



# Resurrection

Metropolitan Community Church

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## Prelude

Steven Couch & Joel Hammett

### *"Allegro" from Sonata in F Major*

By Benedetto Marcello

## Our Community Gathers

Rev. Dwayne Johnson & Jason Wood

## + Exchange of Peace

## + Processional Hymn

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### *He Lives!*

I serve a risen Savior, he's in the world today;  
I know that he is living, whatever others say.  
I see his hand of mercy, I hear his voice of cheer,  
and just the time I need him he's always near.

He lives, he lives, Christ Jesus lives today!  
He walks with me and talks with me along life's narrow way.  
He lives, he lives, salvation to impart!  
You ask me how I know he lives? He lives within my heart.

In all the world around me I see his loving care,  
and though my heart grows weary, I never will despair.  
I know that he is leading through all the stormy blast;  
the day of his appearing will come at last.

He lives, he lives, Christ Jesus lives today!  
He walks with me and talks with me along life's narrow way.  
He lives, he lives, salvation to impart!  
You ask me how I know he lives? He lives within my heart.

Rejoice, rejoice, O Christian, lift up your voice and sing  
eternal hallelujahs; let them ever ring!  
The hope of all who seek him, the help of all who find;  
none other is so loving, so good and kind.

He lives, he lives, Christ Jesus lives today!  
He walks with me and talks with me along life's narrow way.  
He lives, he lives, salvation to impart!  
You ask me how I know he lives? He lives within my heart.

## + Invocation

+ *Please rise in body or spirit.*

Rev. Bernie Barbour

## We Prepare

Benedetto Marcello composed a diversity of music including considerable church music, oratorios, hundreds of solo cantatas, duets, sonatas, concertos and sinfonias. Marcello was a younger contemporary of Antonio Vivaldi in Venice and his instrumental music enjoys a Vivaldian flavor. As a composer, Marcello was best known in his lifetime and is now still best remembered for his *Estro poetico-armonico* a musical setting for voices, figured bass, and occasional soloist of the first fifty Psalms.

## We Worship

Alfred H. Ackley composed this hymn in 1933. Ackley, a native of Pennsylvania, studied at the Royal Academy of Music in London, graduated from Westminster Theological Seminary, and was ordained in 1914 to the Presbyterian ministry. He compiled hymnals and songbooks as well as preached. He wrote some 1,500 songs and hymns. This gospel Easter hymn is the most popular.

## We Hear the Word

An expansive blessing, similar in form to the Pauline letters, that anticipates major motifs in the letter. The foundation of the community's hope - a key virtue in I Peter - is God's gracious act of mercy enacted through the death and resurrection of Christ. Through this act of salvation, the Christian is assured an inheritance of everlasting life.

The Gradual is a response used in the traditional Mass. It is normally sung after the reading of the Epistle. But in modern services it is used sometimes to respond to another reading other than the Gospel.

The fearful conduct of the disciples indicates that they have not credited Mary's report of seeing Jesus. They are fearful of the authorities coming after them as Jesus' disciples. The words Jesus says to them "Peace be with you" fulfills Jesus' promise of the gift of his peace.

## Epistle Reading

Leslie Jackson (9 am)  
Terry Smith (11 am)

### I Peter 1:3-9

Blessed be the God and Creator of our Lord Jesus Christ! Through great mercy we are given new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith - being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire - may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

### + Gradual

#### *Blessed Be the Word of the Lord*

Bless - ed be the Word of the Lord. God is wor - thy to be praised and a -  
dored; — So we lift up all our hearts in one ac - cord, — Sing - ing "Bless - ed be the Word, —  
bless - ed be the Word, — bless - ed be the Word — of the Lord.

### + Gospel Reading

Rev. Janice Ladd

#### John 20:19-23, 29b-31

**One:** God be with you!

**All:** And also with you!

**One:** A reading from the Gospel according to John.

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

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the authorities, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As God has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit..."

"...Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe." Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, and that through believing you have life in that name.

**One:** This is the Resurrection Gospel.

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

## Gloria

### *Glory to God*

Glo-ry to God; Glo-ry to God. Glo-ry to God in the high - est. Glo-ry to to God;  
Glo-ry to God. Glo-ry to God in the high - est. We pray for peace; peace on the earth.  
Peace and good will to all peo - ple. We pray for peace; peace on the earth.  
Peace and good will to all. Glo-ry to God; glo-ry to God. Glo-ry to God in the  
high - est. Glo-ry to God; Glo-ry to God. Glo-ry to God in the high - est!

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## Anthem

JustUs

### *Always*

Words & Music by Kirk Franklin

## Spiritual Encouragement

Rev. Dwayne Johnson



### *The Gifts We Will Give & the Gifts We Will Receive*

## Making Ministry Happen

Rev. Janice Ladd

Offertory

Sanctuary Choir

### *Then Will the Very Rocks Cry Out*

Words & Music by Mark Hayes

## Holy Communion

Rev. Bernie Barbour

Introduction

Words of Institution

Prayer of Consecration

Invitation to the Feast

## We Hear the Word

The *Gloria* is also part of the Mass. It is always sung following the reading of the Gospel except during Lent and Advent. The *Gloria* always proclaims the Glory of God and always requests "peace" to all people.

## 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.

We stand on the  
chorus of the final  
communion song in  
celebration of the Feast  
of our God.

## Communion Songs

### *Come, Just as You Are*

Come, just as you are. Hear the Spirit call.  
Come, just as you are. Come, and see, come, receive; Come, and live forever  
Life everlasting; and strength for today.  
Taste the Living Water, and never thirst again.  
Come, just as you are. Hear the Spirit call.  
Come, just as you are. Come, and see, come receive; Come, and live forevermore.

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### *We Are an Offering*

We lift our voices, we lift our hands,  
We lift our lives up to you, we are an offering.  
Lord, use our voices, Lord, use our hands,  
Lord, use our lives they are yours, we are an offering.  
All that we have, all that we are, All that we hope to be, we give to you.  
We give to you. We lift our voices, we lift our hands,  
We lift our lives up to you, we are an offering.

We are an offering.  
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### *As the Deer*

As the deer panteth for the water, so my soul longeth after thee.  
You alone are my heart's desire and I long to worship thee.  
You alone are my strength, my shield; To you alone, may my spirit yield.  
You alone are my heart's desire, and I long to worship thee.

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### *How Great Thou Art*

O Lord, my God, when I in awesome wonder  
Consider all the worlds thy hands have made,  
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,  
Thy power throughout the universe displayed.  
+ Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee;  
How great thou art! How great thou art!  
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee;  
How great thou art! How great thou art!

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+ **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Rev. Bernie Barbour

+ **Benediction**

Rev. Dwayne Johnson

**Postlude**



## ***Sacred Reading***

We are what we adore. It is the quality of our core silence - or lack of it - that determines how we behave, what we commit ourselves to, and who we become. If we lose silence, we lose our humanity.

~ Maggie Ross, "Practical Adoration," *Weavings*, March/April 2008, 14.

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There is no need to choose between prayer and silence, privacy or conversation, reading or writing, reflection or the abandonment of thought, the frequentation or avoidance of spiritual people, abundance or famine, illness or health, life or death; the "one thing necessary" is what each moment produces by God's design.

~ Mary Margaret Funk, *Tools Matter for Practicing the Spiritual Life*, 108.

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The mystery remains, while the assertion lives. This is the beauty of the gospel.

~ Melinda A Quivik, *New Proclamation Year A*, 2007-2008 Advent through Holy Week, 297.

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"I am with you always." This is the eternal source of our daily life of prayer. This is no technique. We are in deep waters of the most intimate of all possible relationships that flow to us - forever fresh and new - from minute to minute. And, as with all that lives, our relationship with the ultimate Person is organic, open-ended, unexpected, asymmetrical, and unfolding. . .

~ Flora Slosson Wuellner, *Feed My Shepherds*

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

Think of or picture yourself walking with Jesus or sitting across from him. Ask him as you might a beloved friend, "What can I do each day to respond from my heart to your presence? What is best and most real for me?"

You may wish to ask these questions of the living Jesus Christ each day: "How can I best experience your transforming friendship today? What way can we best share and talk together today?"

How do you feel like responding at this moment?

It may appear that each day will differ. Or you may feel the inner suggestion to have one main way of prayer for a period of time. Whatever suggestion surfaces will be in rhythm with the type of person you essentially are - because that is the person God created and loves.

~ Flora Slosson Wuellner, *Feed My Shepherds*

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This week, be intentional in having a conversation with someone who you perceive to be "different" from you. Seek to understand rather than to be understood. This could be someone of a different culture, age group, or religion.

This intentional conversation is a way to remember Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. who was assassinated this week in 1968 (April 4). Consider ways that you can continue King's legacy by working to end systemic racism. One action is to visit the Equality Table in the Gathering Place to sign the Resolution of Respect (through Sunday, April 6). Then choose daily to live your resolution.

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Sunday, 9:00 am & 11:00 am

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 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 in The Gathering Place after services today and next Sunday, 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.



## Adopt a Bed!

The recent workday has beautified our campus! There are a few beds that need to be adopted so they'll stay maintained.

Email [Landscape@ResurrectionMCC.org](mailto:Landscape@ResurrectionMCC.org) if you would like to help!

## Gospel Ensemble Fundraiser for People of African Descent Conference

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**NEXT Sunday, April 6  
after both Worship Services**

**Hot dogs, hamburgers,  
sodas & all the fixins!**

# 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*.®

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



By Rev. Janice Ladd

By now, most of you should have received in the mail your invitation to participate in the Imagine Capital Campaign. The goal is bold: we plan to raise two million dollars over three years, over and beyond our regular tithes and offerings. If this sounds like a crazy request, let me take you back to a time when fourteen people 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 your call today? Are you ready to make a bold stake in our movement of social justice? Can you imagine the lives we could touch with God's 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 great 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.

If you haven't received your brochure and pledge card, please stop by the Concierge Desk and pick them up. Then, visit the architectural model in the Welcome Area - one dreamer's vision of what could be possible if we begin to 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.



## We Are Family!

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

**TODAY! 12:30 pm**  
**Activities Building #108**

To join the team, email [Pride@ResurrectionMCC.org](mailto:Pride@ResurrectionMCC.org)

## Parents Lunch Social Sunday, April 13 12:30 pm, Activities Building



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

If you aren't able to join us today, but would like to receive announcements about future events, email [Parents@ResurrectionMCC.org](mailto:Parents@ResurrectionMCC.org)

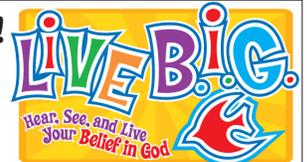


## Prayer Vigil

Stop by the Gathering Place today after services to sign up for a 30-minute commitment to our *Imagine* Campaign Prayer Vigil, Saturday, April 5, from 9 am - 9 pm.

## Our Children Need You!

Teachers & Volunteers Needed for 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 Rev. Kristen at 713-861-9149 x107 or [RevKristen@ResurrectionMCC.org](mailto:RevKristen@ResurrectionMCC.org)

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Join us in celebration  
of our 36th Anniversary!



Friday, April 25, 7:00 pm  
**Free Screening: *Call Me Troy***  
With Special Guest, Rev. Troy Perry  
A reception will follow the screening

Saturday, April 26, 7:00 pm  
**Anniversary Concert: *Sanctuary***

Sunday, April 27, 9:00 am & 11:00 am  
**Anniversary Worship Services**  
With guest preacher, Rev. Troy Perry

MEET THE MAN WHOSE  
SPIRITUAL QUEST LED HIM ON  
A CIVIL RIGHTS JOURNEY...



# CALL ME TROY



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# O.W.L.S. Gathering

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

**THIS Tuesday, April 1**  
**12:00 pm, Gathering Place**

RSVP to Pat Walker, Team Lead, at  
OWLS@ResurrectionMCC.org  
Potluck lunches held 1st & 3rd Tuesdays of each Month



**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. Rev. Bernie is on the anniversary planning team. And both the Gospel Ensemble and Cassandra White will be featured!

For more information and to register,  
visit [www.MCCChurch.org](http://www.MCCChurch.org)



### Board Members on Duty

Jerry Reitz & Goldie Brown

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

Please consider donating flowers for the Sanctuary.  
Sign up on the flower chart in the Welcome Area.

## General Fund Financial Report

Week Ending March 23, 2008

		Week	Year
<b>Tithes &amp; Offerings</b>			
03/23/08 9:00 am	236	\$9,365.99	\$75,334.44
03/23/08 11:00 am	521	\$8,091.48	\$81,074.92
Special Services	223	\$1,242.34	\$4,833.39
Online Giving		\$985.00	\$18,852.14
Other Contributions		\$2,995.00	\$24,269.27
<b>Total</b>	<b>980</b>	<b>\$22,679.81</b>	<b>\$204,364.16</b>
<b>Other General Fund Income</b>			
Fundraising		\$79.80	\$431.27
Miscellaneous			\$3,800.14
<b>Total Received</b>		<b>\$22,759.61</b>	<b>\$208,595.57</b>
<b>Budgeted Need</b>		<b>\$17,816.63</b>	<b>\$199,799.62</b>
<b>Total Surplus / (Deficit)</b>		<b>\$4,942.98</b>	<b>\$8,795.95</b>



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## SUNDAY MARCH 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*  
 12:30 pm Pride Team Meeting *Activities Building #108*  
 1:30 pm HeavenSound Handbells Rehearsal *Music Room*

## MONDAY MARCH 31

- 6:00 pm Board of Directors Meeting *Gathering Place*  
 6:00 pm *Imagine* Capital Campaign Meeting *Workroom*  
 7:00 pm JustUs Rehearsal *Music Room*  
 7:00 pm *Dialogue: Racism* *Activities Building #108*

## TUESDAY APRIL 1

- 12:00 pm OWLS Luncheon *Gathering Place*  
 6:30 pm Lesbian Health Initiative Board Meeting *Gathering Place*  
 7:00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting (Open) *Wellness Center*

## WEDNESDAY APRIL 2

- 9:00 am *Imagine* Capital Campaign Meeting  
 6:30 pm Creating a Life That Matters (Closed) *Gathering Place*  
 7:00 pm Houston Pride Band Rehearsal *Activities Building*  
 7:00 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal *Music Room*

## THURSDAY APRIL 3

- 6:00 pm *Imagine* Capital Campaign Meeting *Activities Building*  
 6:00 pm Bylaw Committee Meeting *Workroom*  
 7:00 pm Pride Houston Workshop *Activities Building*  
 7:00 pm Resurrection Singers Rehearsal *Music Room*

## FRIDAY APRIL 4

*No Events Scheduled.*

## SATURDAY APRIL 5

- 9:00 am *Imagine* Campaign - Prayer Vigil *Activities Building*  
 11:00 am Pride Houston Workshop *Gathering Place*  
 1:00 pm Angels in Motion Rehearsal *Sanctuary*

## SUNDAY COMMITMENT SUNDAY APRIL 6

- 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 *Imagine* Capital Campaign Meeting *Act. Building #106*  
 12:30 pm Second Family Care Partners Lunch *Act. Building #108*  
 1:30 pm HeavenSound Handbells Rehearsal *Music Room*