



Resurrection

Metropolitan Community Church

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Prelude

David Durham & Steven Couch

Fantasia on Hyfrydol and Diademata

Arranged by Mark Hayes

Our Community Gathers

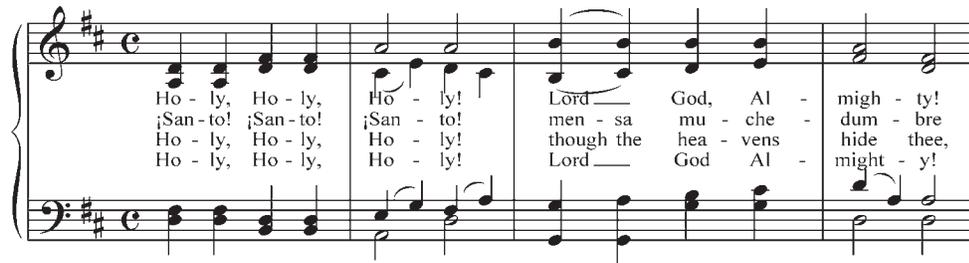
Rev. Dwayne Johnson & Mark Eggleston

+ Exchange of Peace

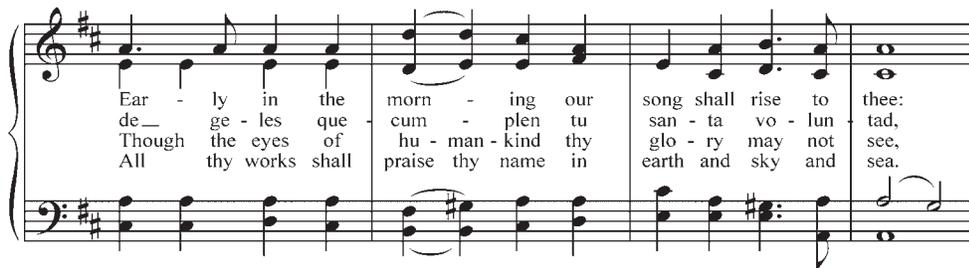
+ Processional Hymn

NICEA

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!



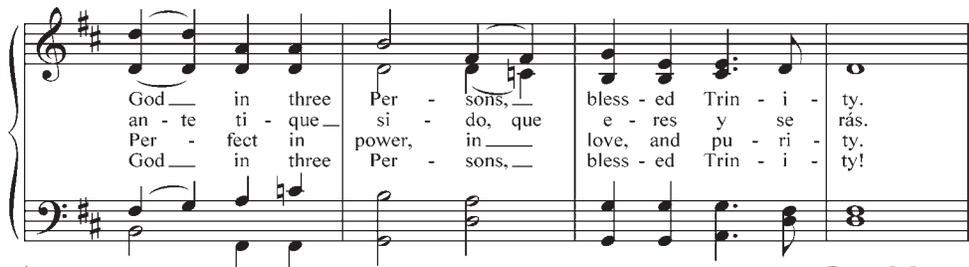
Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly! Lord God, Al - migh - ty!
 ;San - to! ;San - to! ;San - to! men - sa mu - che - dum - bre
 Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly! though the hea -vens hide thee,
 Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly! Lord God Al - migh - y!



Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee:
 de - ge - les que cum - plen tu san - ta vo - lun tad,
 Though the eyes of hu - man - kind thy glo - ry may not see,
 All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.



Ho - ly, Ho - ly, ho - ly! mer - ci - ful and migh - ty,
 an - te ti - se pos - tra, ba ña - da de - tu lum - bre,
 On - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,
 Ho - ly, Ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and migh - ty!



God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty,
 an - te ti - se si - do, que e - res y se rás.
 Per - fect in power, in love, and pu - ri - ty.
 God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

+ Invocation

Rev. Mona Lopez

+ Please rise in body or spirit.

We Prepare

The prelude is designed to set the tone for the worship service. It is also an offering from our gifted musicians. Many wish to listen and meditate during this time.

We Worship

This hymn is considered one of the church's greatest hymns. It is faithful to the biblical text, theologically solid, and eminently singable. The hymn, based on Revelation 4:6-11, echoes the voices of cherubim and seraphim who gather about God's heavenly throne in ceaseless praise, singing, "Holy, holy, holy, the Lord God the Almighty, who was and is and is to come." The hymn joins contemporary voices with those elders pictured in Revelation who casting their crowns before the throne, address God, singing, "You are worthy, Our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created".

We Hear the Word

In this scripture we hear that Christians should be motivated to goodness not only by the claim of love but also by the approaching Day of Christ. Putting on the Lord Jesus Christ describes Christian discipleship in the practical metaphor of choosing to dress in a certain manner.

We Worship

We believe that God encompasses all that is feminine and all that is masculine and all that is spirit. For this season we use a call to our God as Mother to begin our prayers ending it with the traditional "Our Father."

We Hear the Word

This scene outlines steps for reconciliation among disciples. It recognizes that despite the exhortation and practices outlined earlier, conflict is inevitable. Numerous groups and communities devised procedures for communal discipline. These instructions emphasize the responsibility of community members rather than leaders, do not specify penalties, and above all focus on the goal of reconciliation.

Epistle Reading

Carlos Rivera (9 am)
Charli Merchant (11 am)

Romans 13:8-14

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet": and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "Love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Call to Prayer



O ten-der Moth - er, hear our prayer, as we your child -
ren gath - er near. We of - fer you our wound-ed souls,
for your ca - ress can make us whole.

Community Prayers

Jason Wood

The Prayer that Jesus Taught (spoken in unison)

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy dominion come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the dominion, and the power, and the glory forever, Amen.

Special Music

Forever Blest

I've Got Confidence / Blessed Assurance

arranged by Kenny Cole

+ Gospel Reading

Rev. Janice Ladd

Matthew 18:15-20

"If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, you will have to start over from scratch, confronting the offender with the need for repentance, and offer again God's forgiving love. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by God in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

Anthem

Sanctuary Choir

'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus

Arranged by Richard Kingsmore

Spiritual Encouragement

Rev. Dwayne Johnson

*Integrity Is a Choice:
Choose Dialogue Over Drama*

Making Ministry Happen

Rev. Kristen Klein-Cechettini

Offertory

Kedric Brown, Steven Couch
& David Durham

Near the River

Arranged by Anna Laura Page

Communion

Rev. Charli Merchant

- One: On the night you were betrayed you took the bread;
After giving thanks you broke it and said,
"This is my body broken for you, and as you eat it remember me;
- All: This is my body broken for you and as you eat it, remember me.**
- One: On the night you were betrayed you held the cup
After giving thanks you lifted it up.
This is my life poured out for you, and as you drink it remember me.
- All: This is my life poured out for you, and as you drink it remember me.**
- One: So we thank you for the cup and for the bread,
For we see the life you gave and the blood you shed.
- All: And we remember your wondrous love;
You gave your body you shed your blood.
And we remember your wondrous love
You gave your Spirit to live in us.
And we remember your wondrous love;
You gave your body you shed your blood.
And we remember your wondrous love
You gave your Spirit to live in us.**

We Listen

How fitting that a missionary should write this hymn about faith and trust. Louisa M.R. Stead was born about 1850 in Dover, England, and became a Christian at age nine. She immigrated to the US at 21 and attended a revival meeting in Urbana, Ohio. That began her missionary call. After the death of her husband in a drowning accident, Louisa took her daughter Lily and went to South Africa as a missionary, and it was there during those days she wrote, *'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus*.

This setting of the communion liturgy is entirely sung. The music consecrates the bread and the cup, and proclaims our remembrance of Jesus as he asked.

About

Rev. Charli

Rev. Charli Merchant was ordained by the Congregational Church (PT), in 1995, after graduate studies at St. John's University, a seminary, in Louisiana. Charli has officiated at weddings, funerals, and holy unions for the last twelve years. A full-time teacher, Charli is English Department Chair & Literacy Coach at a local Early College, and is adjunct professor of Education at HCC.

We Receive

All Congregations in MCC practice an open communion. We believe that communion is a visible sign of Christ's presence and God's grace that each one of us, visitor, friend, or member, may receive. Simply come forward as the ushers direct. We use grape juice for the cup. After you are served you will receive a blessing from the server. If you are in need of further prayer, our Fisher's Net Prayer Ministry team is available following both services to pray with you.

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.

God, open us to your living presence through your life at this table.

May these gifts nurture strength and integrity.

Music During Communion

Change My Heart, O God

Change my heart, O God, make it every true.
Change my heart, O God, may I be like you.
You are the Potter; I am the clay.
Mold me and make me, this is what I pray.

Words & Music by Eddie Espinosa
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You Are My All in All

You are my strength when I am weak,
You are the treasure that I seek, you are my all in all.
Seeking you as a precious jewel,
Lord, to give up I'd be a fool. You are my all in all.
Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is your name.
Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is your name.
Taking my sin, my cross, my shame,
Rising again I bless your name. You are my all in all.
When I fall down, you pick me up;
When I am dry, you fill my cup. You are my all in all! (*Chorus*)

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Cares Chorus

I cast all my cares upon you,
I lay all of my burdens down at your feet.
And anytime that I don't know what to do,
I will cast all my cares upon you.

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It Is Well with My Soul

When peace like a river attendeth my way when sorrows like sea billows roll;
+ Whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say, "It is well, it is well with my soul."
It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul!

Words by Horatio Spafford, Music by Philip Bliss
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+ **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Rev. Kristen Klein-Cechettini

+ **Benediction**

Rev. Dwayne Johnson

Postlude

Joel Hammett

Grow Up

Spiritual Maturity, Transformation & Application

Opening Essay

Good (God) With Youth & Children

This summer continues to be an exciting time at Resurrection MCC. A wonderful group of volunteers took the leap and opened themselves to a "season of service" with our children and youth. In return, Rev. Kristen Klein-Cechettini provided training, tools, and the assurance that no one would be alone in their service. The volunteers were asked to serve only one Sunday a month during June through August.

We are now entering a new season. Many of those who served are renewing their commitment for another season. Others fulfilled their commitment for a "season" and are moving to other areas of service.

Part of my vision for Resurrection MCC is for our children and youth ministry to be as solid and exciting as that offered by larger and more established churches. Many churches with excellent programs have built the programs through generations of commitment. Growth throughout this summer shows that we are on our way to such a place.

So how do we get there?

It will take each one of us. We are ALL called to value our children and youth. And many, many of us are called to serve to and with our children and youth. Some people may say, "I'm just not good with children." Well, maybe you have a hidden talent. I invite you to see this as a "stretching" opportunity. Several who opened themselves (even with a sense of trepidation) to serve our children and youth ended up saying something like, "*Wow! I didn't know I had this in me. This is so much fun. I learned alot. I learned alot about myself. . .and God.*"

If you're open to this wonderful opportunity, email RevKristen@ResurrectionMCC.org

On a personal note, my first ministry position when I graduated from seminary was Associate Pastor of Spiritual Formation at Lynnwood Church of the Nazarene in Lynnwood, Washington. And yes, you guessed it. . .I was in charge of Children's Ministry. I directed the Sunday School program, two Children's worship services, Saturday Activity programs, and a full mid-week children's program. I also participated in Children's Camp programs every Summer. At first, I didn't think I was good with children. Was I ever surprised. I discovered that many of the children were better theologians than my seminary professors. That was 1987. Many of those children are now amazing, loving, spiritually mature adults. . .and they are now "paying it forward" by serving children.

If you attend the 11:00 am service you may notice that on some Sundays I will head out after the sermon. That's because I'll be going to the Activity Building to celebrate Holy Communion at Noon with our children and youth. That's part of my commitment to helping us grow. I invite you to join me.

We're in this together!

~ Rev. Dwayne Johnson

Message Notes

The Worship of God Each Day

Prayer of Opening

Dear God, give us the openness and curiosity of children during this time of prayer and study with You. Amen.

~ Rev. Dwayne Johnson

Daily Scripture Readings

- Sun - Psalm 16
- Mon - James 1:19-27
- Tue - Matthew 18:1-5
- Wed - Proverbs 2:3-6
- Thu - Luke 18:15-17
- Fri - Psalm 131
- Sat - * Matthew 18:21-35

* Preparation for Sunday, September 7

Sacred Reading (pages 5 & 6)

See opening essay, quotes, or other sources.

Spiritual Maturity & Application (page 6)

See questions and reflection journal exercises.

Prayer of Sending

Laugh. Ask lots of questions. Remember that God is always with you. Smile most of the time. Eat dessert first.

Sacred Reading

Do not fear mistakes--there are none.

~ Miles Davis

Christopher Robin asked, "What do you like doing best in the world, Pooh?"

"Well," said Pooh, "What I like best--" and then he had to stop and think. Because although Eating Honey was a very good thing to do, there was a moment just before you began to eat it which was better than when you were, but he didn't know what it was called.

And then he thought that being with Christopher Robin was a very good thing to do, and having Piglet near was a very friendly thing to have; and so, when Pooh had thought it all out, he said, "What I like best in the whole world is Me and Piglet going to see You. . ."

~ A. A. Milne, *Winnie the Pooh*.

Children are linked to adults by the simple fact they are in the process of turning into them.

~ Philip Larkin

One day my soul just opened up
I started laughing
and I laughed for what seemed like forever
wasn't nothin' particularly funny goin' on
but I laughed anyhow
I laughed the joy of a million children playin'
in the mud
I laughed 'til my sides ached
Oh God! It felt so good!

One day, my soul just opened up
and I decided
I was good and ready!
I was good and ready
to surrender
my life
to God.

So, with my soul wide open,
I sat down
wrote her a note
and told her so.

~ Gemmia L. Vanzant, *One Day My Soul Just Opened Up*, 10.

Exercises for Maturity & Transformation

Sit down and write God a note. Or, go pick out a fun card for God.

Quick! Write #'s 1 to 10 down a page. Now, above the list write "10 Things I've Learned from Children." Without over thinking it, write the 10 things you've learned from children. Not everything will make sense. Don't worry about it. You may figure it out later. Or not.

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Worship

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.

Make sure to visit the Concierge Desk, located next to *Inspirations*, our coffee café and gift shop, to receive a gift from us. 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!

CREATING A LIFE THAT MATTERS



MCC's Transformational Spiritual Development Curriculum

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

Creating a Life that Matters integrates art, scripture, music, film, journaling, and diverse spiritual resources to augment our exploration of the Christian path.



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Register Today!

Class size is limited to 25.

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

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Session I: The Sacred
September 17, 2008 - October 29, 2008

Session II: My Self
November 5, 2008 - December 17, 2008
(Except 11/26)

Session III: My Passion
January 7, 2009 - February 18, 2009

For more information, please pick up a brochure from the Concierge Desk, or contact **Rev. Kristen at 713-861-9149 x107** or by email at RevKristen@ResurrectionMCC.org

Resurrection Metropolitan Community Church
Life Development Ministries
presents

The Chalice

opening...receiving...offering
Life in Fullness

Wednesdays

Join Us.

6:00 - 6:30 pm Community Meal
6:30 - 7:00 pm Spiritual Deepening
7:00 - 8:30 pm Life Development Offerings

Begins Wednesday, September 17, 2008

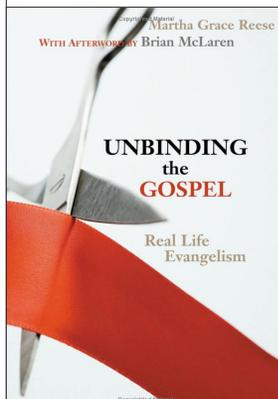
Unbinding the Gospel

You are invited to join Rev. Janice, Rev. Dwayne and Mark Eggleston in an exciting in-depth study of *Unbinding the Gospel: Real Life Evangelism!*

This incredible 7-week study provides church leaders, formal and informal, with an opportunity to share our love of God with one another, to build relationships upon passion for our faith, and to ignite our church and community anew with the fire of God's love!

This faith adventure runs Wednesday evenings, September 17 - October 29, from 7:00 - 8:30 pm. Please read Chapters 1 & 2 before we gather on September 17.

Books (\$15) available now in *Inspirations Coffee Cafe & Gift Shop*. RSVP to RevJanice@ResurrectionMCC.org.



The heart of evangelism emerges from the interaction of these three sets of relationships: our personal relationships with God, healthy congregational relationships, and caring about people who don't have a conscious connection with Christ. The heart of evangelism is being in love with God, being part of a church you love and caring about other people who do not know that faith.

— *Unbinding the Gospel: Real Life Evangelism* by Martha Grace Reese

Parents Social
Saturday, September 20
8:30 am, Discovery Green



Join us for fun in the park.
 Don't forget the swimsuits!

This kid friendly park has a one-acre lake, children's playground, interactive water features, dog runs for large and small breeds, public art works, green lawns, and restaurants. More at www.DiscoveryGreen.com

To receive announcements about future events,
 email Parents@ResurrectionMCC.org.



Holy Union
Preparation Seminar
Sunday, October 5, 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 to Jason@ResurrectionMCC.org

September 26 Friday Night OUT
7 pm



Join this newly formed social group for dinner and a night on the town!

Anita's Bar & Grill
2409 Grant (behind South Beach)
www.anitabump.com

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

Nursery Help
Needed

We are seeking tender, competent childcare providers with formal or informal experience. Shifts include Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings. Approximately 8 hours each week, \$15 per hour.

Contact Rev. Kristen:
 713-861-9149 x107
RevKristen@ResurrectionMCC.org



RESURRECTION MCC
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Nursery (0 - 2 years) Sprouts (3 - 5 years)
 Faith Beginnings (7 - 9 years) Faith Explorers (10-12)
 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 provide training at your earliest convenience.

Contact Rev. Kristen at 713-861-9149 x107 or
RevKristen@ResurrectionMCC.org



Would Jesus
Discriminate?

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My Christmas Jars

By Jules Gauvin

School has just started, and teachers have been there for just a week or two. So why am I already talking about CHRISTMAS??? Hang on....I'll get to it.

Each morning, I would drive to McDonald's and pick up a large Diet Coke. The cashier would ask me for \$1.06. After recognizing my face each day, the young lady asked me why I didn't just bring in six cents and save myself from getting all that change. You should have seen her face when I told her that I LOVED GETTING CHANGE!! She gave me that raised eyebrow, curled lip look and I proceeded to tell her about my Christmas Jar.

Those of you attending Resurrection last year recall me telling you about a book I read, *Christmas Jars*, by Jason Wright. In the book, there is a family that collects coins all year long and puts them in their Christmas Jar. On Christmas Eve, the entire family packs up in the car and goes out looking for someone in need of that money and just gives them the jar. No questions asked.

Well, I stayed up quite late that night reading the book and knew I had to start my own Christmas Jar come January 1, 2007. As the night wore on, I began to dream about our church. I clearly saw our Christmas Eve Service with people walking up through the aisles to the steps of the sanctuary carrying their own Christmas Jars filled with coins.

It doesn't matter what kind of contain you choose to hold your coins in. People brought coins in spaghetti, olive, pickle and jelly jars. There was a syrup bottle, Del Monte and coffee cans, Tupperware, wine jugs, canning jars, plastic bags and a vase. A friend of mine made a great comment about that assortment, "Look at all those different containers. It is just like our church - it doesn't matter how you come."

Our very first Christmas Jar gifts brought in \$3,890.62! That is truly amazing! Our church has grown this year, and I can't wait to see what this Christmas Season holds for us.

So, empty that cup holder in your car (You know the coins are sitting there.), lift the couch cushion and see if there are any coins lurking under there, too. Let's beat last year's total and shoot for \$5,000! What do you say?

Join us for lunch! Second Family Care Partners TODAY!

12:30 pm, Activities Building #108

Kristia Ammerman

SecondFamily@ResurrectionMCC.org

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

Come and celebrate our 7 year anniversary, offering care to the our community and church!
Cake & punch served. Way to go team!

If you would like to receive a care visit, or are interested in becoming a care visitor, please contact Jason at 832-971-0354 or by email at Jason@ResurrectionMCC.org

Meet for lunch the 1st Sunday of each month at 12:30 pm.

What are Your Gifts?

Board of Directors

Positions Available.

Application Deadline: September 16

In membership class, each of us take a Spiritual Gifts Assessment (available from our Web site). Those with the gifts of Administration, Creative Communication, Knowledge, Wisdom, Leadership, Discernment and/or Prophecy may be perfect candidates to serve on Resurrection's Board of Directors.

The Board of Directors is responsible for the fiduciary health of the church and administrating our resources to support the vision of Resurrection. We need people with a passion for financial issues, fundraising, community building outside our walls, and strategic planning for our future. We know those skills are in our congregation.

If you have taken the Spiritual Gifts Assessment and know you have these gifts, please consider this opportunity to serve. If you haven't taken the Assessment, please visit our website and take the survey. You may be the person(s) we need to fill these two open positions.

For more information, contact the Nominating Committee at Nominating@ResurrectionMCC.org or speak to one of the committee members: Win Boyd, Georgia Chambers, Ron Drumm, Yolanda Richardson and Rose Wall.

New Members Class

Saturday, October 11

9 - Noon

Gathering Place
Breakfast Served



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

To register, contact Jason Wood,
Jason@ResurrectionMCC.org
or 713-861-9149 x105.

Download & complete the Spiritual Gifts Assessment
from www.ResurrectionMCC.org

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October 10 – 12, 2008

Friday evening - Sunday afternoon

God's Grace, Security, Commitment, Prayer, Study, Action
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Register today in the Gathering place and check out our website.
www.excelofthearmadillo.org

Blessings to you from the entire Excel Team

Kecia Bullock, Rodger Geisel, Jerry Reitz, Clair Vasiliy,
Michael Fernandez, Robert Sliepka, Kristia Ammerman,
Doug Hill, Ron Drumm and Ron Reeser

We have been in training and praying for you all year and
looking forward to meeting you in person to share
the Excel Experience.

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.



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Board Members on Duty

Leland McKinney & Leslie Jackson

Board Minutes Available Upon Request.

Imagine at Work!

by Steven Couch

Director of Worship



Due to the faithfulness of this congregation through
the Imagine Campaign, I am thrilled to be able to
announce that our new Audio Visual system has been
ordered!

We recently ordered a new 48 channel sound board,
a center cluster speaker array, some new monitors,
overhead choir microphones, sub-woofer to amplify
the low frequencies in our sanctuary, two video
projectors and two screens. This equipment should
be installed by the first Sunday in October. Our
congregation will have quality sound and we will
begin using multi-media in our worship services.

**Commitment cards may be picked up at
The Concierge Desk and Sanctuary
entrances. They may be returned in
the offering basket or by mail.**

Outreach, Wisdom, Laughter, Support:
A Ministry for Seniors & Friends



**September 16
Noon - 2 pm
Gathering Place**

Special presentation from MANNA
(Ministry Assistance of the Near Northwest Alliance)

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

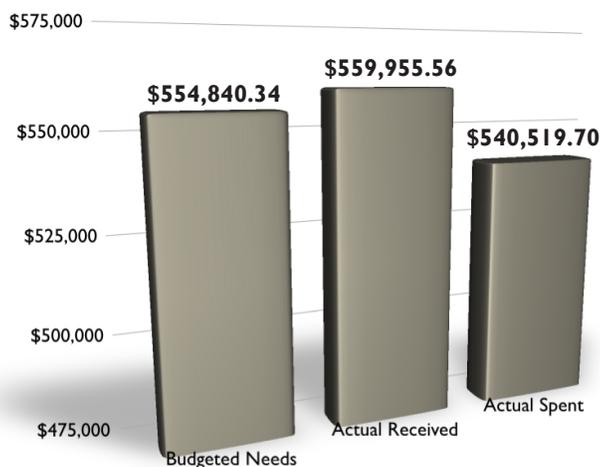
Flowers for the Sanctuary

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

General Fund Financial Report

Week Ending August 31, 2008

Tithes & Offerings			Week	Year
08/31/08	9:00 am	178	\$4,610.00	\$173,744.96
08/31/08	11:00 am	407	\$4,189.51	\$234,812.71
	Special Services			\$5,833.44
	Online Giving		\$651.07	\$48,093.64
	Other Contributions		\$660.00	\$64,812.58
	Total	585	\$10,110.58	\$527,297.33
Other General Fund Income				
	Fundraising		\$8,946.10	\$13,198.64
	Miscellaneous		\$1,065.00	\$19,459.59
	Total Received		\$20,121.68	\$559,955.56
	Budgeted Need		\$16,315.57	\$554,840.34
	Total Surplus / (Deficit)		\$3,806.11	\$5,115.22
	Total Imagine Capital Campaign		\$743.00	\$207,984.39



This Week @ ResurrectionMCC.org

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 7

- 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**
11:00 am Children & Youth Worship Service *Activities Building*
12:30 pm HeavenSound Handbells Rehearsal *Music Room*
12:30 pm Second Family Care Partners Luncheon *Act. Bldg #108*

MONDAY SEPTEMBER 8

- 6:30 pm Anointing Rehearsal *Sanctuary*

TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 9

- 7:00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous *Wellness Center*
7:00 pm Gospel Ensemble Rehearsal *Music Room*

WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 10

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

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 11

- 6:45 pm Houston Pride Band Ensemble *Chapel*
7:00 pm Resurrection Singers Rehearsal *Music Room*

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 12

No Events Scheduled.

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 13

- 9:00 am EXCEL of the Armadillo Meeting *Gathering Place*
10:00 am Future Clergy Meeting *Workroom*
1:00 pm Angels in Motion Rehearsal *Sanctuary*
5:00 pm Holy Union *Sanctuary*

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 14

- 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**
11:00 am Children & Youth Worship Service *Activities Building*
12:30 pm HeavenSound Handbells Rehearsal *Music Room*