQ and Free in Thee	Gathering Place
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THURSDAY APRIL 18

No Events Scheduled

FRIDAY OFFICE CLOSED APRIL 19

7:00 pm	Friday Night OUT South	Willie's Grill & Icehouse
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SATURDAY OFFICE CLOSED APRIL 20

9:30 am	Soul Care for Servant Ministry	Chapel
10:00 am	Cabaret Rehearsal	Activities Building
6:30 pm	21st Annual Houston Transgender Unity Banquet	

SUNDAY APRIL 21

9:00 am	Worship Service	Sanctuary
10:15 am	Fisher's Net - Prayer Time	Chapel
10:45 am	Youth Ministries Program	Activities Building
11:00 am	Worship Service	Sanctuary
12:30 pm	Generation Faith/Teens: Buy Your Own Brunch	IHOP
1:30 pm	HeavenSound Handbells Rehearsal	Sanctuary

CARE FOR OUR ENVIRONMENT

by recycling newspapers, magazines, catalogs and junk mail in the containers in our parking lot. We now have three collection bins as this program grows. We receive cash based on the weight collected. We have moved the dumpsters up front in the parking lot by the apartment complex.



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SE INTERPRETA
EN ESPAÑOL
A LAS 11 AM.

Sunday Worship
 now interpreted into
 Spanish at 11 am.