Resurrection
Metropolitan Community Church

April 13, 2014

+ Opening Reading Rev. Kristen Klein-Cechettini

Matthew 21:1-11

When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go into the village, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything, just say, 'The Lord needs them.' And the owner will send them immediately." This fulfilled the prophecy, "Tell the daughter of Zion, Look, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey." The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and Jesus sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds before and behind him were shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!" When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?" The crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."

+ Processional 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, Amid a cheering crowd,
The victor palm branch waving, And chanting clear and loud.
The whom angels worship, Rode on in lowly state,
And glad to see the children, lowed down the donkey's gait.

"Hosanna in the highest!" That ancient song is ours,
We hail our great Redeemer, And sing with all our pow'rs;
Hosanna Christ we praise You, With heart and life and voice.
Hosanna in Your presence, Forever we'll rejoice!

by Jeanette Threlfall and Jeannette Threlfall
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Our Community Gathers Rev. Dr. Michael Diaz

Announcements Mark Eggleston

+ Exchange of Peace Rev. Dr. Michael Diaz

+ 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're working for the future when the children far and wide,
Can live their lives with dignity and pride.
As they grow in strength and stature, May they join us hand in hand,
As against all hate we stand.

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 — Bill O'Rourke

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

Wholehearted living is about engaging in our lives from a place of worthiness. It means cultivating the courage, compassion, and connection to wake up in the morning and think, No matter what gets done and how much is left undone, I am enough. It's going to bed at night thinking, Yes, I am imperfect and vulnerable and sometimes afraid, but that doesn't change the truth that I am also brave and worthy of love and belonging.

The Wholehearted journey is not the path of least resistance. It's a path of consciousness and choice. And, to be honest, it's a little counter-culture. The willingness to tell our stories, feel the pain of others, and stay genuinely connected in this disconnected world is not something we can do halfheartedly.

To practice courage, compassion, and connection is to look at life and the people around us, and say, "I'm all in."

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

Special Music — Forever Blest

Sing Hosanna
Words altered by Mojo Johnston

+ Scripture Lesson — Sharri McGlauthing

Matthew 26: 36-46

Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane and said to the disciples, "Sit here while I go over there and pray." Jesus also took Peter, James, and John and began to be grieved and agitated. Then Jesus said, "I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and stay awake with me." And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed, "Abba-God, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me; yet not what I want but what you want." Jesus came to the disciples and found them sleeping; and said to Peter, "So, could you not stay awake with me one hour? Stay awake and

pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak." Again he went away for the second time and prayed, "Abba-God, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, your will be done." Again Jesus came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were heavy. So leaving them again, he went away and prayed for the third time, saying the same words. Then he came to the disciples and said to them, "Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? See, the hour is at hand, and the Messiah-Human One is betrayed. Get up, let us be going. See, my betrayer is at hand."

One: The Word of God for the People of God.
All: Thanks be to God.

Anthem Sanctuary Choir

Scenes From Gethsemane
by Joseph M. Martin and Paul J. Williams

Sermon Rev. Troy Treash

Daring Greatly

Sermon Reflection Mark C. Brown

We Offer Ourselves Daniel Williams

Offertory Sanctuary Choir

Hosanna, Hosanna!
Words and Music by Joseph M. Martin

Communion Rev. Kristen Klein-Cechettini

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 ...

Communion Songs

Blessed Be Your Name
by Beth Redman and Matt Redman

Here I Am To Worship
by Tim Hughes

Mighty To Save
by Ben Fielding and Reuben Morgan

Prayer of Thanksgiving Rev. Kristen Klein-Cechettini

\+ **Closing Song**

How Great Is Our God

The splendor that You bring; You're clothed in majesty;
Let all the earth rejoice; Let all the earth rejoice!

You wrap yourself in light, And darkness tries to hide.
It trembles at Your voice, Trembles at Your voice.

How great is our God? Sing with me!
How great is our God and all will see
How great, how great is our God.

Age to age, You stand And time is in Your hands,
Beginning and the end, Beginning and the end.

The Godhead Three in One Abba, Spirit, Son,
The Lion and the Lamb, The Lion and the Lamb.

(Chorus)

Name above all names, Worthy of our praise
My heart will sing, How great is our God

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(Chorus)

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\+ **Benediction** Rev. Troy Treash

\+ **Postlude** Mark C. Brown

I Am Free
by Jon Egan

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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.
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> 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 to those who suffer under the weight of oppressive systems, being guided always by our commitment to Global Human Rights.

BRUNCH BUDDIES TODAY

12:30 - 2 pm

EASTER BONNET BBQ LUNCH
Activities Building

Our Brunch Buddies typically meet for lunch after church at various nearby restaurants. This Sunday, however, we will support of our Lay Delegates at the Easter Bonnet Contest, Lunch, and Silent Auction in the Activities Building. Barbecue plates include one meat, two sides, bread, iced tea, and dessert. Chicken ($9), sausage ($9), and ribs ($12) are available. Food is available "to-go" from 10 am - 1 pm. Whether you're a long-time congregant or a first-time visitor, consider yourself invited to become a brunch buddy every Sunday!

Easter Bonnet Contest, Lunch, and Silent Auction

TODAY

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.

TUESDAYS

APRIL 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

FRIDAY

APRIL 18

7 - 9 pm

Floyds Cajun Seafood Texas Steakhouse
20760 Gulf Fwy, Webster 77598
www.floydscajunseafood.com • 281-332-7474

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

LANDSCAPE & FACILITIES WORKDAY

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

Planned Parenthood

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.

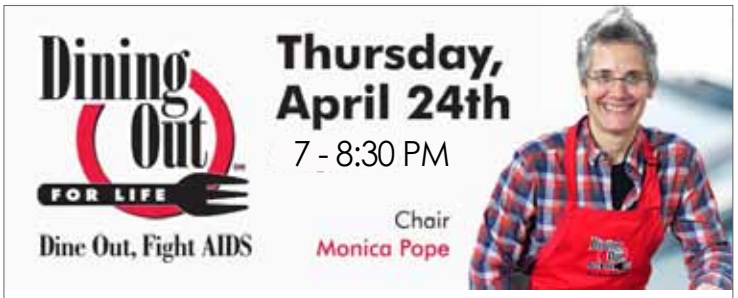
While we must Come Out of Our Shell over and over again, each time we crack that shell open, there is another resurrection moment when authenticity, truth and love prevail. I am inspired by the action of Rosa Parks, who at the age of 42 chose to sit at the front of the bus, catalyzing the work of the 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



BRIO TUSCAN GRILLE

3029 Kirby Dr, Houston 77098
www.brioitalian.com

Restaurants across Houston unite on April 24 in the fight against HIV/AIDS, as participating restaurants donate at least 25% of food bills all day long to AIDS Foundation Houston. Please join your Resurrection MCC for a delicious dinner and fabulous night out, all while helping to support our HIV+ neighbors.

If you would like to support AIDS Foundation Houston further, consider having breakfast or lunch at one of the Houston-area participating restaurants. A complete list is available at www.diningoutforlife.com/houston

Facebook RSVP required to secure a seat as event is expected to reach capacity. Register online at www.bit.ly/DOFL-Houston2014

CRITICAL MASS
BIKE RIDE - GOT LOVE?

FRIDAY
APRIL 25
6:45 pm - 9:30 pm
Market Square Park, 301 Milam, Houston

Calling all Bicyclists!

Join fellow Resurrection MCC bikers for a Critical Mass Bike Ride - a casual mass bike ride around the city, intended to raise awareness and advocate a bicycle-friendly urban environment. All bikes and skill-levels are welcomed. The ride will last around 2 hours - about 20 miles. Meet at 6:45pm on the corner nearest Congress Ave and Travis St. in Downtown Houston. Look for the GOT LOVE? Resurrection MCC Shirts!

Details & RSVP: www.bit.ly/RMCC-20140328
FAQs - www.houstoncriticalmass.com/faq
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EARL CARL INSTITUTE FOR LEGAL & SOCIAL POLICY, INC.
& THURGOOD MARSHALL SCHOOL OF LAW OUTLAW

PRESENT

Legal, Racial and Religious Perspectives on Same-Sex Marriage

Please Join Us:

Be a part of discussions regarding the Supreme Court's recent landmark DOMA and Proposition 8 decisions, as well as the recent Texas decision. These decisions present an opportunity to open a timely and impactful dialogue concerning the constitutional, legal, political, racial, social and religious issues related to marriage equality, marriage protection and same-sex marriage.

Topics Include:

How Lawrence v. State Laid the Framework for Windsor, Attorney Mitchell Katine; ***Analysis of the Supreme Court's Decisions in Windsor and Hollingsworth,*** Professor Colin P. Starger; ***African American Belief Systems and Attitudes Towards Same-Sex Marriage***, Professor Darren Sherkat; ***The Evolution of LGBT Civil Rights in the United States***, Professor S. Nicole Cathey, ***Christianities, Cultural Values, and the Same-Sex Marriage Debate,*** Reverend Kristen Klein-Cechettini & Reverend Doctor Michael Diaz, Resurrection Metropolitan Community Church

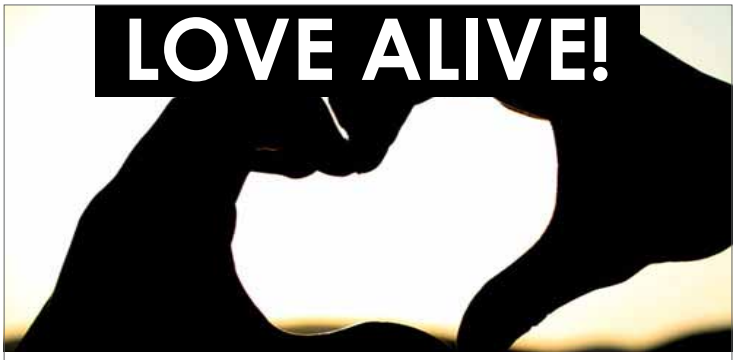
KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Counsel for Plaintiffs in San Antonio Case Holding the Ban on Same Sex Marriage in Texas Unconstitutional: ***DeLeon v. Perry, the Plaintiffs, the Attorneys and the Judge that Found the Texas Ban on Same-Sex Marriage Unconstitutional***, Attorney Matthew Pepping, Akin, Gump, Strauss, Hauer & Feld

Location & Date:

Thurgood Marshall School of Law, April 17th, 8:00 am-5:00 pm

$105.00 attorneys; $30.00 gov't and non-profit attorneys; complimentary non-attorneys
For more information contact the Earl Carl Institute at 713.313.1321 or earlcarlinstitute@tmslaw.tsu.edu



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

PRIDE
CHARITIES, INC.

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

END DISCRIMINATION

TEXANS TOGETHER
Together we can change Texas

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 Countil 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.texanstogether.org/civilrightsordinance

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 April 6, 2014

Giving (Tithes and Offerings)	Week Ended	YTD Total
Total Amount Received	$12,854.36	$246,737.71
Total Amount Anticipated	$17,837.38	$249,723.28
Total Giving Variance		($2,985.57)
Weekly Giving Comparison		
Average Amount Received	$17,624.12	
Ministry Plan Need	$17,837.38	
Attendance	**Week Ended**	**YTD Average**
Worship	359	439
Programming	172	174
Total Weekly Attendance	531	613

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 13**
9:00 am	**Worship Service**	*Sanctuary*
10:00 am	Scavenger Hunt Promo Table	*Gathering Place*
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 am	Easter Bonnet Parade, Brunch, Silent Auction	
12:15 am	Scavenger Hunt Promo Table	*Gathering Place*
3:00 pm	Houston Heights Orchestra Concert	*Sanctuary*
MONDAY		**APRIL 14**
7:00 pm	Instrumental Ensemble Rehearsal	*Sanctuary*
7:00 pm	The New Old School Bible Study!	*Gathering Place*
TUESDAY		**APRIL 15**
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 16**
7:00 pm	Overeaters Anonymous 12-Step Meeting	*Chapel*
7:00 pm	Release Shame & Claim Authenticity!	*Gathering Place*
THURSDAY		**APRIL 17**
7:00 pm	Maundy Thursday Seder & Footwashing	*Gathering Place*
FRIDAY	**OFFICE CLOSED**	**APRIL 18**
7:00 pm	Friday Night OUT- South	*Floyds Cajun Seafood Texas Steakhouse*
7:00 pm	Good Friday Service	*Sanctuary*
SATURDAY	**OFFICE CLOSED**	**APRIL 19**
8:00 am	Body Blast Fitness Camp	*Activities Building*
9:00 am	Landscape & Facilities Work Day	*Welcome Center*
9:30 am	Overeaters Anonymous 12-Step Meeting	*Chapel*
11:00 am	Praise Dance Rehearsal	*Sanctuary*
1:00 pm	Joy of Djembe Drumming	*Activities Building*
1:00 pm	Amazing Race Food Drive	
SUNDAY		**APRIL 20**
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 am	Brunch Buddies	*Welcome Center*

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.