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Prelude

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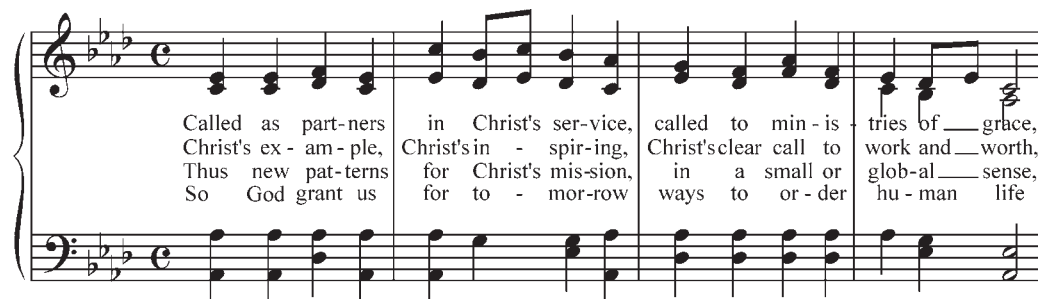
Our Community Gathers

+ Exchange of Peace

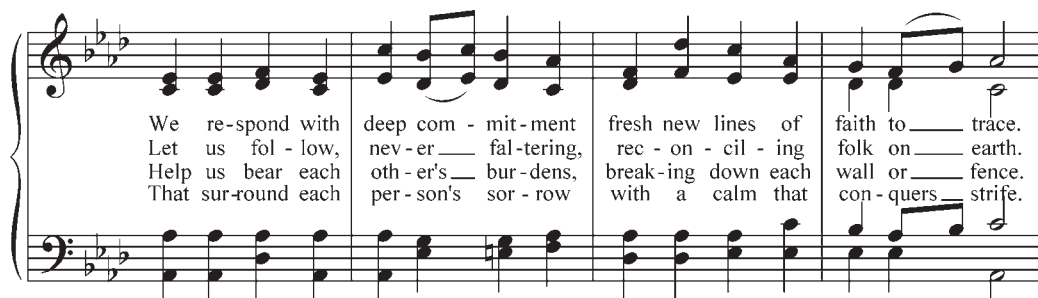
+ Processional Hymn

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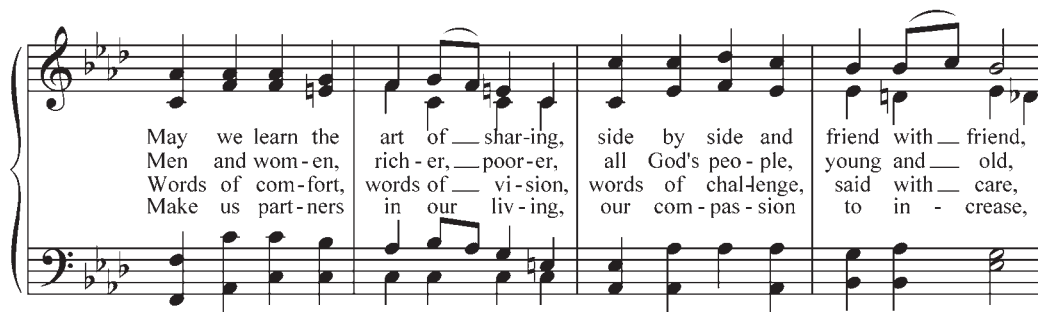
Called as Partners in Christ's Service



Called as part - ners in Christ's ser - vice, called to min - is - tries of — grace,
 Christ's ex - am - ple, Christ's in - spir - ing, Christ's clear call to work and — worth,
 Thus new pat - terns for Christ's mis - sion, in a small or glob - al — sense,
 So God grant us for to - mor - row ways to or - der hu - man life



We re - spond with deep com - mit - ment fresh new lines of faith to — trace.
 Let us fol - low, nev - er — fal - tering, rec - on - cil - ing folk on — earth.
 Help us bear each oth - er's — bur - dens, break - ing down each wall or — fence.
 That sur - round each per - son's sor - row with a calm that con - quers — strife.



May we learn the art of — shar - ing, side by side and friend with — friend,
 Men and wom - en, rich - er, — poor - er, all God's peo - ple, young and — old,
 Words of com - fort, words of — vi - sion, words of chal - lenge, said with — care,
 Make us part - ners in our liv - ing, our com - pas - sion, to in - crease,



E - qual part - ners in our — car - ing to ful - fill God's cho - sen — end.
 Blend - ing hu - man skills to - geth - er gra - cious gifts from God un - fold.
 Bring new power and strength for — ac - tion, make us col - leagues, free and — fair.
 Mes - sen - gers of faith, thus giv - ing hope and con - fi - dence and — peace.

+ Please rise in body or spirit.

We Gather

In this season of Pentecost, we gather and await the presence of the Holy Spirit into our midst as we invoke her presence with our singing and our worship.

We Worship

One of Jane Parker Huber's most widely sung texts, this hymn was originally written for a women's breakfast at the 1981 Presbyterian General Assembly meeting to celebrate the partnership of women and men in service of the church. The tune is English and was written by John Zundel in 1855.

We Learn

Creating a Life that Matters is a three-course curriculum which explores ways to rediscover relationship with the Sacred, with my Self, and with my Passion. These three courses correspond to the spiritual experiences of being changed, gifted and called. Graduates will have been challenged to broaden their understanding of all that is Sacred; integrate their self-awareness into being authentic, aware leaders; and live their passion intentionally through the life and work of the church.

Creating a Life that Matters integrates art, scripture, music, film, journaling, and diverse spiritual resources to augment our exploration of the Christian path. For more information on being a part of this class see page 11 of this worship bulletin.

We Sing in Response

This song by D.J. Butler comes out of the Vineyard Community of churches. The Vineyard movement believes we are called to participate in the character and mission of God. Missional God generates a missional community.

+ Invocation

Rev. Bernie Barbour

+ Graduation of Creating a Life That Matters

Rev. Janice Ladd &
Rev. Dr. Sharon Bezner

Pastor: We gather to celebrate the accomplishments of members of our community.

All: We give blessing to you for all that you have achieved and your achievements yet to come.

Pastor: We celebrate your rediscovery of the Sacred.

Disciples: We have exchanged empty religious practices for an encounter with the Sacred; rediscovering the loving God with our heart, soul and mind.

All: We give praise to God.

Pastor: We celebrate your rediscovery of the Self.

Disciples: We have explored our influences and worked to create a Self that we want to live with, others will want to relate to, and God will be able to use in service of that which is Sacred.

All: We give praise to God.

Pastor: We celebrate your rediscovery of your Passion.

Disciples: We have worked to manage internal and external factors that influence our success. We have found the gift of power, energy and joy as we serve the Sacred through the church.

All: We give praise to God.

Pastor: Let us pray.

Presentation of the Graduates

Response

I will change your name, you shall no longer be called
I will change your name, your new name shall be called
wound-ed, out-cast, lone-ly or a-fraid.
con-fi-dence, joy-ful-ness, o-ver-com-ing one.
faith-ful-ness, friend of God, one who seeks my face.

Community Prayers

Rev. Bernie Barbour

Gospel Reading

Loyal Kletzein (9 am)
Charles Clark II (11 am)

Luke 15:1-7

One: God be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: A reading from the Gospel of Luke.

All: Glory to you, O God.

The tax collectors and the "sinners" were all gathering around Jesus to listen to his teaching, at which the religious authorities murmured, "This one welcomes sinners and eats with them!"

Jesus then addressed this parable to them: "Who among you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, doesn't leave the ninety-nine in the open pasture and search for the lost one until it's found? And finding it, you put the sheep on your shoulders in jubilation. Once home, you invite friends and neighbors in and say to them, 'Rejoice with me! I've found my lost sheep!' I tell you, in the same way there will be more joy in heaven over one repentant sinner than over ninety-nine righteous people who have no need to repent."

One: This is the Resurrection Gospel.

All: Praise to you, Creator, Christ and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Anthem

Sanctuary Choir
Jackie Marshall, soloist

I Am Not Ashamed
Arr. by Keith Christopher

Spiritual Encouragement

Rev. Dwayne Johnson

***It's Time:
To Search Until We Find***

Making Ministry Happen

Rev. Bernie Barbour

Offertory

Steven Couch & Joel Hammett

Offertory
By John Ness Beck

Communion

Rev. Dr. Sharon Bezner

Introduction

Consecration of the Elements

Prayer of Consecration

The Prayer that Jesus Taught

Invitation to the Feast

We Hear the Word

The Pharisees and legal experts, positioned here as Jesus' antagonists, present the challenge that will occupy Jesus throughout this chapter. What one eats and with whom one eats are key issues in drawing and maintaining socio-religious boundaries. Or in other words exclusion! Jesus' response takes the form of two brief, interrelated parables and a lengthy story. All are focused on the recovery of what was lost, followed by celebration at the finding. In effect, Jesus' table fellowship mirrors the joy and festivity characteristic of God over us all, not just the religious people.

Communion Songs

We Receive

All Congregations in
MCC practice an open
communion.

We believe that
communion is a visible
sign of Christ's
presence and
God's grace that each
one of us, visitor,
friend, or member,
may receive.
of worship to God as
our sacrifice.

We Give Thanks

We stand at the end of
the communion
service as part of our
thanksgiving for the
service of communion
and the representation
of the body and blood
of Christ as the
sacrifice made for us.
For now we offer the
sacrifice.

Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

Turn your eyes upon Jesus, look full in his wonderful face,
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim
In the light of his glory and grace.

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Give Thanks

Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One,
give thanks because God's given Jesus Christ, the son.
Give thanks with a grateful heart, Give thanks to the Holy One,
Give thanks because God's given Jesus Christ, the son.

And now let the weak say, "I am strong,"
Let the poor say, "I am rich because of what
The Lord has done for us."

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Let the poor say, "I am rich because of what
The Lord has done for us."

Give thanks.

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You Are My Hiding Place

You are my hiding place,
You always fill my heart with songs
Of deliverance, whenever I am afraid,
I will trust in you, I will trust in you,
Let the weak say, "I am strong in the strength of the Lord,

I will trust in you."

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Holy Ground

We are standing on holy ground,
And I know that there are angels all around.
Let us praise Jesus now,
We are standing in God's presence on holy ground.
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And I know that there are angels all around.
Let us praise Jesus now,
We are standing in God's presence on holy ground.

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+ Prayer of Thanksgiving

Rev. Dr. Sharon Bezner

+ Benediction

Rev. Dwayne Johnson

Postlude

The Worship of God Each Day

Opening Prayer

God, you call us to this time of daily worship to seek your heart and your wisdom. You love us like a strong mother, and a gentle father. Show us your ways. Prompt us where we need to be prompted. Challenge us where we need to be challenged. Prod us where we need to be prodded. Hold us where we need to be held. And find us where we need to be found. Amen.

~ Rev. Dwayne Johnson

Daily Scripture Readings

Sunday - Luke 15: 1-7
Monday - Luke 15: 8-10
Tuesday - Luke 15: 11-32
Wednesday - Isaiah 51: 1-8
Thursday - Psalm 63: 1-8
Friday - Ephesians 1: 15-23
Saturday - Jeremiah 29: 10-14

Sacred Reading (page 6)

See opening essay, quotes, or other sources.

Spiritual Maturity & Application (page 6)

See questions and reflection journal exercises.

Closing Prayer

God, we open ourselves to what the next moment holds. If we are to experience loss, give us the strength we need to face it. Keep us open to what that loss will teach us. Strengthen us to be steadfast to search until we find what You have for us. Remind us to celebrate Your grace, which is always present. Amen.

~ Rev. Dwayne Johnson

Grow Up

Spiritual Maturity, Transformation & Application

Opening Essay

It's Time: To Search Until We Find

As I write this my heart is drawn back to six years ago today. It is a day we describe with three unforgettable numbers: 9-11. On September 11, 2001, so much was lost: husbands, grandmothers, lovers, mothers, friends, fathers, sons, partners, daughters...innocence, peace, security--and for some, hope.

Some might say: "That was six years ago. I'm tired of hearing about 9-11. I don't want to be reminded of that awful day. When are we going to move on? It's time for closure."

When it comes to loss, closure is the wrong word. One "closes" on buying a house, not on loss. Grief cannot be measured by predictable stages. Grief cannot be checked off a "to do" list. Many of those most deeply touched by 9-11 are on a search for renewed wholeness. They have good days and bad days. For some this search will take a lifetime.

In Luke 15, Jesus tells three stories that deal with loss. One involves a lost sheep, another a lost coin, and the final a lost son. In all three stories, the search for what was lost requires persistence, understanding, faith, compassion...and time.

These are great stories of hope. On one hand they admit that the search is never easy. On the other hand they reveal that as long as one continues to search one continues to hope.

As a church, we are called to be a place where people find strength for their search. Together, we remind each other that we are not alone in our search. We restore each other to hope. As we mature, we live more and more from a deep place of joy. We dance together and join hands in celebration. And we also join hearts in our grief.

As part of your prayers and reflections this week, I invite you to pray with me daily for those dealing with grief, be it from 9-11 or from other losses.

~ Rev. Dwayne Johnson
September 11, 2007

Message Notes

Sacred Reading

What are you looking for today and where will your search be successful? The quest for God is always successful when carried out where God is to be found. Where shall we begin the search? The deep inner rooms of our own soul, sacred scriptures, the book of history, current events, the lives of the saints, the poor and oppressed seeking our compassion, and the creation itself offer places where God has been most readily found in the past. Today, pay attention to what has your undivided attention and follow the clues to a closer walk with God.

~ Reuben P. Job, *A Guide to Prayer for All Who Seek God*, 376.

We're looking for something - we don't know what it is, exactly, but we know just enough about it to know that we can find it. Sometimes it's just a matter of asking the right question, and sometimes it's a matter of recognizing when the right answer comes along.

~ Leonard Sweet, from "Parked in Dopey," *Homiletics* 9/12/2004.

Let us begin to be devoted to Christ in earnest, banishing from our hearts and minds all else; Christ wishes to be there alone, let us ask this grace. . . if on our part we do the best we can, we will soon see in ourselves the changes that we are hoping for.

~ Brother Lawrence of the Resurrection, from *The Practice of the Presence of God*, 82, adapted.

Spiritual Maturity & Application

Tuesday's reading is Luke 15: 11-32, one of the great "search and find" stories in the Bible. Read this passage silently and create an "inner DVD" of it. Picture the scenes and characters evoked by this scripture. Converse with each character: the younger prodigal son; the angry, perfectionist older son; the heartbroken father; and the unseen mother.

With whom do you identify most? Why? Return to the older sibling, identifying with times you may have been self-righteous, judgmental, or unmindful of the bigger picture. Now, consider the father. How are you called to grow in maturity to become more like the father in your life. How may Resurrection MCC grow in maturity to become more like the father in ministering to our community?

~ *The Spiritual Formation Bible*, 1378, adapted.

Part of our spiritual walk involves our search for meaning. Comedian Paula Poundstone said, "I'll tell you a secret - adults don't know what they want to do for a living. That's why they're always asking kids what they want to be when they grow up - they're looking for ideas."

Who you will be ten years from now you are already becoming. No matter your age, how do you feel about the person you are growing up to be? What and/or who do you want to be when you grow up? Have you found what you really want in life?

~ Paula Poundstone quote from Martin E. Marty, *Context*, 1 November 1994, 16.

One of the great "searches" of our day is for a compassionate response to the ongoing AIDS crisis. Joe Cristina, founder of the Children Affected by AIDS Foundation, writes, "Worldwide, nearly 40 million people are living with HIV and AIDS. Over 13 million children have been orphaned due to AIDS. Six hundred thousand children are infected with HIV each year. And 25 years into the AIDS pandemic, no vaccine or cure is in sight. The numbers speak for themselves. What are you doing to help?"

Journal or discuss with spiritual companions how you have been impacted by AIDS. Pray for those who are searching for a vaccine or cure. Pray for those who live each day with HIV or AIDS.

~ Joe Cristina quote from "The Way I See It #241" from Starbucks.

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Worship

Sunday, 9:00 am & 11:00 am

Wednesday, 7:00 pm

Children & Youth Worship

Sunday, 11:00 am

Nursery

Sunday, 9:00 am & 11:00 am

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Welcome!

If you are visiting 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.

Please stop by the **Concierge Desk**

located next to **Inspirations**, our coffee café and gift shop, to receive a welcome gift. 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 services are identical in form, however they contain different elements from diverse religious traditions each week.

In addition to our 9:00 & 11:00 am Sunday worship services, we also offer a Spiritual Uplift service on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 pm. The Spiritual Uplift service is more contemplative and includes a devotional, a short message or a biblical review. There is also a time of communion and a service of prayer.

About Us...

Resurrection MCC is a Christian church with a primary outreach to the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer community. We are a part of the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches, founded by Rev. Troy D. Perry in Los Angeles, California on October 6, 1968. Metropolitan Community Churches are on a bold mission to transform hearts, lives, and history. We are a movement that faithfully proclaims God's inclusive love for all people, and proudly bears witness to the holy integration of spirituality and sexuality.

The **Mission** of Resurrection MCC is to demonstrate God's unconditional love to all people through Christian action.

The **Vision** of Resurrection MCC is to **ATTRACT** people into a relationship with God through radical **INCLUSION** into God's family, transform them to Christ-like **MATURITY**, and **MOBILIZE** them for their life purpose.

At Resurrection MCC, every member and friend is a minister of the church. We envision a Christian community that values diversity and is as diverse and all-encompassing as creation. Through salvation, service, study, and tithing, each member and friend will live and grow in faith and be spiritually fed. To that end, we embrace five core beliefs:

We believe in God's unconditional love for everyone.

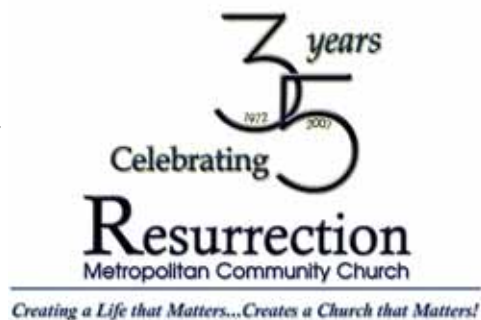
We believe in the saving grace of Jesus Christ and the empowering presence of the Holy Spirit.

We believe in including everyone and excluding no one.

We believe in joyfully providing access to Christ-centered spiritual nourishment and Biblical truths.

We believe that each of us will discover our spirituality through active participation in the work of God and in the pursuit of health, wholeness, and justice for everyone.

Again, welcome!



New Members' Class

Tuesday, October 9

6 - 9 pm

Gathering Place

Rev. Janice Ladd guides the participant to learn the mission, vision, and values of Resurrection MCC, to discover our connection to the world through our affiliation with the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches, and to join this family in purpose, service, and fellowship.

To register, contact Jason Wood,
JWood@ResurrectionMCC.org
or 713-861-9149 x105.
Download the Spiritual Gifts Assessment
from www.ResurrectionMCC.org,

Parents Group!

TODAY
12:30 pm
Activities Building
(Child Care Available)

Parents, Parents-To-Be,
or those interested in becoming
parents, are invited to join us!

Join us for lunch, presentation,
and tour Resurrection's facilities.

If you'd like to receive information
about future events for Parents, email
Parents@ResurrectionMCC.org

September's Topic:
Resurrection Resources
& Facilities



Save the Date!
Sunday, October 7, 2007
4 - 8 p.m.
*decadent
dessert
and more*
810 Pacific Street
8 p.m. on, stay and continue partying
No additional cover charge
For more information: assisthers.org

Tickets Available in the Gathering Place TODAY!

The Houston Pride Band Presents

**Celebrating
Diversity**
Benefitting
assisthers.org

Saturday, September 29, 2007

Concert Location: Resurrection MCC • 2025 W. 11th St
7:30 PM (Doors open @ 7:00 PM) • Tickets \$10 Available at The Door
For More Info Call: 713-862-9491 • www.houstonprideband.org

Storm Recovery Update



We had another close call this week with Hurricane Humberto. Many of you came by to see if you could help secure the property as a precaution to the projected rainfall. I stand in awe that over the years weather has challenged our brick and mortar, but never our church. Resurrection members and friends always pull together and find a way to worship.

That is what happened back in June when our roof gave way to heavy wind and rain. Water was pouring into our music room and offices and was threatening our sanctuary. But within a few hours, Resurrection family moved all the furniture out of harm's way and a restoration crew arrived to remove the excess water and install a temporary patch on the roof.

Since that day, we have been seeking approval from our insurance to begin reconstruction of the roof, walls, and ceiling that were damaged. Unfortunately, our insurance company denied the claim and on Monday, September 10, our public adjuster informed me that he sees no way to argue their denial. The Board of Directors is currently in dialogue with our banks to secure the financing to move forward with the repairs and I have been gathering estimates.

I'll keep you posted as we continue the recovery efforts. Your continued prayers and support are greatly appreciated.

Blessings,
Rev. Janice Ladd
Executive Pastor



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NEXT Sunday!

12:30 pm

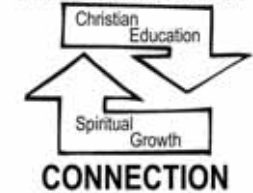
Activities Building

This new youth group will get together for lunch, games, and spiritual inspiration.

Now Training Volunteers!
JWood@ResurrectionMCC.org



RESURRECTION



Thursday, Sept. 20 & 27
7:00 - 8 :30 pm
Gathering Place

**RESURRECTION GUMBO:
Cookin' Up Sermons with Rev. Dwayne**

Sometimes after a sermon someone will share an idea with me that came to them during the sermon. What if those great ideas were brought to me before the sermon? Creating a sermon is like making a big pot of gumbo. I bring together lots of ingredients, mix them together and let them simmer.

I'm inviting you to bring your ideas, stories, diversity, and creativity and join me in my sermon kitchen to help cook up some sermons for October and November.

On September 20, we'll be working on the October series with the theme, *Key to Abundance*.

On September 27, we'll be mixing ingredients for two messages I'm preparing for November with the theme, *Be Strong in the Strength*.

So bring your Bibles and prayers and let's watch how the Spirit will work through us together.



Singles Group Bowling!

NEXT Saturday, Sept. 22, 7 pm

Palace Bowling Lanes

4191 Bellaire Blvd.

713-667-6554

To stay up to date with the activities of the singles group, email Brandon at Singles@ResurrectionMCC.org



The Yarnweh Ministry Needs EWE! (YOU!)

Warmth is needed in cold weather but God has woven this community to meet the needs all year long. Join us on Sunday, October 14, for our new direction or to assist with our Baptism Stole project.

For more information, please contact Charles Clark II at 832-372-1280 or by email at Yarnweh@ResurrectionMCC.org

Saturday, October 13, 6:30 pm

Activities Building

\$8 per session / \$2 per coverall game

**Food, Fun,
Fabulous Prizes!**



**Proceeds benefit:
Children & Youth
General Fund**



**Holy Union
Preparation
Seminar**

Sunday, October 28
1 pm - 5 pm, Lunch Provided
Activities Building #108

Are you and your partner thinking about having a Holy Union? This seminar is the recommended first step to having a Holy Union performed by Resurrection clergy.

It is designed to help couples discuss relationship matters, while keeping Christ in the center of their relationship.

You can learn more about having a Holy Union at Resurrection, and download the full information packet from our Web site, www.ResurrectionMCC.org.

Please RSVP via email to JWood@ResurrectionMCC.org or call 713-861-9149 x105.

Emerging Church



Emerging Church Worship is actually a considerably new concept. Many of us at Resurrection grew up in what is known as the Modern world. Starting in the 1950's, the United States entered a modern era. Computers were a completely new element. Some of the machines of that day actually took up entire buildings! An interesting fact to think about is that the computer you have in your office or your home

has more computing power than the computer used to send the first spacecraft to the Moon. We have come a long way.

People born after 1980 have always lived in an age of computers, electronics and digital technology. Many have never seen a black and white TV. So how does that affect worship in our churches?

For years churches worked hard to make everything in the church seem as professional and "slick" as possible. Ancient words, ancient symbols and ancient forms of liturgy were taken out of many sanctuaries. The church provided a lot of entertainment for those that needed it. That "entertainment" led them to a deeper relationship with God (in many cases).

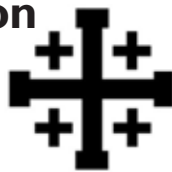
In today's world, people are coming to church looking for more of an experience. They want to connect with some of the ancient and incorporate it into the modern. You will notice our new altar paraments have some ancient symbols on them. In our service today we are actually doing an experiential section as part of Rev. Dwayne's sermon. As always, we want to celebrate diversity in our worship, therefore we will have elements of the ancient world, modern world as well as the post-modern world. More about the Emerging Church in the next few weeks.

Blessings to you all,
Steven Couch
Director of Worship

Adult Christian Education



**Good Morning,
Resurrection!!!**



May the peace of God be with you. Over the past four years, I have been actively involved in Adult Christian Education (ACE) here at Resurrection. It has been my honor and joy to serve in this capacity and see so many of you dedicate your personal time in study in class and at home. As ACE as we know it draws to a close, we all look forward to the new formats that it undertakes. I'm excited to be included in the new plans and look forward to seeing you in worship.

Isaiah 33:6

Wisdom and knowledge will be the stability of your times and the strength of salvation.

Love & Light,
Rev. Mona

Attention all EXCEL Retreat Graduates!

Please stop by the EXCEL table in the Gathering Place for some great information.

Thank you !

—Team # 39

Why wait another year for the blessings you can receive now?

Next Friday night is the start of the 39th retreat and our 25th year of Excelling for Christ!

We have been in prayer and training with YOU in mind for the past 11 months as we know you are worth it all.

After the retreat, we cannot promise that you'll be able to turn water into wine, but with the faith of a mustard seed, you will move mountains and your life will not be the same.

So why wait another year for the blessings you can receive now?

Limited seats are available, so answer that "yes" in your heart and join us for our 39th weekend retreat in Living in Union with Christ.

Register today in the Gathering Place after service.

www.excelofthearmadillo.org
excelofthearmadillo@yahoo.com
September 21 - 23, 2007

O.W.L.S. Potluck Lunch

Outreach, Wisdom, Laughter, Support: A Seniors' Ministry

THIS Tuesday, September 18

12 - 2 pm, Gathering Place

Bring your Favorite Food & Game!

Rev. Rick Elliot will give the devotional

RSVP to OWLS@ResurrectionMCC.org
Lunches held the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each Month

Karaoke Café

*Come and sing or
support your favorite
Resurrection Idol wanna-be!*

**Friday,
September 28
7:30 pm - 10:00 pm
Gathering Place**

**Everyone is Welcome!
Bring your friends and kids!**

*Inspirations Coffee Café &
Gift Shop will be open with
coffee, soft drinks,
snacks & water.*



CREATING A LIFE



THAT MATTERS

MCC's Transformational Spiritual Development Curriculum

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Board Members on Duty
Michelle Freeman & Goldie Brown

Register Today!

Class size is limited to 25.

Cost is \$100 and covers curriculum, workbook, meals, and other materials. We ask that you make a commitment to attend all 18 classes. Classes held Wednesdays from 6:30 - 8:45 pm. The first 25 individuals to submit this form, with payment, to *Inspirations Coffee Cafe & Gift Shop* will be secured a spot in the class.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Session I: The Sacred
October 31, 2007 to December 12, 2007

Session II: My Self
January 9, 2008 to February 20, 2008

Session III: My Passion
March 26, 2008 to May 7, 2008

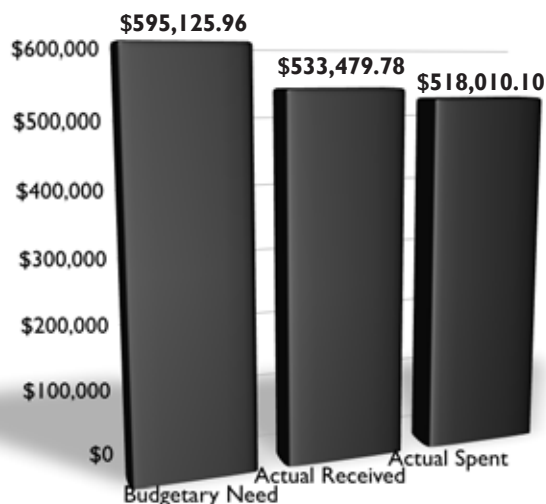
For more information, please pick up a brochure located in the Welcome Area and at the Concierge Desk, or contact **Rev. Janice Ladd at 713-861-9149 x104** or by email at **RevJL@ResurrectionMCC.org**

Flowers for the Sanctuary
In remembrance of my son, Gary Verdine.
-Clifford Verdine

General Fund Financial Report

Week Ending September 9, 2007

		Week	Year to Date
Tithes & Offerings			
09/05/07	Mid-Week	12	\$832.31
09/09/07	9:00 am	150	\$9,467.64
09/09/07	11:00 am	329	\$4,632.85
	Special Services		\$1,388.06
	Gift of Love Campaign		\$1,370.00
	Other Contributions		\$1,737.00
	Total	491	\$18,039.80
Other General Fund Income			
	Fundraising		\$10,597.15
	Miscellaneous		\$805.00
	Total Received		\$29,441.95
	Budgetary Need		\$17,884.61
	Total Surplus / (Deficit)		\$11,557.34



This Week @ ResurrectionMCC.org

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 16

- 9:00 am Sunday Worship / Rev. Dwayne Johnson**
 10:15 am Fisher's Net Prayer Ministry *Chapel*
11:00 am Sunday Worship / Rev. Dwayne Johnson
 11:15 am Children & Youth Worship Service *Activities Building*
 12:30 pm Parents Group *Activities Building*
 1:30 pm HeavenSound Handbells Rehearsal *Sanctuary*

MONDAY SEPTEMBER 17

- 6:30 pm Anointing Rehearsal *Sanctuary*
 6:30 pm JustUs Rehearsal *Chapel*

TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 18

- 12:00 pm OWLS Luncheon
 7:00 pm Gospel Ensemble Rehearsal *Chapel*
 7:00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting (Open) *Wellness Center*

WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 19

- 7:00 pm Mid-Week Worship** *Chapel*
 7:00 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal *Sanctuary*
 7:00 pm Houston Pride Band *Activities Building*
 7:15 pm Praise Dancers Rehearsal *Activities Building #212*

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 20

- 7:00 pm Resurrection Connection *Gathering Place*
 7:00 pm Resurrection Singers Rehearsal *Chapel*

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 21

No Events Scheduled.

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 22

No Events Scheduled.

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 23

- 9:00 am Sunday Worship / Rev. Janice Ladd**
 10:15 am Fisher's Net Prayer Ministry *Chapel*
11:00 am Sunday Worship / Rev. Janice Ladd
 11:15 am Children & Youth Worship Service *Activities Building*
 12:30 pm youthLife *Activities Building*
 1:30 pm HeavenSound Handbells Rehearsal *Sanctuary*