



# RESURRECTION

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Prelude

Joel Hammett

Our Community Gathers

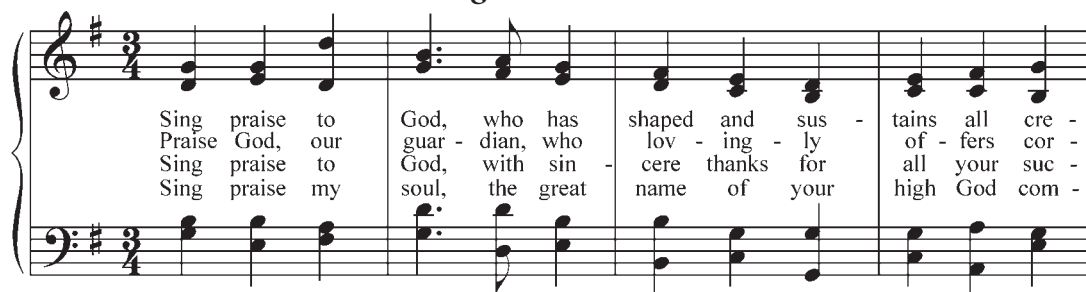
Rev. Dwayne Johnson & Jason Wood

+ Exchange of Peace

+ Processional Hymn

LOBE DEN HERREN

*Sing Praise to God*



Sing praise to God, who has shaped and sus - tains all cre -  
 Praise God, our guar - dian, who lov - ing - ly of - fers cor -  
 Sing praise to God, with sin - cere thanks for all your suc -  
 Sing praise my soul, the great name of your high God com -



a rec - tion! Sing praise, my soul, in pro - found and com -  
 cess - - tion, Who, as on ea - gle's wings, saves us from  
 mend - ing. All that have God ev - er loves to en -



plete ad - o - ra - tion! Glad - some re - joice or - gan and  
 sin - ful de - jec - tion. Have you ob - served, how we are  
 cour - age and bless - us. On - ly con - ceive, what god - ly  
 notes sweet - ly blend - ing. God is your light! Soul, ev - er



trum - pet and voice join - ing God's great con - gre - ga - tion.  
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 keep this in sight: a - men, a - men nev - er end - ing.

+ Please rise in body or spirit.

## We Gather

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

## We Worship

This Hymn was written by Joachim Neander, born in 1650, whose father, grandfather, great-grandfather, and great-great-grandfather were all preachers. Joachim often took long walks near his home in Hochdal, Germany. They were worship walks, and he frequently composed hymns as he strolled, singing them to God. He was the first hymn writer from the Calvinist branch of Protestantism. He wrote this hymn when he was 30, just before he died of tuberculosis. Neander wrote fifty-six hymn texts that were all published in 1680, the year of his death.

## We Hear the Word

This is a psalm of trust and confidence in God, influenced by the wisdom tradition. The psalm offers unqualified divine protection and guidance for the righteous, which explains the popularity of the psalm for those engaged in perilous undertakings.

In today's anthem, Psalm 8 is invoked at the beginning of the piece. This psalm is a glorious song of praise, addressed solely to God. It celebrates the majestic nature of God's name in all the earth and the dignity and distinctive role of human beings. Tom Fettke goes further by adding a chorus of alleluias that builds and builds in intensity to bask in the glory and majesty of God.

### Invocation

Rev. Charli Merchant

### + Psalm Reading

#### Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16

One: You who live in the shelter of Most High, who abide in the shadow of the Almighty, will say to God:

**All: "My refuge and my fortress; my God, in whom I trust."**

One: And our God will say to us: "I will rescue you from the snare, and shield you from poisoned arrows. I will cover you with my pinions; under my wings you will take refuge.

**All: "My faithfulness will shield you."**

One: "You have no need to fear the prowlers of the night or the arrow that flies by day, the plague that lurks in the shadows or the scourge that stalk at noon.

**All: "Because you love me, I will deliver you."**

One: "I will rescue you because you acknowledge my name. You will call upon me, and I will answer you;

**All: "I will be with you in trouble."**

One: "I will deliver you and honor you. I will satisfy you with a long life and show you my salvation."

**All: We worship you our God, in whom we trust! Amen.**

### Anthem

Sanctuary Choir

#### *The Majesty and Glory of Your Name*

By Tom Fettke

### Community Prayers

Rev. Janice Ladd

### + Gospel Reading

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

#### Luke 16:19-31

One: God be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

One: A reading from the Gospel of Luke.

**All: Glory to you, O God.**

There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. He called out, 'Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.'

But Abraham said, "Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here and you are in agony. Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us." He said, "Then, I beg you to send him to my father's house- for I have five brothers - that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment." Abraham replied, "They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them." He said, "No, Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent." He said to him, "if they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead."

One: This is the Resurrection Gospel.

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

**Special Music**

JustUs

*Miracle*

By the Clark Sisters

**Spiritual Encouragement**

Rev. Dwayne Johnson

*It's Time:  
To Really Trust God*

**Making Ministry Happen**

Testimonial: Creating a Life That Matters

Debbie Skelly

Offertory

Joel Hammett

**Communion**

Rev. Charli Merchant

Introduction

Consecration of the Elements

Prayer of Consecration

The Prayer that Jesus Taught

Invitation to the Feast

**We  
Hear the  
Word**

Amazingly this rich man does show compassion, but only to his brothers for fear they would end up like him. Those who call upon Abraham should heed the Scriptures, engaging in the sort of behavior characteristic of Abraham. This wealthy person should have extended the compassion of hospitality to the poor man at his gate. As lovers of money, the Pharisees are indicted as well; In neglecting the poor, they have disregarded the will of God so clearly expressed in *Moses and the prophets*.

**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.

## 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.

## About Rev. Charli

Rev. Charli Merchant was ordained by the Congregational Church (PT), in 1995, after graduate studies at St. John's University, a seminary, in Louisiana. Charli has officiated at weddings, funerals and holy unions for the last twelve years, and she officiated at her own son's wedding in Lake Charles five years ago.

A full time teacher, Charli is English Department Chair and Literacy Coach at a local Early College, and is adjunct professor of Education at HCC.

## Communion Songs

### *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."

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."

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.  
+ 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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+ **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Rev. Charli Merchant

+ **Benediction**

Rev. Dwayne Johnson

**Postlude**





## ***Sacred Reading***

The psychologist Samuel Southard prayed this prayer with the chief administrator at Church of the Savior, in West Hollywood, who was dying of AIDS. He calls it *One Pebble's Prayer*:

Dear Jesus:

I feel like a pebble on the beach, washed in and out by waves of pain and relief, fatigue and rest, fitful sleep and alertness. What am I supposed to do about this? I want to maintain some control of my life. I need some anchor, some mooring. So much is breaking loose!

Let's plan together. I'll live with this sloshing back and forth if you'll keep some deep ballast in me so I don't tip over. You be the anchor within that holds me fast to you. Then I'll be upright even when I must flow in and out of consciousness, rock to-and-fro with pain. You're the solid foundation that keeps me from panic when I lose a grip on myself.

So this is where I am right now. My outer security is washing away, but my eternal security is more reliable as I fix my heart and mind upon you. Amen.

~ Samuel Southard, *Theology & Therapy: The Wisdom of God in a Context of Friendship*, 196.

We love fairly easily. But to trust someone is almost a higher art, a higher goal than to simply love someone. Love is used fairly freely as a word to describe our feelings for other people. But we can love them without necessarily trusting them, and I suspect that the most complete form of love is also to trust someone and risk all the pain that might ensue from having not just loved, but also trusted them, bared oneself to them.

~ Abraham Verghese, *The Conversation, Joe*, vol. 1, number 1, 1999, 40.

Faith's closest analogy in our daily experience is found in entrusting oneself to someone. To entrust oneself to another means to abandon the mastery of oneself, to give oneself to the other."

~ Emil Brunner, *Faith, Hope, and Love*, 33.

## ***Spiritual Maturity & Application***

Psalms 8 is an invitation to receive God's trust. It is also an invitation to live in trustworthy mutuality with those around us.

Elizabeth Hinson-Hasty writes, "What would our world, our attitudes, our practices, and even our political policies look like if we began to see and value God, the environment, all creatures, and human beings in mutually beneficial and covenantal relationship?" Reflect on Hinson-Hasty's question in light of Psalm 8.

~ Elizabeth Hinson-Hasty quote from *Psalms 8*, Interpretation 59 (2005), 394.

Read Psalm 23 and write a list of all the verbs you find. How do these verbs give you insight into God's active care for you? How do these verbs draw you into a greater trust in God? Reflect in your journal or discuss with friends.

Pray the following affirmation three different ways. First, insert your own name into the blanks. Then insert the name of someone for whom you are praying. Finally, insert "Resurrection MCC" into the openings:

"Rejoice indeed that you see God's hand in all the happenings and the keepings of the day. Protected, the Israelites crossed the Red Sea; so \_\_\_\_\_ are you protected in all things. \_\_\_\_\_, rely on this and go forward. You have now entered upon the stage of success. You must not doubt this, \_\_\_\_\_. You must see this. Beyond all doubt you must know it. It is true. It is sure. \_\_\_\_\_, go forward now and conquer. \_\_\_\_\_, go forward unafraid."

~ Adapted from *God Calling*, "True Success": July 14.

On Sunday, October 7 we will begin a special emphasis for the month of October with the theme, *My Key to Our Abundance*. One of the challenges I will extend to Resurrection MCC is for us to pray each day at some point between Noon to 1:00PM. As part of your spiritual practice this week, look ahead to next week and calendar this special commitment to prayer.

~ Rev. Dwayne Johnson

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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

## Resurrection

## Metropolitan Community Church

2025 West 11th St, Houston, Texas 77008  
Phone 713-861-9149 / Fax 713-861-2520  
www.ResurrectionMCC.org

## 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.

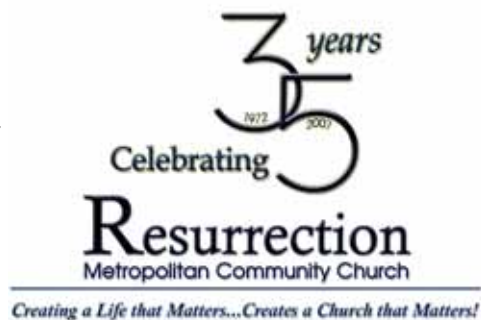
**We believe in** the saving grace of Jesus Christ and the empowering presence of the Holy Spirit.

**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!



# CREATING A LIFE THAT MATTERS



## *MCC's Transformational Spiritual Development Curriculum*

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 of Creating a Life that Matters 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.



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## **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**

## Christian Education for ALL Ages!



### **Nursery (0 - 2 years)**

Located in the front hallway outside Sanctuary.  
Provided for all ages, during every service.

### **Sprouts Children's Worship (3 - 5 years)**

Children leave during 11 am service, return for communion.  
Activities Building Room #107

### **Faith Beginnings Children's Worship (6 - 12 years)**

Children leave during 11 am service, return for communion.  
Activities Building Room #108

### **Youth (13 - 18 years)**

youthLife! Next Sunday, October 7, 12:30 pm  
Activities Building

### **Adults (18+ years)**

Creating a Life That Matters (see ad, left)

For more information, please contact  
Jason Wood, 832-971-0354 or  
JWood@ResurrectionMCC.org

## **Holy Union Preparation Seminar**

**Sunday, October 28**  
**1 - 5 pm**

**Lunch Provided**  
**Activities Bldg #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](http://www.ResurrectionMCC.org).

Please RSVP via email to [JWood@ResurrectionMCC.org](mailto:JWood@ResurrectionMCC.org) or call 713-861-9149 x105.



# 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](mailto:JWood@ResurrectionMCC.org) or 713-861-9149 x105. Download Spiritual Gifts Assessment from [www.ResurrectionMCC.org](http://www.ResurrectionMCC.org)

Now Accepting Applications

## Volunteer Receptionist

Shifts Available: 9 am - Noon & 1 pm - 5 pm

Responsibilities include answering phones & light data entry.

Apply at the Concierge Desk, or contact Jason Wood at 832-971-0354.

## Now Training Teachers & Volunteers for our Children & Youth Ministry

Nursery (0 - 2 years) Sprouts (3 - 5 years)  
Faith Beginnings (6 - 12 years) Youth (13 - 18 years)

We are now training volunteers to care for and teach our children and youth. Jason Wood, Director of Connections, will be providing one-on-one training.

Contact Jason at 832-971-0354 or by email, [JWood@ResurrectionMCC.org](mailto:JWood@ResurrectionMCC.org)

## YARNWEH

Whether your talent is little or big, Yarnweh needs you. Creating for the community is a form of ministry that encompasses talent, tithes and treasures. Come create and be a part of this fellowship building ministry!!!



The first "redirection" circle will be held Sunday, October 14th, 12:30 - 2:30 in the Gathering Place. For more information, call Charles Clark II at 832-372-1280 or email him at [Yarnweh@ResurrectionMCC.org](mailto:Yarnweh@ResurrectionMCC.org)

## O.W.L.S. Potluck Lunch

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

**THIS Tuesday, October 2**

12 - 2 pm, Gathering Place

**Bring your Favorite Food & Game!**

RSVP to [OWLS@ResurrectionMCC.org](mailto:OWLS@ResurrectionMCC.org)  
Lunches held the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each Month

## Blessing of the Animals

**NEXT Saturday!**

October 6, 10:30 - 11:30 am

*They're more than pets... they're family!*



**Saturday, October 13, 6:30 pm**



**Activities Building**

**\$8 per session / \$2 per overall game**

**Food, Fun, Fabulous Prizes!**

Proceeds benefit Children & Youth, General Fund

## Care Callers Needed!

Monday & Tuesday Evenings

Our care callers make phone calls to our first time visitors and follow up on congregational care needs.

Please contact Jason Wood at [JWood@ResurrectionMCC.org](mailto:JWood@ResurrectionMCC.org)





## Did we buy a new organ?

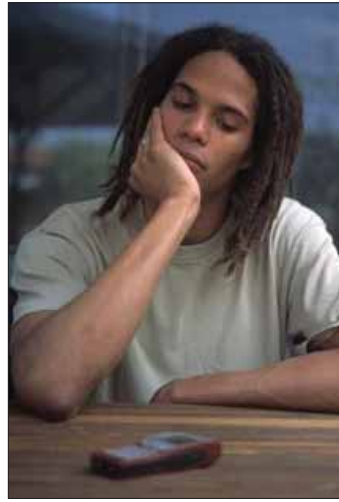
The answer is: NO! Many of you will notice that we have a new organ console sitting on the chancel. That organ is a Wicks Royal Classic Organ. It is a new design from the Wicks Pipe Organ Co. of Highland, IL. Because of a long-standing relationship between me and that family-owned business, they have agreed to place this brand new digitally sampled organ in

our sanctuary as a demonstration instrument to people in the South Texas Region who might be interested in purchasing one. The Wicks Organ Co. will be sending people to our worship space to hear the organ and have me or Joel demonstrate its capabilities to them. In return, we get to use the instrument free of charge. If the organ should be sold, they will bring us another instrument of equal or greater capacity!

This particular organ has a larger console and more speakers and amplifiers, but does have a few less stops than our other instrument. However, this instrument is digitally sampled note by note and stop by stop from the vintage organ at the Basilica in St. Louis, Mo. You will notice a fuller sound coming from this instrument and the different colors of the organ will amaze all listeners. Feel free to come by and take a look at the beautiful console as well.

For more information on the Wicks Pipe Organ Co., visit [www.wicksorgan.com](http://www.wicksorgan.com). For more information on the organ at the Basilica in St. Louis, visit [www.cathedralstl.org](http://www.cathedralstl.org).

Blessing to you all,  
Steven Couch  
Director of Worship



## Single? Check us out.

To join our new singles group, and learn about our upcoming outings, email Brandon at [Singles@ResurrectionMCC.org](mailto:Singles@ResurrectionMCC.org)

## Congratulations, Resurrection!



Voted...

## "Best Place to Worship"



Check out the October issue of OutSmart for a list of all the 2007 award winners, and join us as we receive our certificate at South Beach on Wednesday, October 17, from 5:30 - 8:30 pm!

## Save the Date!

**Fall Semi-Annual Congregational Forum**  
Sunday, October 7, 12:30 pm

**Fall Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting**  
Sunday, October 21, 12:30 pm

Agenda highlights include electing Lay Delegates and approving our 2008 budget.

## Resurrection Inspirations

Coffee Café & Gift Shop



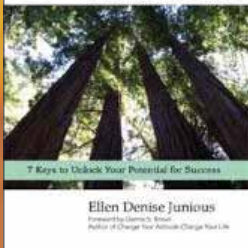
UNLEASH  
THE POWER OF  
PERSONAL  
ADVANTAGE

## Book Signing!

*Unleash the Power  
of Personal Advantage*

Ellen Denise Junious

(after both services today)



## Lay Delegate Openings

Applications are Due TODAY!

The 2007 Nominating Committee invites all Resurrection MCC members to apply for openings on the Lay Delegation. We will be filling six (6) Lay Delegate openings.

The application process closes today, September 30, 2007.

Applications available at any entrance to the Sanctuary, and at the Concierge Desk.

One year church membership is required for consideration.

If you have questions, please speak to any Nominating Committee member (Georgia Chambers, Lynn Jenkins, Yolanda Richardson, and Win Boyd), or email Georgia at [Nominating@ResurrectionMCC.org](mailto:Nominating@ResurrectionMCC.org)

**Save the Date!**  
Sunday, October 7, 2007

4 - 8 p.m. **South Beach**

decadent dessert and more

810 Pacific Street  
8 p.m. on, stay and continue partying  
No additional cover charge  
For more information: [assisthers.org](http://assisthers.org)

Tickets Available in the Gathering Place TODAY!





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**Next Sunday!**  
**Oct. 7, 12:30 pm**  
**Activities Building**

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

**Now Training Volunteers!**  
 JWood@ResurrectionMCC.org



## Food Pantry Monthly Food Drive

*3rd Sunday of each month*

**Sunday, October 21**

**Welcome Area**

**Forgot your donation?  
 Cash is always welcome.**



**Needed: Canned Meats, Canned Vegetables,  
 Canned Fruit, Canned Juice, Canned Soup,  
 Pasta, Bagged Rice, Dry Beans**

## Parents Group!

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

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



## Gospel Ensemble Concert

**Sunday, October 14, 7:00 pm  
 Sanctuary**

Directed by Cassandra White, the Resurrection MCC Gospel Ensemble will present a concert, with the offering benefitting our General Fund.

Our Gospel Ensemble was recently featured at the General Conference of UFMCC in Scottsdale, Arizona, to very high acclaim. The concert will feature some of the 'greatest hits' of our Gospel Ensemble, as well as some new selections not yet heard!

Mark your calendars now to be a part of this worship experience... and bring a friend! Or two!

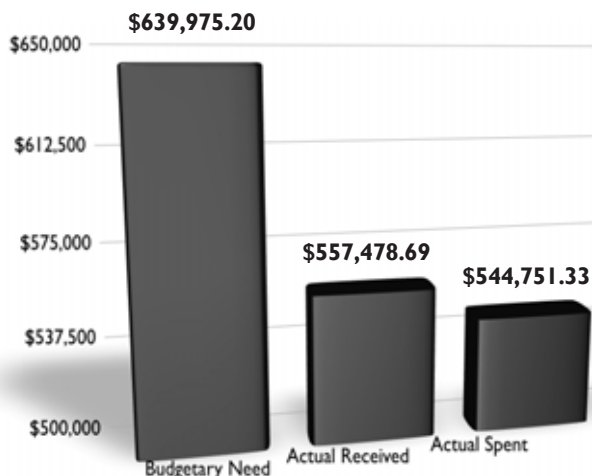
**Board Members on Duty**  
 Michelle Freeman & Debbie Skelly

**Flowers for the Sanctuary**  
 "In loving memory of Bob Schultz"  
 -Tracy Shultz & Karen Turner

### General Fund Financial Report

*Week Ending September 23, 2007*

<i>Tithes &amp; Offerings</i>		<b>Week</b>	<b>Year to Date</b>
09/19/07 Mid-Week	5	\$125.01	\$11,423.41
09/23/07 9:00 am	119	\$2,810.11	\$166,200.92
09/23/07 11:00 am	251	\$4,535.86	\$212,987.89
Special Services			\$1,388.06
Gift of Love Campaign			\$14,290.30
Other Contributions		\$3,801.32	\$101,513.89
<b>Total</b>	<b>375</b>	<b>\$11,272.30</b>	<b>\$507,804.47</b>
<b>Other General Fund Income</b>			
Fundraising		\$75.00	\$24,952.15
Miscellaneous		\$17.45	\$24,722.07
<b>Total Received</b>		<b>\$11,364.75</b>	<b>\$557,478.69</b>
<b>Budgetary Need</b>		<b>\$22,424.62</b>	<b>\$639,975.20</b>
<b>Total Surplus / (Deficit)</b>		<b>(\$11,059.87)</b>	<b>(\$82,496.51)</b>



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## SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 30

- 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*  
1:30 pm HeavenSound Handbells Rehearsal *Sanctuary*

## MONDAY OCTOBER 1

- 9:00 am NCS Training *Gathering Place*  
6:30 pm Anointing Rehearsal *Sanctuary*  
6:30 pm JustUs Rehearsal *Chapel*

## TUESDAY OCTOBER 2

- 12:00 pm OWLS Luncheon *Gathering Place*  
6:00 pm Excellerators *Chapel*  
6:30 pm LHI Board Meeting *Gathering Place*  
7:00 pm Gospel Ensemble Rehearsal *Chapel*  
7:00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting (Open) *Wellness Center*

## WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 3

- 7:00 pm Mid-Week Worship** *Chapel*  
7:00 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal *Sanctuary*

## THURSDAY OCTOBER 4

- 7:00 pm GALLO Board Meeting *Gathering Place*  
7:00 pm Resurrection Singers Rehearsal *Chapel*

## FRIDAY OCTOBER 5

*No Events Scheduled.*

## SATURDAY OCTOBER 6

- 10:30 am Blessing of the Animals *Breezeway*

## SUNDAY OCTOBER 7

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