



Resurrection

Metropolitan Community Church

April 6, 2014

+ **Opening Song**

I Am Free

Through you the blind will see, Through you the mute will sing
Through you the dead will rise, Through you all hearts will praise
Through you the darkness flees, Through you my heart screams
I am free, Yes, I am free

I am free to run. (I am free to run.)
I am free to dance. (I am free to dance.)
I am free to live for You. (I am free to live for You.)
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Our Community Gathers

Rev. Kristen Klein-Cechettini

Announcements

Mark Eggleston

+ **Exchange of Peace**

Rev. Kristen Klein-Cechettini

+ You are invited to rise in body or spirit.

Lenten Journey

Well, here we are again. It is Lent. Ash Wednesday begins a forty-day journey (plus Sundays) to Easter. This season in the life of the Church is fashioned after Jesus' forty days in the wilderness, where he fasted and prayed and struggled with temptation in an effort to discern his true relationship to God. Each year, Christians are called to slow the pace of their hectic lives and enter into forty days of introspection marked by spiritual disciplines such as prayer, almsgiving, and fasting in order to discern our true relationship to God.

In the history of the Christian Church, the way people have made this Lenten journey is to 'give up' or 'take on' certain things. This giving up or taking on is what is known as spiritual practices or disciplines. Fasting, the giving up of food, or a bad habit, or too much television or internet; prayer, the taking on of a specific time and way to talk to God; and almsgiving, the giving of ourselves to others through acts of kindness or presence, are spiritual practices that prepare the soil of our souls for God's work of transformation in us.

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For this forty-day period, all of us are invited to enter into covenant with God and one another, to be intentional about the journey we will make together. We covenant with God and one another because God is a God of covenant. God's covenant with us is redemption and transformation. God accomplishes in us what we cannot do for ourselves.

--Rev Elder Mona West

+ Gathering Song

For All The Children

God, we gather as Your people to raise our song above,
And we dare to claim the promise of Your love.
Though the day may not yet be here,
We trust it soon will be, when Your children will be free.

*O, may our hearts and minds be opened,
Fling the church doors open wide.
May there be room enough for ev'ryone inside.
For in God there is a welcome,
In God we all belong.
May that welcome be our song.*

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First Reading

Rev. Pat Farnan

Excerpt from "*The Gifts of Imperfection*"
by Dr. Brené Brown

Perfectionism is not the same thing as striving to be your best. Perfectionism is not about healthy achievement and growth. Perfectionism is the belief that if we live perfect, look perfect, and act perfect, we can minimize or avoid the pain of blame, judgment, and shame. It's a shield. Perfectionism is a twenty-ton shield that we lug around thinking it will protect us when, in fact, it's the thing that's really preventing us from taking flight.

Perfectionism is not self-improvement. Perfectionism is, at its core, about trying to earn approval and acceptance. Most perfectionists were raised being praised for achievement and performance (grades, manners, rule-following, people-pleasing, appearance, sports). Somewhere along the way, we adopt this dangerous and debilitating belief system: I am what I accomplish and how well I accomplish it. Please. Perform. Perfect. Healthy striving is self focused--How can I improve? Perfectionism is other focused--What will they think?

One: In these human words, God's voice is heard.

All: Amen.

Congregational Song

Mark C. Brown

I Will Rise

There's a peace I've come to know, Though my heart and flesh may fail.
There's an anchor for my soul, I can say "It is well."

Jesus has overcome, And the grave is overwhelmed.
The victory is won. Christ is risen from the dead.

*And I will rise when You call my name, No more sorrow, no more pain.
I will rise on eagles' wings, Before my God fall on my knees
And rise, I will rise.*

There's a day that's drawing near, When this darkness breaks to light
And the shadows disappear, And my faith shall be my eyes.

Jesus has overcome, And the grave is overwhelmed
The victory is won, Christ is risen from the dead

(Chorus)

And I hear the voice of many angels sing,
"Worthy is the Lamb."
And I hear the cry of every longing heart,
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(Chorus)

by Louie Giglio, Matt Maher, Jesse Reeves, and Chris Tomlin

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+ Scripture Lesson

Ken Schroeder

John 11:5-44

Though Jesus loved Martha and her sister Mary and Lazarus, he stayed two days longer where he was. Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." The disciples said, "But Rabbi, they just tried to stone you, and you are going there again?" Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead. For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. Let us go to him." Thomas said, "Let us also go, that we may die with him."

When Jesus arrived, Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Many came to console Martha and Mary about their brother. Martha went out to meet Jesus, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, "If you had been here, my brother would not have died. But God will give you whatever you ask." Jesus said, "Your brother will rise again." Martha said, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" She said, "Yes, I believe that you are the Messiah-Human One." She went back and told Mary privately, "The Teacher is here calling for you." Mary got up quickly and went to him just outside the village where Martha had met him. Those consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her thinking she was going to weep at the tomb. Mary found Jesus and knelt at his feet. "If you had been here, my brother would not have died."

When Jesus saw her and the other consolers weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said, "Come and see." Jesus began to weep. So the crowd said, "See how he loved him!" But others said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?" Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha said, "Rabbi, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." Jesus said, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Holy God, I thank you for hearing me. You always hear me. I say it aloud for the sake of the crowd, so that they may believe that you sent me." He then cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

One: The Word of God for the People of God.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem

Gospel Ensemble

Go Ahead
by Ron Kenoly

Release

This Lenten Series combines the wisdom from the research of Dr. Brene Brown alongside Gospel readings from Matthew and John. What do we need to Release? What do we need to Cultivate instead? In her work, *The Gifts of Imperfection, Daring Greatly, and I Thought It Was Just Me*, Dr. Brown explores how the courage to be vulnerable transforms the way we live, love, parent, and lead. So during Release we will explore letting go of what people think, certainty, scarcity, comparison, numbing, and perfectionism while we also explore cultivating authenticity, trust, resilience, gratitude, compassion, creativity and vulnerability. For a deeper experience, dive into this wholehearted living experience by join the Wednesday evening series *Release Shame and Claim Authenticity* (p. 6). Lent is a season of both release and cultivation—letting go and creating space for new life to grow—all in preparation to celebrate Easter.

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 ...

Sermon

Rev. Troy Treash

Releasing Perfectionism

Sermon Reflection

Mark C. Brown

We Offer Ourselves

Van English

Offertory

A Move Of God Is On The Way

Gospel Ensemble

Communion

Rev. Dr. Michael Diaz
Rev. Andrea Ferguson

Communion Reflection

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Rev. Dr. Michael Diaz

+ Closing Song

Holy Holy Holy

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All Thy works shall praise Thy name, in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,
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+ Benediction

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+ Postlude

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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 Christ-like 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

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BRUNCH BUDDIES

**TODAY
& EVERY SUNDAY**

12:30 - 2 pm

BERRYHILL BAJA GRILL
702 East 11th St., Houston TX

Every Sunday, all are welcome to meet in the Gathering Place after the 11 am Worship service to connect with those going to brunch and to pick up a flyer with the restaurant name and address (restaurants vary). Whether you're a long-time congregant or a first-time visitor, consider yourself invited to become a Brunch Buddy!

RevMichael@ResurrectionMCC.org



THE NEW OLD SCHOOL (LENTEN) BIBLE STUDY!

MONDAYS

MARCH 10 - APRIL 14

7 - 8 pm • Gathering Place

The New Old School Bible Study returns, just in time for Lent! The name says it all! You, plus the Bible, minus the dogma, equals more excitement with The Word than you ever thought possible! Whether you have never cracked open the Good Book, or if you have whole sections memorized, you are welcome to join us for some spirited Bible study as we join Jesus in the desert, on the mountain, and at the well during this special season of drawing near The Holy!

Details & RSVP: www.bit.ly/LentenBibleStudy
RevKristen@ResurrectionMCC.org



“RELEASE SHAME & CLAIM AUTHENTICITY” LENTEN SERIES

WEDNESDAYS

MARCH 12 - APRIL 16

7 - 9 pm • Gathering Place

“In an increasingly anxious world, it’s important that we are grounded by a deep sense of purpose and guided by a resilient spirit,” writes Dr. Brene Brown, even as she notes, “Shame and fear are the greatest obstacles to authenticity, love and belonging, and a resilient spirit.” Join us for 6 Wednesdays in Lent as we engage Dr. Brown’s shame-resilience process to Release Shame & Claim Authenticity for Lent this season!

Details & RSVP: www.bit.ly/LentenAuthenticity
RevKristen@ResurrectionMCC.org



TUESDAYS

APRIL 8, 15, 22

6:30 - 8 pm

Montrose Center (Room 106)
401 Branard Street, Houston TX

What would be different in your life if you felt spiritually affirmed in your body, pleasure, sex, your sex practices and sexual choices? In this 4-session interactive workshop we explore what a sexuality-affirming, spirituality-honoring sex life could look like. As we examine our inherited or unconscious sexual models and release false values we can discover for ourselves what it means to claim, develop, and authentically practice queer sexual ethics! Held at Montrose Counseling Center. www.montrosecounselingcenter.org

Details & RSVP: www.bit.ly/SavingSex2014
RevKristen@ResurrectionMCC.org



SPRING TOWN HALL MEETING TODAY

12:45 - 1:15 pm • Sanctuary

Join your Board of Directors to learn about important updates on our finances, property, and strategic-planning process. A time for questions will follow the presentation. Snacks will be provided.



FRIDAY NIGHT OUT NORTH

FRIDAY
APRIL 11
7 - 9 pm

The Potatoe Patch

2020 Fm 1960 Rd, Houston, TX 77029
832-626-2348, www.facebook.com/PotatoePatch

Join your Resurrection friends on the North side of town for a night filled with good food, good friends and good conversation!

Details & RSVP: www.bit.ly/RMCC-20140411n
FridayNightOUTNorth@ResurrectionMCC.org

TAIZE PRAYER SERVICE



FRIDAY
APRIL 11
7 - 8 pm • Chapel

A contemplative experience using both spoken word and song, lead by Tony Pryor in the tradition of Taize. Please join us for this rich spiritual practice.

Details & RSVP: www.bit.ly/RMCC-20140411t
Taize@ResurrectionMCC.org



Spiritual Field Trip: CHURCH IN THE PARK

SECOND SATURDAYS
APRIL 12
9 am - 11 am

James Bute Park, 512 McKee St (at Runnels)

"Feeding Body & Soul in the Fight Against Poverty, Homelessness, and Addiction!" With this tagline, 1000 Hills Ministry International ministers among the "poorest of the poor" in Houston by taking God's love to the streets! Join us as we join them for Church in the Park at 9:30 am on second Saturdays this season downtown at James Bute Park. If you prefer to carpool, meet in the large parking lot at Resurrection MCC at 9 am. Let's share God's love with ALL and be transformed!

Details & RSVP: www.bit.ly/RMCC-20140412
RevKristen@ResurrectionMCC.org



Easter Bonnet Contest, Lunch, and Silent Auction

SUNDAY
APRIL 13

Activities Building • 12:30 - 2:00 pm

BONNET CONTEST - Our Lay Delegates invite you to dust off your design skills and create a beau chapeau! Entry fee is \$20 and the contest will be judged at 1 pm. The Best Bonnet will receive a \$50 Kim Son gift certificate.

LUNCH - Barbeque plate includes two sides, bread, iced tea, and dessert. Lunch served (to-go from 10 am - 1 pm. Chicken or Sausage is \$12. Ribs are \$12. Vegetarian is \$9 and must be pre-ordered.

SILENT AUCTION - Five gift baskets available. Bidding ends at 1:00 pm on April 13.

Proceeds support sending our Lay Delegates to the MCC General Conference in 2016. Register for the Bonnet Contest and purchase lunch in advance in Inspirations Coffee Cafe & Bookstore or online at www.bit.ly/EasterBonnet2014.



LANDSCAPE & FACILITIES

W O R K D A Y

SATURDAY

APRIL 19

9 am - 1 pm

Resurrection MCC Campus

Let's get together to love on, clean up, organize, and maintain our church. Join us at 9 am in the Welcome Area to choose an indoor or outdoor project. Lunch and laughs will be held in the Gathering Place from Noon - 1 pm.

Details & RSVP: www.bit.ly/RMCC-20140419
Facilities@ResurrectionMCC.org

FRIDAY NIGHT OUT SOUTH



FRIDAY
APRIL 18
7 - 9 pm

Floyds Cajun Seafood Texas Steakhouse

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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.

Details & RSVP: www.bit.ly/RMCC-20140418s
FridayNightOUTSouth@ResurrectionMCC.org



HIV / STD Testing

by Planned Parenthood

SUNDAY

APRIL 20

Gathering Place
after both services

Free rapid HIV testing (results in 15 minutes), as well as standard testing for Gonorrhea, Chlamydia, Hepatitis C, and Syphilis (results in 2 weeks). Knowing your HIV and STD status is the best way for you to stay healthy and avoid spreading sexually transmitted illnesses. Get tested and take control.

www.plannedparenthood.org

HOLY WEEK

Maundy Thursday Seder & Footwashing

Thursday, April 17, 7 - 8 pm
Sanctuary

A ritual meal in celebration of a God of Life, the seder is a time for the community to gather and eat, pray and sing, and to tell the story of God's steadfast provision for God's peoples. Rich in history, deep in meaning, and beautifully resonant with God's many and diverse peoples, the seder at it's heart is an open table. Following the seder, we follow the example of Jesus in a shared footwashing service.

www.bit.ly/RMCC-20140417

Good Friday Service

Friday, April 18, 7 - 8 pm
Sanctuary

No greater love...our whole hearts breaking in witness and in worship, this night we walk with Jesus to the cross. No greater love...our whole hearts waking in wonder and in worship, this night we stand with Jesus at the cross. No greater love...come, this night with Jesus, to the cross.

www.bit.ly/RMCC-20140418

Easter Worship

Sunday, April 20, 9 & 11 am
Sanctuary

Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice! The stone is rolled away! Empty is the tomb! Christ is risen! Love has overcome! With music and with song, with wonder and with joy - let all God's people rejoice! Join us for an incredible celebration of God's love risen anew for the life of the world! Rejoice!

Easter Egg-Stravaganza

Sunday, April 20, 11 am - 1 pm
Activities Building

A petting zoo, Easter egg hunt, face-painting and more - all beginning during our 11 am Easter worship service at Resurrection MCC! Join us for this fabulous annual celebration of New Life with our young and lively family of faith!

www.bit.ly/RMCC-20140420

42nd Anniversary Easter Offering Coming Out of Our Shell

Happy 42nd Anniversary, Resurrection MCC!

Over the last few weeks, as volunteers continued their efforts to dismantle the brick wall between our building and parking lot, it seemed a bit like pecking through a shell. Now, it is a joy to see sunlight (rather than the brick wall) as people take the love found inside these walls out into the world.

As we enter into this season of celebration, I am grateful for all those who came before us. They made a way possible through their time, energy, financial gifts, and service. In honor of Easter and 42 years of ministry together, this year's special offering will support the many ways we Come Out of Our Shell and build justice in Houston and around the world.

Locally, we will continue to advance justice for all God's children through education, action, and service. Those efforts are seen in the annual AIDS Walk to support those affected and infected with HIV/AIDS, the PRIDE Charities food pantry and clothes closet, our anti-violence action and media on behalf of LGBTQ people in the Gulf Coast, and a Houston Civil Rights Ordinance for LGBT equality.

Globally, we will work alongside our sister Metropolitan Community Churches and communities to support safe houses for those fleeing Uganda and Nigeria, to foster conversations about HIV/AIDS in Costa Rica and Mexico, to partner with activists in Russia and Ukraine in response to new discrimination, and to advance a global runaway and homeless youth network.

The paradox is that as we Come Out of Our Shell and serve others through acts of mercy and justice, we grow. Our own generosity multiplies our gratitude as we experience being co-creators with God.

Will you join us this year as we celebrate 42 years of ministry together with an "eggstra" gift above and beyond your regular giving? Easter Eggs, which contain a prayer and calendar of upcoming events, are available at Sanctuary entrances. We invite you to take an Easter Egg home, pray the enclosed prayer daily, participate in our church events this season, place your special offering inside the Easter Egg, and bring back to Worship on Easter Sunday, April 20, or Anniversary Sunday, April 27.

While we must Come Out of Our Shell over and over again, each time we crack that shell open, there is another resurrection moment when authenticity, truth and love prevail. I am inspired by the action of Rosa Parks, who at the age of 42 chose to sit at the front of the bus, catalyzing the work of the Civil Rights Movement. As a church, let's consider what Resurrection MCC will do in our 42nd year of ministry.

Coming Out of Your Shell is always best done together. Thank you for your love, care, and generosity.

With "eggs"pectation,



Rev. Troy Treash
Senior Pastor

**For full details and to give online, visit
www.ResurrectionMCC.org/42**

LOVE ALIVE!

A COUPLES WORKSHOP SATURDAY

APRIL 26

10 am - 2 pm • Gathering Place

Adventuring, growing, discovering, exploring: these are things which can make us feel especially alive! Yet as we become more established in our love relationships - as sharing nights becomes sharing days becomes sharing months becomes sharing a home, a life, a routine - we often find our sense of shared adventure and discovery has become contained within our Facebook updates! Come get un-virtual together -- reconnect, rekindle, and rediscover Love Alive this Spring!

Details & RSVP: www.bit.ly/RMCC-20140426
RevKristen@ResurrectionMCC.org



GROWING FAMILIES SUNDAY SERIES

SATURDAY
APRIL 27
1 - 2:30 pm

Fourth Sundays this season our families are growing spiritually together and there is something for parents and children of all ages! Nursery care is available for infants through Pre-K with pre-registration email to Nursery@ResurrectionMCC.org. We love our families!

KIDS MOVIE & PIZZA

Activities Building & Sanctuary

Our schoolage kids ages K-12 years will enjoy pizza lunch in the Activities Building and then watch a kids' movie, Frozen, on the big screens in the Sanctuary.

Details & RSVP: www.bit.ly/GFSS-20140427a

GENERATION FAITH TEENS: KEEP IT REAL SESSIONS

Activities Building

In these "keep it real" sessions teens will be encouraged to express their unique voice through spoken word, to explore what the Bible has to say about sex and sexuality (and what that might or might not mean to them), and to talk about dating in this new age of technology with the reality of virtual violence. Guest presenters will partner with our facilitators for these sessions.

Details & RSVP: www.bit.ly/GFSS-20140427b

DARING PARENTS WORKSHOP

Gathering Place

In her book "Daring Greatly" Dr. Brene Brown writes "Even though the vulnerability of parenting is terrifying at times ... it is our richest, most fertile ground for teaching and cultivating connection, meaning, and love." Join other parents, exploring and encouraging becoming "Daring Parents" together!

Details & RSVP: www.bit.ly/GFSS-20140427c



Resurrection MCC Golf Tournament 2014

SATURDAY
APRIL 26
Hermann Park Golf Course

\$100 per Player
\$400 per Foursome
Includes Green Fees, Cart,
Breakfast, Lunch, Range Balls,
2 Free Drink Tickets.

4-Person Florida Scramble with Awards for
1st, 2nd, 3rd, & Last Place.
Special Competitions for Longest Drive
& Closest to the Pin. Sponsorship Options Available.

Details & RSVP: www.bit.ly/GOLF2014
Golf@ResurrectionMCC.org



AMAZING RACE FOOD DRIVE

Benefitting Pride Charities

SATURDAY
APRIL 19

5 - 9 pm

Home of Eddie Domingue & Rudy Villarreal

Join us for a fun-filled night of fellowship and adventure in support of Pride Charities, which operates our food pantry and clothes closet. The evening begins at Eddie & Rudy's home in the Heights with a collection of food and monetary donations for Pride Charities. Clues will be provided to teams of four as they embark on a scavenger hunt, sending selfies from several locations around Houston. The evening concludes with food, drinks, prizes, and a slideshow of team photos. Those who prefer not to "race" are invited to stay with Eddie & Rudy and watch the excitement from their home. Register your team for free in the Gathering Place after Worship today or next Sunday. Address provided upon registration.

Details & RSVP: www.bit.ly/AmazingRace2014
AmazingRace@PrideCharities.org



Discrimination has no place in Houston. And while Houston is the only major city in Texas currently without a Civil Rights Ordinance, that's about to change!

In the next few months, Houston City Council will introduce and debate a city-wide ordinance to update the policies for handling discrimination in city employment, housing and public accommodations. These policies will help ensure all Houstonians are able to participate in the vibrant life of our city regardless of race, color, ethnicity, national origin, age, sex, gender identity, gender expression, religion, sexual orientation, disability, marital and family status, or veteran's status.

HOW TO HELP:

Thousands of signatures are needed to demonstrate public support for the ordinance, so please add your signature and share the link with your fellow Houstonians. And if you, a friend, or a loved one has faced discrimination from a job, housing, restaurant, bar, or other public accommodation in Houston, it is even more urgent that you share your story below.

www.texasnstogether.org/civilrightsordinance

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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.

Board Member on Duty

Janetta Ross and Kandace Klingler

Board Minutes Available Upon Request.

General Fund Giving Report

For Week and YTD Ended March 30, 2014

Giving (Tithes and Offerings)	Week Ended	YTD Total
Total Amount Received	\$14,541.68	\$233,883.35
Total Amount Anticipated	\$17,837.38	\$231,885.91
Total Giving Variance		(\$1,977.44)
Weekly Giving Comparison		
Average Amount Received	\$17,991.03	
Ministry Plan Need	\$17,837.38	
Attendance	Week Ended	YTD Average
Worship	410	446
Programming	176	174
Total Weekly Attendance	586	620

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

SUNDAY APRIL 6

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
12:15 pm	Easter Bonnet Promo Table	Gathering Place
12:30 pm	Brunch Buddies	Welcome Center
12:45 pm	Spring Town Hall	Sanctuary

MONDAY APRIL 7

6:30 pm	Facility Committee Meeting	Conference Room
7:00 pm	Instrumental Ensemble Rehearsal	Sanctuary
7:00 pm	The New Old School Bible Study!	Gathering Place

TUESDAY APRIL 8

9:30 am	Local Lectionary Group	Conference Room
6:00 pm	Praise Team Rehearsal	Sanctuary
6:00 pm	Lay Delegate Meeting	Conference Room
6:30 pm	Sexual Salvation!	Montrose Center
7:00 pm	Gospel Ensemble Rehearsal	Sanctuary
7:00 pm	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	Music Room
7:00 pm	Narcotics Anonymous 12-Step Meeting	Gathering Place
7:00 pm	Yoga	Activities Building

WEDNESDAY APRIL 9

6:30 pm	Taize Prayer Service Rehearsal	Activities Building
7:00 pm	Overeaters Anonymous 12-Step Meeting	Chapel
7:00 pm	Release Shame & Claim Authenticity!	Gathering Place

THURSDAY APRIL 10

10:00 pm	Houston Area Fiber Artists Meeting	Gathering Place
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FRIDAY OFFICE CLOSED APRIL 11

6:30 pm	Taize Prayer Service Rehearsal	Activities Building
7:00 pm	Friday Night OUT- North	The Potatoe Patch
7:00 pm	Taize Prayer Service	Chapel

SATURDAY OFFICE CLOSED APRIL 12

8:00 am	Body Blast Fitness Camp	Activities Building
9:00 am	Spiritual Field Trip: Church in the Park	Main Parking Lot
9:00 am	Stewardship Meeting	Conference Room
9:30 am	Overeaters Anonymous 12-Step Meeting	Chapel
10:00 am	Living Your Voice 101	Music Room
10:00 am	Sanctuary Choir Retreat	Activities Building
11:00 am	Praise Dance Rehearsal	Sanctuary

SUNDAY APRIL 13

8:30 am	Easter Bonnet Parade, Brunch, Silent Auction	
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
12:14 am	Easter Bonnet Parade, Brunch, Silent Auction	
3:00 pm	Houston Heights Orchestra Concert	Sanctuary

YOGA CONNECTIONS

Please welcome Yoga Instructor,
Robin Mack!

TUESDAYS

7 - 8 pm | Activities Building

Please bring a mat and towel.
Everyone is welcome to join us
for these free sessions.

Details and RSVP: www.bit.ly/YOGA2014
Yoga@ResurrectionMCC.org

Nominating Committee

for Board of Directors Candidates

Have you been waiting for the right
opportunity to volunteer at your church?
Matchmakers are needed now!

Objectives:

- Lead the process for recruiting Board candidates by identifying members of the congregation with strong leadership skills
- Prayerfully engage those members to discern the best matches for this moment in the life of our church
- Present those candidates to the congregation for election

Eligibility:

- Must be a member in good standing
- No more than one person from the same household, family, or relationship
- Cannot be a church employee, clergy candidate, Lay Delegate, or Board of Director

Application deadline is April 15.
If you are interested or have questions, email
BoardDevelopment@ResurrectionMCC.org.