



Resurrection

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Prelude

Joel Hammett & Justin West

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

Arr. Carlson

Our Community Gathers

Rev. Dwayne Johnson & Jason Wood

+ Exchange of Peace

+ Processional Hymn

ELLACOMBE

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna



+ Invocation

Rev. Bernie Barbour

+ Please rise in body or spirit.

We Worship

According to the Gospels, before entering Jerusalem, Jesus was staying at Bethany and Bethphage. While there, Jesus sent two unnamed disciples to the village in order to retrieve a colt that had been tied up but never been ridden, and to say, if questioned, that the colt was needed by the Lord but would be returned in a short period of time. The Gospels state that Jesus knew people in the area, such as Simon the Leper, and so it could be argued that the presence of the colt had already been organized by Jesus' associates. The Gospels state that Jesus then rode the colt into Jerusalem. The Gospels go on to describe how Jesus rode into Jerusalem, and how the people there lay down their cloaks in front of him, and also lay down small palm branches. They hailed him as their king, yet soon the attitude would change. We celebrate that Triumphal Entry today and then move to the point of the Passion later in the service.

We Hear the Word

This is the third of the so-called "Servant Songs" (42:1-4; 49:1-6; 50:4-9; 52:13-15). As in the second song, the speaker is the servant.

The audience is the Israelites, in particular those who have fallen away from God. The servant as the "ideal" Israel thus confronts the reality of the dispirited Israelites of the exile.

This Psalm is in a formulaic language shared with other Psalms and with Jeremiah, Lamentations, and Jonah. The psalm laments for strength against adversaries and pleas for deliverance. Yet the author trusts in God and advises strength and courage in waiting for God.

Hebrew Scripture

Lorraine Schroder (9 am)

Elizabeth Conyer (11 am)

Isaiah 50:4-9

The Teacher, God, has given me a well-taught tongue, So I know how to encourage tired people. God wakes me up in the morning, wakes me up, opens my ears to listen as one ready to take orders. God opened my ears, and I didn't go back to sleep, didn't pull the covers back over my head. I followed orders, stood there and took it while they berated me, held steady while they pulled out my beard, didn't dodge their insults, faced them as they spit in my face. And God stays right there and helps me, so I'm not disgraced. Therefore I set my face like flint, confident that I'll never regret this. My champion is right here. Let's take our stand together! Who dares bring suit against me? Let him try! Look! God is right here. Who would dare call me guilty?

+ Response

Forever, Oh Lord

Forev-er, — Oh Lord, your Word is set-tled — in heav-en; — your faith-ful-ness, Lord, con-tin-ues — to all gen-er-a-tions. — Your Word — we mag-ni-fy, ex-
alted a-long with — your ho-ly name; Re-joic-ing — in prom-is-es, we med-i-tate on all — your
right-eous ways; — We lift up — our hands and praise the power — of your com-mands; For-ev-er, — Oh
Lord, — your Word shall stand. — For-ev-er — Oh Lord, your Word shall stand! —

+ Psalm Litany

Rev. Janice Ladd

Psalm 31:9-16

- One: Be gracious to me, O God, for I am in distress; my eye wastes away from grief, my soul and body also.
- All: For my life is spent with sorrow, and my years with sighing; my strength fails because of my misery, and my bones waste away.**
- One: I am the scorn of all my adversaries, a horror to my neighbors, an object of dread to my acquaintances; those who see me in the street flee from me.
- All: I have passed out of mind like one who is dead; I have become like a broken vessel. For I hear the whispering of many - terror all around! As they scheme together against me, as they plot to take my life.**
- One: But I trust in you, O God; I say, "You are my God." My times are in your hand; deliver me from the hand of my enemies.
- All: Let your face shine upon your servants; save us in your steadfast love.**

Anthem

Sanctuary Choir

Thy Will Be Done
Words & Music by Craig Courtney

Epistle Lesson

Lorraine Schroder (9 am)
Elizabeth Conyer (11 am)

Philippians 2:5-11

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, took the form of a servant, being born in human form. And being found in human form, humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death - even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God.

Spiritual Encouragement

Rev. Dwayne Johnson



Special Music

Jules Czarnik

Imagine
Words & Music by John Lennon

Making Ministry Happen

Debbie Skelly

Offertory

Holy Communion

Rev. Bernie Barbour

Introduction

Confession (*spoken in unison*)

We're taught it from our youth, O God, that power is what we need - power in our own lives and over others. We confess that we often live by this value and exert our power in ways that are destructive to ourselves, to others and to our planet. We view power as a commodity to be claimed rather than a good to be shared. Grant us now your beautiful mind, that we may live in true greatness, empowered by your righteousness and love and empowering others through your spirit.

Silent Confession

Words of Assurance

Words of Institution

Prayer of Consecration

Invitation to the Feast

**We Hear
the Word**

In a passage of singular poetic power, Paul presents the story of Christ's incarnation as the ultimate paradigm for the humility and obedience requested of the Philippians and Christ's exaltation as the basis for the vindication and reward that await them. The language is evocative, its precise meaning difficult to pin down. Scholars debate whether it was an actual hymn or a narrative with a strong poetic quality; whether it was a pre-Pauline piece appropriated by Paul or something composed by the apostle himself; and whether the text points to the pre-existence of Christ to an event in his earthly life. Historically, the passage has been mined for answers to the dogmatic question of the nature of Christ: at the incarnation, did he add human nature to his divine nature, partaking for a while of both, or did he empty himself completely of his divine nature upon assuming human form? The text is too terse to provide clear answers and was not written to address such questions. Paul's purpose was to exhort the audience.

We Receive

At Resurrection MCC and at all MCC churches around the world, communion is open to all who wish to partake. Simply come forward as the ushers direct you.

God, we praise you for this feast of eternal life.

Eat. Drink. Live beyond hunger and thirst with soul satisfaction.

We Sing

We sing as a body during the distribution of the elements. If you do not wish to sing, please be in an attitude of prayer for those who wish to meditate during this time.

This chorus we are using as a closing was written in Houston for Lakewood Church. It is an updated version of a gospel hymn *Every Day with Jesus*.

Communion Songs

In Remembrance

In remembrance of me, eat this bread. In remembrance of me, drink this wine.
In remembrance of me, pray for the time when God's own will is done.
In remembrance of me, heal the sick. In remembrance of me, feed the poor.
In remembrance of me, open the door and let all people in, let them in.
Take, eat, and be comforted; Drink and remember, too,
That this is my body and precious blood shed for you, shed for you.
In remembrance of me, search for truth. In remembrance of me, always love.
In remembrance of me, don't look above, but in your heart,
Look in your heart for God. Do this in remembrance of me.

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Open Our Eyes, Lord

Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus,
To reach out and touch him, and say that we love him.
Open our ears, Lord, and help us to listen. Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus.

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My Lord, My God

My Lord, my God, I sing this song to you.
My Lord, Creator, there is no one else like you.
My Lord, my Teacher, I will follow after you.
My Lord, my Savior, I yield my heart and soul, and worship you.
I yield my heart and soul, and worship you.

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God, Who Began a Good Work in You

God who began a good work in you, God who began a good work in you
Will be faithful to complete it, will be faithful to complete it;
God who started the work will be faithful to complete it in you.

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Prayer of Thanksgiving

Rev. Bernie Barbour

+ Sending Forth

Rev. Dwayne Johnson

+ Response

Ev-ery day with you, Lord, sweet-er than the day be - fore. — Every day with
you, Lord, sweet-er than the day be - fore. — Ev - ery morn -
- ing I — will wor - ship; Ev - ery ev - ening I'll a - dore. — Ev - ery day
— with you is sweet - er, sweet - er than the day be - fore. —

Postlude

Joel Hammett

Sacred Reading

Day by day our one aim must be to try to put love and humility first in our prayers and desires, to be resolved never to let indifference or impatience or irritation or evasion take the place of the will to love, keeping our hearts open to the love of God who loves us to the end, and to the uttermost, and will never let us go.

~ Olive Wyon, *Prayer*, 139.

Everything has being by the love of God.

~ Julian of Norwich

Actually confession is made for the revealing of our light--gifts of love, faith, and creativity. Understanding this, however, will not always make the resistance to confession less. . . In the end, the sin we must all come to look at is the sin of withholding ourselves. This is the sin that keeps us beggars in life..

~ Elizabeth O' Connor, *Search for Silence*, 23.

We must give God permission to do the work God wants to do in us. . . because transformation will not be forced upon us. God will stand at those closed doors of our lives, . . . and the love of God's grace will knock and knock and knock with the knock of confrontation upon those doors, but God will not force open the doors.

~ M. Robert Mullholland Jr., *Invitation to a Journey: A Road Map for Spiritual Formation*, 38.

Spiritual Maturity & Application

In Monday's reading from Mark 14: 3-9, a woman comes with an alabaster jar of costly ointment, to anoint the head of Jesus in preparation for his death. Even though Jesus had told his disciples plainly that he would die (Mark 8: 31-32), she seems to be the only one not in denial.

Re-read Mark 14: 3-9 very slowly, noticing the word or phrase that draws your attention. Reflect on this word or phrase. Why does it draw your attention? How does it stir your heart to pray?

Rest in silence, staying open to any impressions from God. Record your impressions.

Who is God inviting you to be? What is God inviting you to do?

~ *Spiritual Formation Bible*, 1341, adapted.

In Tanzania, many Christian communities have a fascinating tradition. Throughout the day on the Saturday before Easter they observe the Easter Vigil, spiritually praying and waiting outside the "tomb." The day of Easter Vigil is a day of quiet and simplicity. Then, comes midnight. The Easter Vigil ends. They break out in celebration and dance until dawn.

Consider ways that you might observe the Easter Vigil throughout the day on Saturday. Find moments of silence, quiet, and contemplation. Perhaps call someone who may be grieving and offer them encouragement.

Then think of your own way to celebrate at midnight. Maybe dance in your living room, eat some celebratory food, or consecrate a simple Eucharist in your home. Or simply look up to the night sky and pray, "Thank you God! Thank you for the coming dawn. Thank you for the empty tomb. Thank you for life."

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Sunday, 9:00 am & 11:00 am

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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 Sunday services, at 9 & 11 am, are identical in form, however they contain different elements from diverse religious traditions each week.

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!

Equality Ministry Initiative: Creating a Community of Respect at Resurrection



A Community of Respect? Do you want to be a part of it? Can you imagine that it can be done now, here at Resurrection Metropolitan Community Church? If you value this-and you want to be a part of it-now is the time to sign up! Join the Equality Ministry any of the next three Sundays in The Gathering Place between services (10:00 - 10:45 a.m.) where members of this ministry will provide you with an opportunity to

sign a **Resolution of Respect**. By signing, you are pledging to take personal responsibility for standing up against all forms of prejudice and discrimination and commit yourself to creating a Church community and a world that is a *Community of Respect*.®

Working with the Anti-Defamation League's "No Place for Hate" program, Resurrection's Equality Ministry has submitted a Letter of Intent applying for certification as a Community of Respect. A number of activities and events have taken place in 2008 which qualify Resurrection for this certification; for example: *Dialogue: Racism*; *A Raising of Voices Vigil Against Hate Crimes*; and several of the *Freedom to Marry Week* activities. We are almost there-only a few more events to document and your active support by signing this pledge.

Why? A Way to Live our Values...

Resurrection MCC has as one of its core values a commitment to sustaining a community in which the dignity of every individual is respected. Key to this value is fostering an environment of civility and mutual respect by preventing acts of bias, identity or expression, sexual orientation, disability, age or religion. Such actions interfere with our success and violate our core values and beliefs.

At Resurrection we worship, play, learn and work in a culture that defines itself in terms of intellectual exchange, appreciation of individual differences and respect for each individual's personal dignity. We believe that each of us will discover our spirituality through active participation in the work of God, in pursuit of health, wholeness and justice for everyone. Our diverse blend of members, friends, staff, volunteers and clergy is a tremendous resource, and we all benefit from this mix of perspectives and experiences. For some, this community provides an opportunity to meet and interact with those from other races, cultures and backgrounds. It is through this rich environment that we teach each other and future generations the importance of understanding and valuing every individual's opinions and experiences.

While Resurrection is committed to a respectful and inclusive environment, it can only fulfill that commitment through the actions of individual members and friends of our church community. Each one of us is responsible for treating every member and friend of the church with dignity and respect. If one of us engages in harassment or discrimination, the person subject to that behavior will not feel respected or genuinely valued, or that s/he is an equal member. That person may stop contributing a unique perspective or may lose a feeling of commitment to the community and leave. When one person engages in acts of bias, many of us suffer the effects.

Together we can create and maintain a respectful and inclusive environment that provides the support and opportunity necessary for each member of our community to feel loved, grow in faith, spirituality and experience community.

Members of the Equality Ministry team will staff tables in the Gathering Place on March 23, March 30, and April 6. Please stop by one of the Sign In tables on any of these Sundays and sign the *Resolution of Respect*. The content of the resolution may also be found to the right of this article.

Holy Week

Maundy Thursday

March 20, 7 pm

An observance of the Last Supper and Jesus' washing of the feet.

Good Friday

March 21, 7 pm

An observance of Christ's last evening in bodily form. Our Drama Ministry presents a one act, *The Wall*

Easter Sunday

March 23, 9 & 11 am

Our resurrection celebration! Special Soloist Cassandra White, with Angels in Motion, Gospel Ensemble, HeavenSound Handbells, Resurrection Singers, Sanctuary Choir and a special Brass ensemble. Featuring Cassandra White.



Don Burnett Memorial Service Today, 3 pm, Chapel

Members and Friends of Resurrection MCC are invited to a Memorial Service to celebrate the life of Resurrection MCC Member, Don Burnett.

COMMUNITY OF RESPECT®

A NO PLACE FOR HATE® PROGRAM OF THE ADL

By signing this Resolution of Respect you are taking personal responsibility for standing up against all forms of prejudice and discrimination and committing yourself to creating a world that is a *Community of Respect*.®

I pledge from this day forward to do my best to combat prejudice and to stop those who, because of hate or ignorance, would hurt anyone or violate their civil rights.

I will try at all times to be aware of my own biases and seek to gain understanding of those who I perceive as being different from myself.

I will speak out against all forms of prejudice and discrimination. I will reach out to support those who are targets of hate.

I will think about specific ways my community members can promote respect for people and create a prejudice-free zone.

I firmly believe that one person can make a difference and that no person can be an "innocent" bystander when it comes to opposing hate.

I recognize that respecting individual dignity, achieving equality and promoting intergroup harmony are the responsibilities of all people.

By signing this pledge, I commit myself to creating a community that is a *Community of Respect*.®

Welcome, Rev. Kristen!



At our fall congregational meeting this past October the budget addressed a long held desire of Resurrection MCC: increased opportunities for education and spiritual growth for all ages. We immediately posted the position for a Director of Life Development and began a search, contacting Regional Elders and other MCC leaders to help us find the best person to meet our needs. We conducted interviews in December, January and February.

It is with great excitement to introduce our newest staff member, Rev. Kristen Klein-Cechettini, Director of Life Development. Rev. Kristen will arrive in Houston on March 17 and will be with us in worship on Easter Sunday, March 23.

Rev. Kristen has experience as an educator with MCC San Francisco, People of African Descent Conferences 2002-2007; Global Justice Institute; Women in Ministry Conferences 2002-2006; University of New Hampshire, and Bunker Hill College and has served as a youth counselor with Youth Villages Therapeutic Foster Care. She has a deep passion for diversity and gender issues and has served as an advocate for social justice in all of her vocations.

She is leaving the Boston area where she was working at the Suffolk County House of Correction as an educator in the Offender Re-Entry Program. Her most recent ministry position was in 2005 as the Assistant Pastor for Congregational Life at the Metropolitan Community Church of New York. Her essential responsibilities in that position have well prepared her for her new role with Resurrection. During her six years with MCC NY she designed and implemented multiple Christian education series; mentored teachers and group leaders; created and/or monitored all social and educational programming; trained and led pastoral care minister teams; coordinated Sunday liturgy and special worship series; and provided pastoral counseling and pastoral sustenance to maintain an inspired and encouraged community of faith. She also supported the Senior Pastor by preaching every four to six weeks.

As you can see, Rev. Kristen's experience and calling is well aligned with our need at Resurrection. We are ready to open our hearts and our minds for spiritual growth programs. We are ready to be transformed to Christ-like maturity. We are ready for Rev. Kristen!

Single? **Singles Spiritual Gathering** Thursday, March 27 7:30 pm, Chapel Join Us!

Singles Afternoon Brunch
Sunday, March 23, 12:30 pm
Jax Grill, 1613 Shepherd (3 blocks South of I-10)

To join our new singles group,
or learn about our upcoming gatherings,
email Brandon at Singles@ResurrectionMCC.org



By Rev. Janice Ladd

Within the next few weeks, you should receive in the mail, your invitation to participate in the Imagine Capital Campaign. The goal is bold: we want to raise two million dollars over three years and we want this to be over and beyond our regular tithes and offerings. That may sound like a crazy request. It may seem too impossible for us. You may be shaking your head and wondering who lost their marbles in the Board room?

Well, let me take you back to a time and place when fourteen people were assumed to be a few bricks shy of a full load. They began meeting when no one thought you could be gay and Christian...yet they founded a church. They dared to believe that God's love included everyone...and they started a movement. They had the audacity to give their lives to something greater than themselves...and they created countless moments of spiritual transformation. And so I ask, what do you dare to imagine? What do you dare to believe? What is our call today? Are we ready to make a bold stake in our movement of social justice? Can we even imagine the lives we could touch or the souls we could save with God message of love and hope?

Resurrection, it is time! We can do this! Together we can do more than any one of us could imagine. Together we can make a three year commitment that will seed a future for decades to come. Together we will accomplish the dreams God has placed on our hearts. We have a bold mission to spread the message of God's unconditional love and a large vision to attract, include, mature, and mobilize people for God's purposes. Your legacy gift will enable the financial health and long-term stability needed to accomplish this calling.

I ask that you take the time to read the letter and brochure for the campaign when they arrive in your mail. Set time to discuss with God what your role is in the future of the church. Make a commitment to pray for 30 minutes during the 12 hour prayer vigil on Saturday, April 5th. And then, hold on for the ride of a lifetime as we watch what God can do when we dare to dream, believe, give, live...imagine.

Why Become a Legacy Giver?

- To stimulate our worship experience through audio/visual enhancements.
- To forge new friendships through a revitalized, enlarged Welcome Center.
- To design a space that will transform lives by converting the Activities Building into the Life Development Center.
- To create committed leaders for tomorrow through expanded children and youth programs.
- To inspire adults to vitality and wholeness through increased education, wellness, community involvement, and spiritual growth opportunities.
- To reach millions with the *Would Jesus Discriminate?* billboard and marketing campaign.
- To impact the lives of those oppressed through further partnerships with organizations focused on social justice.
- To create financial health and long-term stability through increased payments on our debt.

New Members Class

Sunday, April 20
1:00 - 3:30 pm



Gathering Place
Lunch Served

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.

Please RSVP to Jason Wood, Jason@ResurrectionMCC.org or 713-861-9149 x105. Download Spiritual Gifts Assessment from www.ResurrectionMCC.org

O.W.L.S. Gathering

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

THIS Tuesday, March 18
12:00 pm, Gathering Place

Includes a Presentation on Nutrition

RSVP to Pat Walker, Team Lead, at
OWLS@ResurrectionMCC.org

Lunches held the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each Month

Friday Night OUT

March 28, 7 pm
Dave & Buster's
7620 Katy Freeway
@ Silber (Marq-E Center)

Join this newly formed social group
for bowling, food and fun!

For more information, or to join the email list for the group, email NightOUT@ResurrectionMCC.org

Dialogue: Racism

SPRING EIGHT-WEEK 2008 SESSION
Monday Evenings, March 24 to May 5, 2008
7:00 pm to 9:00 pm

"[People] hate each other because they fear each other, and they fear each other because they don't know each other, and they don't know each other because they are often separated from each other."

-Dr. Martin Luther King

Dialogue:Racism provides a safe, respectful and loving atmosphere for individuals to learn new information, share their experiences, and ask questions to dispel the fears, to get to know one another, and to stop the separation.

TOPICS FEATURED:

Defining Various Types of Racism, How Racism is Perpetuated, Unaware Racism and White Privilege, Stereotypes and how they affect us, Cultural Racism, Internalized Racism, Institutionalized Racism, Race is a Human Invention, My Next Steps, Finding Allies

The sessions are free and open to the public; registration is required by calling the Center's office at 713-520-8226 and leaving the name(s) and phone numbers of person(s) attending.

www.centerhealingracism.org



Internalize Oneness

Our Children Need You!

Teachers & Volunteers Needed



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 at your earliest convenience.

Contact Jason at 832-971-0354 or by email, Jason@ResurrectionMCC.org

We Are Family!

Join us for the first planning meeting for our 2008 Pride Parade Entry!

Sunday, March 31, 12:30 pm
Activities Building #108

To join the team, email Pride@ResurrectionMCC.org





Are You a Teacher?

We are blessed in our congregation to have many teachers and workers in the education system. In the Houston area there are many who will be on Spring Break during Holy Week. We are in need of volunteers to assist with our Maundy Thursday service on March 20 and our Good Friday services on March 21. Please

let me know if any of you are available and willing to help with the logistics of these two powerful services.

Blessings to you all,

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ON THE MOVE
 Stepping OUT on FAITH

2008 CONFERENCE for PEOPLE OF AFRICAN DESCENT and OUR FRIENDS and ALLIES.

April 17-19, 2008 - St. Louis Missouri

Since 1998, the PAD Conference has been a landmark MCC event and it continues to be an occasion to bring together people of African descent, our friends and allies. To add to the excitement of our gathering this year, we will also celebrate the 10th year of the PAD Conference.

The conference theme is "On the Move – Stepping Out on Faith," a testament to our commitment to building bridges of support and understanding among people of all races, to address issues related racism and homophobia, and to create together a place where we all are at home.

Guest Speakers include Ellen "Denise" Junious. And Rev. Bernie is on the anniversary planning team!



More info and register at
www.MCCChurch.org

Board Members on Duty

Terry Talley & Michelle Freeman

Board Minutes Available Upon Request.

A.A. Recovery Group

Every Tuesday, 7 pm - 8 pm
 Wellness Center

This is an open meeting of
 Alcoholics Anonymous.

For more information, please call
 Jason Wood, Director of Connections, at 832-971-0354.



2008



Easter Offering
 benefitting
Global Justice
 Ministries

Justice ministry has always been central to MCC's calling. It is an expression of our Christian faith; it reflects the heart of God for all who have been persecuted, devalued, and marginalized.

This year's Easter Offering for Global Justice will allow our denomination to continue to respond strategically to cries for help from around the globe. From an underground church in Pakistan, where laws still allow stoning to death LGBT people, to Jamaica, where in January 2008, a machete-wielding mob broke into a private home, attacking three gay men, MCC's Global Justice ministry is urgently needed.

Resurrection will be supporting this initiative by dedicating 2% of all our offerings for the five Sundays of March and Holy Week to this project. This is in addition to our 13% tithe.

Flowers for the Sanctuary

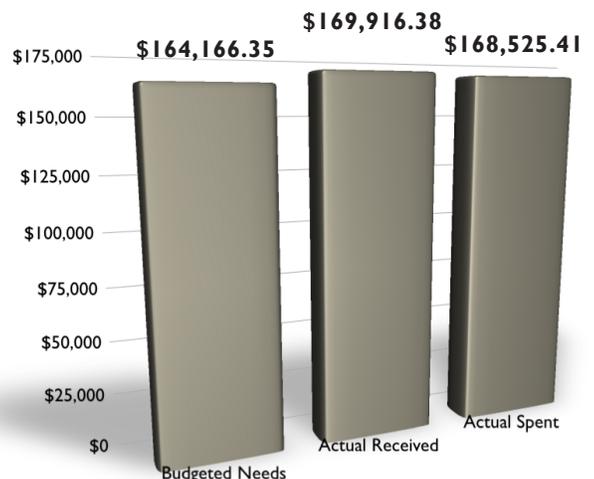
In memory of Jeanette K. Schulz. - Tracy Schulz & Karen Turner

In memory of Don Burnett. - Friends

General Fund Financial Report

Week Ending March 9, 2008

Tithes & Offerings		Week	Year
03/09/08 9:00 am	94	\$2,104.00	\$59,722.90
03/09/08 11:00 am	273	\$6,984.96	\$67,817.94
Special Services			\$3,591.05
Online Giving		\$3,735.00	\$16,395.07
Other Contributions		\$2,349.00	\$20,177.27
Total	367	\$15,172.96	\$167,704.23
Other General Fund Income			
Fundraising		\$131.82	\$131.82
Miscellaneous		\$151.41	\$2,080.33
Total Received		\$15,456.19	\$169,916.38
Budgeted Need		\$17,816.63	\$164,166.35
Total Surplus / (Deficit)		(\$2,360.44)	\$5,750.03



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SUNDAY PALM SUNDAY MARCH 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 Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting *Sanctuary*
- 1:30 pm HeavenSound Handbells Rehearsal *Music Room*
- 3:00 pm Don Burnett Memorial Service *Chapel*

MONDAY MARCH 17

- 6:00 pm Leadership Fellowship & Board Training *Gathering Place*
- 7:00 pm MANNA Board Meeting *Activities Building #108*

TUESDAY MARCH 18

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

WEDNESDAY MARCH 19

- 7:00 pm Houston Pride Band Rehearsal *Activities Building*
- 7:00 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal *Music Room*

THURSDAY MAUNDY THURSDAY MARCH 20

- 7:00 pm **Maundy Thursday Worship / Rev. Dwayne Johnson**

FRIDAY GOOD FRIDAY MARCH 21

- 7:00 pm **Good Friday Worship / Drama Ministry**

SATURDAY MARCH 22

- 1:00 pm Angels in Motion Rehearsal *Sanctuary*

SUNDAY EASTER MARCH 23

- 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 youthLife *Activities Building*
- 12:30 pm Singles Brunch *Jax Grill*
- 1:30 pm HeavenSound Handbells Rehearsal *Music Room*