



# Resurrection

Metropolitan Community Church

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Prelude

Joel Hammett

*"Toccata" from Symphonie V*

By Charles-Marie Widor

Our Community Gathers

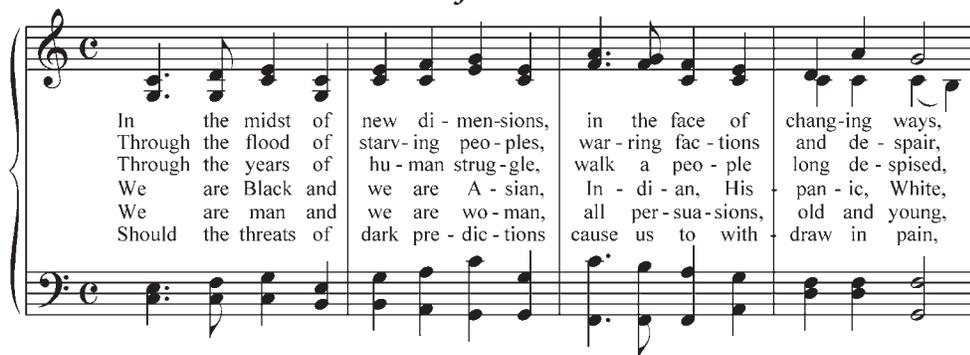
Rev. Dwayne Johnson & Rev. Janice Ladd

+Exchange of Peace

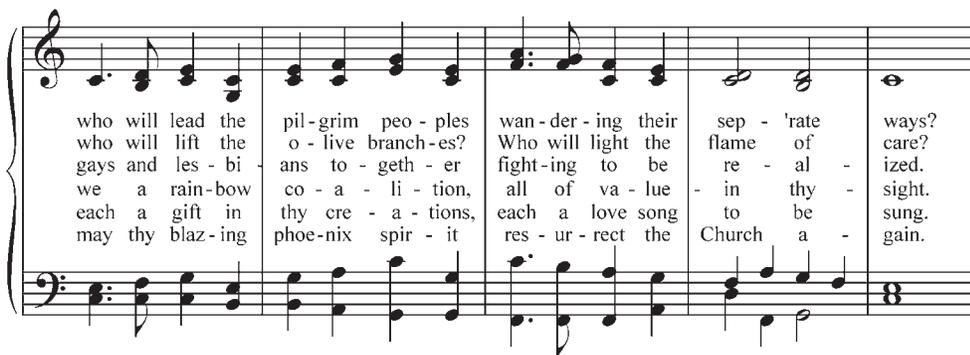
+Processional Hymn

NEW DIMENSIONS

*In the Midst of New Dimensions*



In the midst of new di - men - sions, in the face of chang - ing ways,  
 Through the flood of starv - ing peo - ples, war - ring fac - tions and de - spair,  
 Through the years of hu - man strug - gle, walk a peo - ple long de - spised,  
 We are Black and we are A - sian, In - di - an, His pan - ic, White,  
 We are man and we are wo - man, all per - sua - sions, old and young,  
 Should the threats of dark pre - dic - tions, cause us to with - draw in pain,



who will lead the pil - grim peo - ples wan - der - ing their sep - 'rate ways?  
 who will lift the o - live branch - es? Who will light the flame of care?  
 gays and les - bi - ans to - geth - er fight - ing to be re - al - ized.  
 we a rain - bow co - a - li - tion, all of va - lue - in thy - sight.  
 each a gift in thy cre - a - tions, each a love song to be sung.  
 may thy blaz - ing phoe - nix spir - it res - ur - rect the Church a - gain.



God of rain - bow, fier - y pil - lar, lead - ing where the ea - gles soar,



we, thy people, ours the jour - ney now and e - ver, now and e - ver, now and e - ver more.

+ Invocation

+ Please rise in body or spirit.

Rev. Bernie Barbour

## We Prepare

The prelude is designed to set the tone for the worship service. It is also an offering from one of our gifted musicians. Many wish to listen and meditate during this time. This particular organ piece is regarded as one of the most popular French toccatas, or "touch-piece." This music was composed by the organist at Saint-Sulpice in Paris. A virtuosic and rhythmic work, it is often played at joyous occasions.

## We Worship

Julian Rush, an ordained minister in the United Methodist Church, has spent more than a decade as director of the Colorado AIDS Project. He wrote this hymn on the theme of "diversity" for a meeting of the Rocky Mountain Conference.

This hymn now appears in several hymnals, however it rarely appears with verse three which is the real verse of diversity among the people of Earth. We sing it this morning in its full composition, proclaiming our diversity to God and to the world.

## We Hear the Word

This part of the first letter attributed to Peter moves beyond simple household code. The author now gives general exhortations to the community at large. There is an exuberant spirit to these instructions about pursuing good in the face of evil and suffering. Blessing those who suffer unjustly has echoes of the Jesus saying in Matthew 5:10; the final phrase about not fearing *what they fear* may also derive from Isaiah 8:13. Later in the passage the author reviews the basis for his exhortations - that is, Christ's own innocent suffering, which led to resurrection and new life.

In these verses from John, love and commandment are again linked. The life of faith is defined and maintained through acts of love. This is also the first reference in this Gospel to the Advocate, or Comforter or Counselor. This is the promise of the ongoing presence of God and Jesus with the believing community. Love is the mark of obedience and discipleship.

### Epistle Reading

Georgette L. Monaghan (9 am)  
Aaron Capps (11 am)

#### I Peter 3:13-22

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you - not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels and authorities.

### Anthem

Angels in Motion, Gospel Ensemble,  
Resurrection Singers & Sanctuary Choir  
Clarence Lenear, soloist

#### *Lord Prepare Me with Open the Eyes of My Heart*

Arr. by Jay Rouse

### Community Prayer

Rev. Mona Lopez

### + Gospel Reading

Rev. Bernie Barbour

#### John 14:15-21

If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask God, and you will receive another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees nor hears. You know the Spirit because the Spirit abides in you and will be in you.

I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in God, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by God, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.

## Special Music

Gospel Ensemble, Resurrection Singers,  
& Sanctuary Choir  
Karla Johnson & Kedric Brown, soloists

### *We Will Stand with To God Be the Glory*

Arr. by David T. Clydesdale

## Spiritual Encouragement



Rev. Elder Troy Perry

## Making Ministry Happen

Rev. Janice Ladd

Reception of New Members

Offertory

Angels in Motion, Gospel Ensemble  
& Sanctuary Choir

### *In the Sanctuary*

Arr. by Jay Rouse

## Holy Communion

Rev. Dwayne Johnson

Introduction

Words of Institution

Prayer of Consecration

Invitation to the Feast

## 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 Listen

This song of diversity was written and recorded by Russ Taff of the famed Christian group *The Imperials* back in the 80's. The song has continued to be an anthem for festive occasions bringing all people together as one in the Spirit. This particular arrangement is followed by Andre Crouch's beloved *My Tribute*. Please join us in singing that section.

## 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.

Taste these gifts of God.  
Taste eternal victory.

God, thank you for inviting us to feast and drink at your table.

## 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.

### *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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### **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Rev. Dwayne Johnson

### **Special *Imagine* Announcement**

### **+ Response**

### *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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### **+ Benediction**

Rev. Dwayne Johnson

### **Postlude**

Joel Hammett



## *Sacred Reading*

When you refuse to pay attention to what life is saying to you, life will make its point very clear. Life wants us to be aware of ourselves so we can make the necessary adjustments in order to live more harmoniously.

~ Iyanla Vanzant, *One Day My Soul Just Opened Up*, 82.

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Commit everything to God with the heart of a child. Abandon yourself to God. Entrust to God all that goes against your heart or upsets your plans: pray for your opponent. And sometimes even go so far as to cry out in your pain, when trials abound . . . Entrust to God now and always whatever disturbs and torments you. And, keep silent in God's presence.

~ Brother Roger, *Brother Roger of Taize: Essential Writings*, 106.

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Becoming aware of yourself and the impact you have on the world is not an easy task. It is not for the faint of heart or the weak in mind. It requires the same kind of determination I imagine most Olympic distance runners must have. You must be willing to listen, keep plugging away learning to accept, understand, and love yourself exactly as you are, coming from where you have been.

~ Iyanla Vanzant, *One Day My Soul Just Opened Up*, 85.

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I'm afraid that too often we leave the deeps of life untouched not because we remember they are sacred but because we forget they are there.

~ Percy Ainsworth, *The Pilgrim Church*, 165.

## *Spiritual Maturity & Application*

In our 36 years of ministry, Resurrection MCC has consistently offered food and ministry to those in need. This week, continue to listen to how God would invite us to minister to those in need.

On May 2, 1968, the "Poor People's Campaign March" was held. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. had organized this march to protest oppression and exploitation of the poor. Despite his assassination on April 4, 1968, the march went on. Dr. King's concern for racism expanded into concern against oppression in any form.

Just a few months later, in October of 1968, Rev. Troy Perry officiated at the first worship service for Metropolitan Community Churches. From that very first Sunday, MCC has been a Human Rights Church.

Seek God's guidance on how you are called to work for equality and justice.

~ Rev. Dwayne Johnson

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Practice your listening skills. Walk to a window, look outside for thirty seconds or so, then close your eyes for several minutes. Attend to whatever comes to your ears - traffic noise, birds, playing children, the sounds of your own movements. Think about what or whom you listen to most regularly: family members, television, your work supervisor or someone else. How might you hear God speaking through these things? How might you listen more carefully to what God has to tell you?

~ *Spiritual Formation Bible*, 350.

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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!

## **Broadening Our Understanding: Beyond LGB...**



by Flo Perry, Equality Ministry Team Lead

A commitment to sustaining a community in which the dignity of every individual is respected has been one of Resurrection MCC's core values -we've been talking about that for weeks as we prepared ourselves to become a certified Community of Respect. By signing the "Resolution of Respect," we pledged-among other things, "to be aware of my own biases and seek to gain understanding of those who I perceive as being different from myself."

While transgender people have long been a part of Resurrection, changes in the world and at Resurrection have given rise to an increased visibility of many in our transgender community. In providing a safe place for transgender people to express their gender identity and to come out and live in the fullness of who God has created them to be, it could be helpful to have a better understanding of the terms used when discussing transgender issues.

### **Creating A Common Language: Transgender**

**Gender:** Socially constructed roles, behaviors, and attributes considered by the general public to be "appropriate" for one's sex as assigned at birth. Gender roles vary among cultures and along time continuums.

**Gender Expression:** Refers to all external characteristics and behaviors that are socially defined as either masculine or feminine, such as dress, mannerisms, physical characteristics and speech patterns.

**Gender Identity:** A person's innate, deeply felt psychological identification as male or female, which may or may not correspond to the person's body or assigned sex at birth (meaning what sex was listed on a person's birth certificate).

**Gender Identity Disorder (GID)/ Gender Dysphoria:** A psychological diagnosis, recognized by the American Psychiatric Association, of severe distress and discomfort caused by the conflict between one's gender identity and one's sex at birth. Some people diagnosed with this condition identify as transsexual, but not all transsexual people have gender dysphoria or are diagnosed with GID. Furthermore, not all people with GID are transsexuals.

**Genderqueer:** Those rejecting binary roles and languages. Synonyms include androgynous.

**Intersexed:** One who is born with sex chromosomes, external genitalia or an internal reproductive system that is not considered "standard" for either male or female. At least one in every 2,000 children is born with mixed sexual anatomy that makes it difficult to assign sex. Sometimes, such people are termed hermaphrodites. The term hermaphrodite is an outdated clinical term and should be avoided. Although many intersexed people do not identify as transgender, many issues relating to transgender people overlap with those that affect intersexed people.

**Sexual Orientation:** The preferred term used when referring to an individual's physical and/or emotional attraction

to the same and/or opposite gender. **Sexual orientation is not the same as a person's gender identity.**

**Sex Reassignment:** Taking medical and legal steps to bring one's sex into conformity with one's gender identity.

**Transgender:** An umbrella term referring to a person whose gender identity or gender presentation is not stereotypical. Terminology related to the term transgender includes the following:

**Cross Dresser:** One who wears the clothing and accoutrements that are considered by society to be more appropriate for a gender other than the gender that person manifested at birth. Unlike transsexuals, cross dressers typically do not seek to change their physical characteristics and/or manner of expression permanently. Cross dressers have also been called transvestites. Transvestite is an outdated, clinical term and should be avoided.

**Drag:** Stylized performance of gender usually by female-bodied drag kings or male-bodied drag queens. This is not necessarily an expression of one's gender identity.

**Transsexual:** A person who identifies with the roles, expectations and expressions more commonly associated with a sex different from one he/she was assigned at birth. A transsexual often seeks to change his/her physical characteristics and manner of expression to satisfy the standards for membership in another gender (transition). This may or may not include hormone therapy and eventual sex reassignment surgery. Upon transitioning, transsexuals may call themselves male-to-female (MTF) or female-to-male (FTM) to acknowledge their change in appearance to match their gender identity. Whether a person is transsexual has no direct or predictable connection to his or her sexual orientation.

**Transitioning:** The process through which a person modifies his/her physical characteristics and/or manner of expression to satisfy the standards for membership in a gender other than the one he/she was assigned at birth. Some people transition simply by living as a member of the other gender, while others undergo medical treatment to alter their physical characteristics.

**TransWoman or TransMan:** Informal descriptors used relative to one's affirmed gender. Variants include trans, T\*, trans person and trans folk.

– Adapted from  
*Human Rights Campaign (HRC)*  
& *The Advocate*, issue 999.

**Resurrection MCC was proud to be a Platinum Sponsor of the 2008 Unity Banquet last night. This 16th annual event, sponsored by the Houston Transgender Unity Committee, is the largest of its kind in the U.S. Proceeds benefit scholarships for trans-identified students who are pursuing higher education.**

**If you have questions on any of the topics above, or have other gender-related questions, please send an email to [TransTalk@ResurrectionMCC.org](mailto:TransTalk@ResurrectionMCC.org)**



**Holy Union  
Preparation Seminar**  
NEXT Sunday, May 4, 1 - 3 pm  
Gathering Place / Lunch Served

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.

Register & Questions to  
[Jason@ResurrectionMCC.org](mailto:Jason@ResurrectionMCC.org)

**VIP presents  
a One-Day  
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For all  
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Saturday, May 17  
8:30 am - 4:30 pm, \$10

Breakfast & lunch served.  
Register or learn more today  
in the Gathering Place!

[Jason@ResurrectionMCC.org](mailto:Jason@ResurrectionMCC.org)  
713-861-9149 x105



**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!

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**Music Ministry Opportunities**



Resurrection MCC is so blessed to have a number of music groups to minister at our worship services. Solo or professional quality voices are not necessary to be a part of these groups. Below is a list of the groups and when they meet. Please take some time to consider being a part of Resurrection MCC's music ministry.

**Gospel Ensemble**

Tuesdays, 7 pm

Directed by Cassandra White, this group sings music in the African-American Gospel tradition, traditional Spirituals and contemporary music of all types. Reading music is not required for this group, but the ability to match pitch and sing a part separate from the melody is.

**Sanctuary Choir**

Wednesdays, 7 pm

This group sings mostly traditional church choral music with some contemporary music added from time to time. The group is directed by Steven Couch. Reading music is not required for this group, but the ability to match pitch and sing a part separate from the melody is.

**Angels in Motion**

Saturdays, 1 pm

This group is a dance troupe that ministers through dance and movement. Led by Marcus Carter & Leslie Jackson, this group has its own choreographers. Experience in dance is not necessary, if one has the willingness to learn.

**Resurrection Singers**

Thursdays, 7 pm

This is our newest group. Reading music would be very helpful and being comfortable on a separate microphone. This group is directed by Steven Couch.

**HeavenSound Handbells**

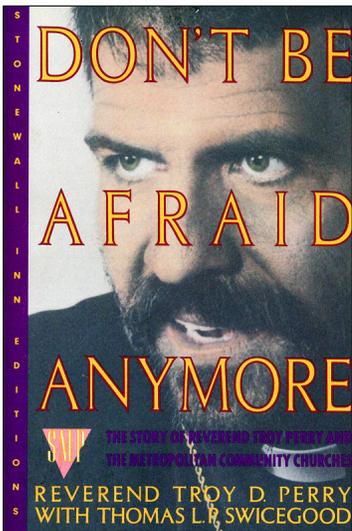
Sundays, 1:30 pm

Currently there are several open spots in the handbell choir. Interested people need to have some music reading skills. Experience in ringing is not required. The director, Jim Winslett, will teach anyone the techniques of ringing.

**Resurrection Orchestra**

Weekly rehearsal day has not been determined. We currently have about 6 people interested in beginning this new group, however, we need a few more to have a balanced instrumentation. Reading music is essential, as is having your own instrument (other than percussion).

If you have interest in any of these groups, please email [Steven@ResurrectionMCC.org](mailto:Steven@ResurrectionMCC.org) or call 713-861-9149 x109



## Growing Our Pride

A Life Development Offering

A topical discussion facilitated by Rev. Kristen based on the book *Don't be Afraid Anymore*, by MCC founder, Rev. Troy Perry.

This 4-week community conversation will focus on: Homosexuality & The Bible, Social Justice Gospel, The Cost of Inclusive Discipleship, & Living the Beloved Community.

### Thursday Evenings

Food Served, 6:30 - 8:00 pm: June 5, 12, 19, 26

### Sunday Afternoons

Join us for an informal brunch at a nearby restaurant, 12:30 - 1:30 pm, and/or meet us for the discussion at Resurrection, 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm: June 8, 15, 22, 29

HOME Group Curriculum available upon request.  
Book available in Inspirations Coffee Cafe.

RSVP & Questions to  
RevKristen@ResurrectionMCC.org  
713-861-9149 x107



## We Are Family!

**NEXT Sunday, May 4**  
**12:30 pm, Activities Bldg #108**

Join our Pride Team leads, Clarence & Ruth Ann, as we meet to discuss an incredible 2008 Pride Parade Entry! To join the team, email [Pride@ResurrectionMCC.org](mailto:Pride@ResurrectionMCC.org)

## 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. Rev. Kristen, Director of Life Development, 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)

## Get Connected!

### Second Family Care Partners

**Kristia Ammerman**

[SecondFamily@ResurrectionMCC.org](mailto:SecondFamily@ResurrectionMCC.org)

This care team acts as extended family and friends, offering emotional, practical, and spiritual support.

If you would like to receive a care visit, or are interested in becoming a care visitor, please contact Jason at [Jason@ResurrectionMCC.org](mailto:Jason@ResurrectionMCC.org) or call 832-971-0354.

Meets for lunch 1st Sun. at 12:30 pm.

### Loaves & Fishes

**Robert Sliepka**

[LoavesAndFishes@ResurrectionMCC.org](mailto:LoavesAndFishes@ResurrectionMCC.org)

Do you like cooking, serving, and providing nourishment to others?

This group provides food for those in need due to a funeral, a special need, as well as for occasional church events.

### Care Callers

**Georgette L. Monaghan**

**Karen Cruse**

**Terry Talley**

[CareCallers@ResurrectionMCC.org](mailto:CareCallers@ResurrectionMCC.org)

Do you have a friendly, loving attitude and enjoy speaking with people on the phone?

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

### Volunteer Receptionist

**Fabiola Cruz, John "Bubbles" Dye,**

**Jerry Reitz, Carole Wiseman**

[Reception@ResurrectionMCC.org](mailto:Reception@ResurrectionMCC.org)

Do you like answering the phone and helping out around an office?

We need people to help answer our phone each day from Sunday through Friday.

Training can be done immediately. Please contact Jason Wood for additional information, or to sign up.

### Concierge Desk

**Leslie Jackson**

[Concierge@ResurrectionMCC.org](mailto:Concierge@ResurrectionMCC.org)

Do you like to help people feel welcome and included?

We need loving, warm and friendly people to serve at the Concierge Desk, located in the Gathering place, before and after both Sunday Worship Services!

This desk will help welcome new visitors, provide them with a free gift, and help them get connected.

### Ushers

**Kecia Bullock**

**Dave Mathis**

[Ushers@ResurrectionMCC.org](mailto:Ushers@ResurrectionMCC.org)

We need ushers for 9 & 11 am Sunday Worship Services.

There are 10 exciting teams!

Each team ushers one service a month, at either the 9 am or 11 am Service.

Remember, "No one is JUST an usher."

### H.O.M.E. Groups

**John Garcia**

**Davis Raley**

**Marco Santoyo**

**Robert Sliepka**

To attend a HOME Group, please visit our Web site at [www.ResurrectionMCC.org](http://www.ResurrectionMCC.org) for a list of locations.

If you are interested in starting a new group, please contact Jason Wood at [Jason@ResurrectionMCC.org](mailto:Jason@ResurrectionMCC.org) or 832-971-0354

### Welcome Team

**Flo Perry**

[Welcome@ResurrectionMCC.org](mailto:Welcome@ResurrectionMCC.org)

Do you like helping people feel special and welcome the moment they arrive to the church?

We want to welcome people to the church and help them get to where they need to go.

Team members will be positioned at every door and sidewalk, greeting people with a smile and kind word, offering directions or answering questions.

## 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.



*If you haven't already mailed in your commitment card, please do so in advance of Sunday, April 27, when we will announce the results of the Imagine Capital Campaign. Commitment cards may be picked up at the Concierge Desk and returned in the offering basket or by mail.*

## The Audio Visual Team

is seeking individuals who look good in headphones, no experience required. Training will be provided.



**May 18**  
**12:30 pm, Workroom**  
*(Across from Nursery)*  
 Contact Ken at  
**713-861-9149 x111**  
 or **AudioVisual@ResurrectionMCC.org**

### Board Members on Duty

Michelle Freeman & Len Shelton

*Board Minutes Available Upon Request.*

## A.A. Recovery Group

**Every Tuesday, 7 pm - 8 pm**  
**Chapel**

This is an open meeting of  
 Alcoholics Anonymous.

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



## Is it too late in the game to get a Miracle?



Come to the prayer breakfast  
**TODAY at 10:15 am**  
 in the Chapel and find out!

Sponsored by The Fishers Net  
 Prayer Ministry. RSVP to  
 FishersNet@ResurrectionMCC.org



## Shoe Drive

**Last Day is TODAY!**

Drop off your donations in the  
 "Shoe Box" in the Welcome Area.

## Food Pantry Ministry

Open Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays,  
*by appointment*  
**Team Lead: Marty Williams**

### Monthly Food Drive

*3rd Sunday of each month*  
*Drop-off in Shopping Cart*  
*near Concierge Desk*

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



### Flowers for the Sanctuary

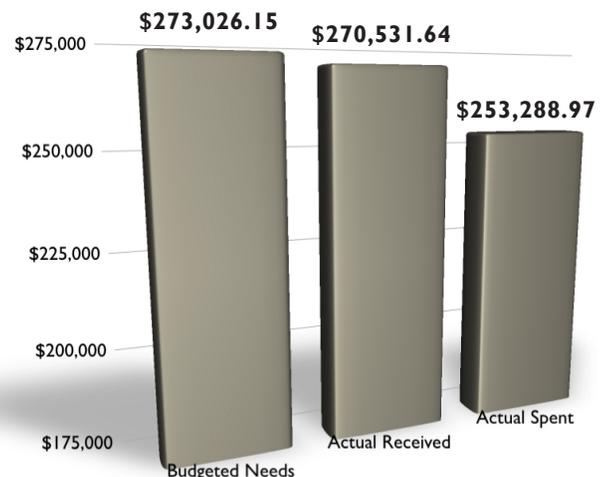
In loving memory of Thomas Coronado,  
 you're still my inspiration.

*-Ron Drumm*

## General Fund Financial Report

**Week Ending April 20, 2008**

Tithes & Offerings		Week	Year
04/20/08 9:00 am	112	\$3,029.00	\$92,649.48
04/20/08 11:00 am	329	\$5,475.05	\$110,575.80
Special Services			\$4,833.39
Online Giving		\$1,366.90	\$26,183.28
Other Contributions		\$2,059.00	\$29,624.27
<b>Total</b>	<b>441</b>	<b>\$11,929.95</b>	<b>\$263,866.22</b>
Other General Fund Income			
Fundraising			\$1,641.47
Miscellaneous		\$1,077.88	\$5,023.95
<b>Total Received</b>		<b>\$13,007.83</b>	<b>\$270,531.64</b>
<b>Budgeted Need</b>		<b>\$18,306.63</b>	<b>\$273,026.15</b>
<b>Total Surplus / (Deficit)</b>		<b>(\$5,298.80)</b>	<b>(\$2,494.51)</b>
<b>Total Imagine Capital Campaign</b>		<b>\$3,677.90</b>	<b>\$64,049.98</b>



# This Week @ ResurrectionMCC.org

## SUNDAY Resurrection 36th Anniversary APRIL 27

- 9:00 am **Sunday Worship / Rev. Elder Troy Perry**  
 10:15 am Fisher's Net Prayer Ministry *Chapel*  
 11:00 am **Sunday Worship / Rev. Elder Troy Perry**  
 11:15 am Children & Youth Worship Service *Activities Building*  
 12:30 pm youthLife *Music Room*

## MONDAY APRIL 28

- 6:00 pm Board of Directors Meeting *Gathering Place*  
 6:30 pm JustUs Rehearsal *Music Room*  
 7:00 pm *Dialogue: Racism Workshop (Closed)* *Activities Building*

## TUESDAY APRIL 29

- 9:00 am NCS Training *Gathering Place*  
 7:00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting (Open) *Chapel*  
 7:00 pm Gospel Ensemble Rehearsal *Music Room*

## WEDNESDAY APRIL 30

- 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 MAY 1

- 6:00 pm *Imagine* Campaign Meeting *Gathering Place*  
 7:30 pm Resurrection Singers *Music Room*

## FRIDAY MAY 2

No Events Scheduled.

## SATURDAY MAY 3

- 9:00 am EXCEL in the Church Rehearsal *Activities Building*  
 10:00 am Wise Women Gathering (Closed) *Chapel*  
 1:00 pm Angels in Motion Rehearsal *Sanctuary*

## SUNDAY MAY 4

- 9:00 am **Sunday Worship / Rev. Paul Geisler**  
 10:15 am Fisher's Net Prayer Ministry *Chapel*  
 11:00 am **Sunday Worship / Rev. Paul Geisler**  
 11:15 am Children & Youth Worship Service *Activities Building*  
 12:30 pm youthLife *Music Room*  
 12:30 pm Second Family Care Teams Lunch *Activities Building #108*  
 12:30 pm Pride Team Meeting *Activities Building #108*  
 1:00 pm Holy Union Preparation Seminar *Gathering Place*  
 1:30 pm HeavenSound Handbells Rehearsal *Music Room*