



# Resurrection

Metropolitan Community Church

Volume 4, Issue 15

April 5, 2009

**Our Community Gathers**

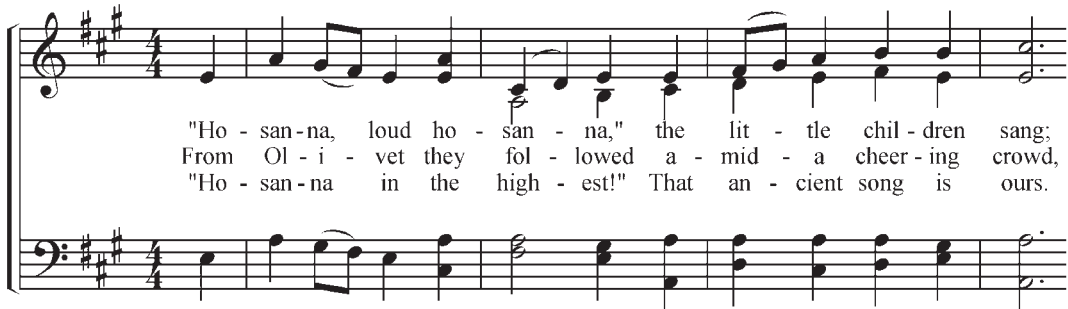
Rev. Dwayne Johnson & Jason Wood

+ Exchange of Peace

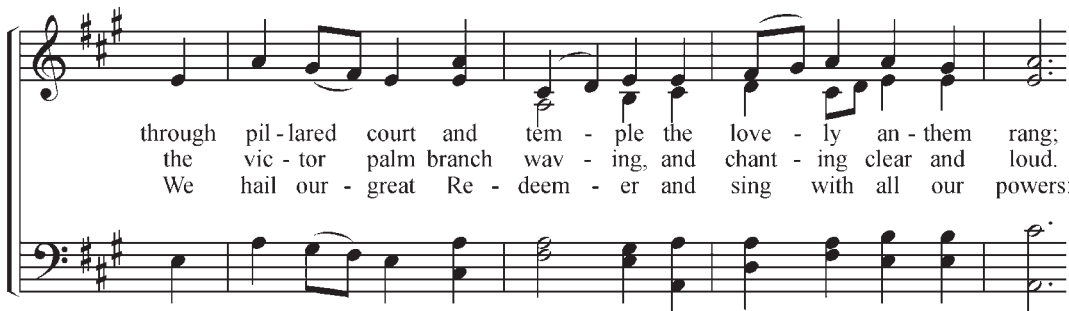
+ Opening Hymn

ELLACOMBE

## *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*



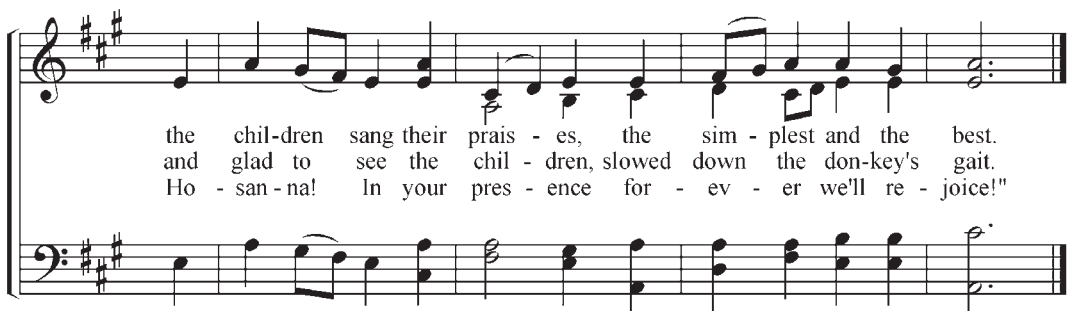
"Ho - san-na, loud ho - san - na," the lit - tle chil - dren sang;  
From Ol - i - vet they fol - lowed a - mid - a cheer - ing crowd,  
"Ho - san-na in the high - est!" That an - cient song is ours.



through pil - lared court and tem - ple the love - ly an - them rang;  
the vic - tor palm branch wav - ing, and chant - ing clear and loud.  
We hail our - great Re - deem - er and sing with all our powers.



To - Je - sus, who had blessed them close fold - ed to his breast,  
The one whom an - gels wor - ship rode on in low - ly state,  
"Ho - san - na, Christ, we praise you with heart and life and voice.



the chil - dren sang their prais - es, the sim - plest and the best.  
and glad to see the chil - dren, slowed down the don-key's gait.  
Ho - san-na! In your pres - ence for - ev - er we'll re - joice!"

+ Please rise in body or spirit.

## We Worship

Jennette Threlfall  
of England, who  
was disabled by two  
accidents, wrote hymns  
that inspired hope and  
courage in others.  
This text was published  
in her collection,  
*Sunshine and Shadow.*

## We Hear the Word

This translation is courtesy of *The Inclusive Hebrew Scriptures*, edited by Priests for Equality through the Inclusive Language Project, initiated in 1988.

Their goal, "to translate the entire Bible into gender-inclusive language by July of 2001," is part of their larger mission, which is to "affirm efforts to use sexually balanced language and images in Church liturgy, publications, education and preaching." It is the understanding of this consortium of Christian ministers, lay leaders, scholars, educators and social activists that "language, in itself, can help educate us toward equality."

### + Call to Worship

Vickey Gibbs

#### *Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29*

One: O give thanks to Our God for God's goodness!  
God's love is everlasting! Let Israel say it:

**All: "Your love is everlasting!"**

One: Let the House of Aaron say it:

**All: "Your love is everlasting!"**

One: Let those who revere Our God say it:

**All: "Your love is everlasting!"**

One: When we were in anguish, we cried out to you – and you answered us with freedom!

**All: Hosanna! Our God is a God of freedom!**

One: Because you are with us, we are not afraid – what can anyone do to harm those whom you have lifted up?

**All: Hosanna! Our God lifts us up out of fear!**

One: Because Our God is with us, is making the way – we can triumph over any adversity!

**All: Hosanna! Our God makes a way out of no way!**

One: We take refuge in Our God, who is trustworthy beyond measure!

**All: Hosanna! Our God is steadfast and true!**

One: We take refuge in Our God, who leads us in impeccable truth!

**All: Hosanna! Our God is a God of great love!**

One: Open the gates of righteousness, let us enter and give thanks to Our God! This is the gate of Our God, the righteous shall enter with thanksgiving and with praise!

**All: It was the stone which the builders rejected that became the cornerstone; this is Our God's doing and it is wonderful to see!**

One: This is the day Our God has made – let us rejoice and be glad in it!

**All: O give thanks to Our God for God's goodness!  
God's love is everlasting!**

**Invocation**

Jason Wood

**Baptism**

Rev. Dwayne Johnson (11 am)

**Scripture Reading**

Rev. Janice Ladd

#### *Philippians 2:5-11*

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus. Christ, though in the image of God, didn't deem equality with God something to be exploited - but instead became completely empty and took on the image of oppressed humankind: born into the human condition, found in the likeness of a human being.

Jesus was thus humbled - obediently accepting death, even death on a cross! Because of this, God highly exalted Christ and gave to Jesus the name above every other name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee will bend in the heavens, on the earth and under the earth, and every tongue proclaim to the glory of God: Jesus Christ reigns supreme!

## Sung Response

**All:** Word of God speak. Would you pour down like rain?  
Washing my eyes to see your majesty.  
To be still and know that you're in this place.  
Please let me stay and rest in your holiness. Word of God speak.

## Contemporary Reading

Rev. Mona Lopez

Stop forcing reality. Learn the mystery of surrender and trust, and then it will be done unto you, through you, and with you, in you and very often, in spite of you.

You could say that God's only and forever pattern is creation ex nihilo; YHWH is always "creating something out of nothing." Christian words for the same eternal pattern are "resurrection" or "grace." All three concepts point to the same thing - that God "brings the dead to life and calls into being what does not exist." (Romans 4:17)

You could call it God's primary job description.

~ Richard Rohr,

*Things Hidden: Scripture as Spirituality*

## Special Music

Gospel Ensemble &  
Sanctuary Choir

### *Ride on King Jesus*

Traditional Spiritual  
Words & Music Public Domain

## Scripture

Lee Walker & Marion Kirby

### *Mark 11:1-11*

## Spiritual Encouragement

Rev. Dwayne Johnson

### *The Mind of Christ*

## Making Ministry Happen

Offertory

Gospel Ensemble &  
Sanctuary Choir

### *Hosanna, Hosanna!*

Words by Joseph M. Martin & Lyrics by J. Paul Williams  
© 2007 Lorenz Publishing Company

## Communion

Rev. Kristen Klein-Cechettini

Introduction to Communion

Words of Institution

Prayer of Consecration

Invitation to the Feast

## We Hear the Word

When Jesus entered Jerusalem lamenting its failure to understand the things that were for its peace, he did not thereby give up the struggle against the works of war. There is a time to stand before all the world in a word of truth - bearing witness to a life, a love, a dignity so great that neither death nor anything else will destroy it, or even render it silent.

~ Margaret A. Farley,  
*Feasting on the Word*  
(Year B), 156.

## We Listen

*Ride On, King Jesus* is a historic African-American spiritual.

Most of the songs in this genre can be traced to enslaved black peoples living in the southern United States in the century or so prior to the Civil War. Many of these spirituals contained hidden messages about freedom and veiled references to escape, and are thus called Underground Railroad songs.

*Ride On, King Jesus* contains a text whose purpose appears to be a strictly spiritual one - one that acknowledges that those who are enslaved are of equal worth to their owners, for Jesus "died for the rich and he died for the poor." Hallelujah!

## 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, friend or member, may receive. Simply come forward as the ushers direct.

**During Communion, you will be invited to share a moment of invitation to the Presence of God followed by a simple blessing that God's Presence remain with you in your journey.**

We use grape juice for the cup. If you desire intercessory 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.

Hosanna! Let the blessings poured out upon you be lived out in a life of praise.

May you abide in the mystery of surrender and in the majesty of trust.  
In Christ's name.

## Communion Songs

### *Word of God Speak*

I'm finding myself at a loss for words and the funny thing is it's okay.  
The last thing I need is to be heard but to hear what you would say.

Word of God speak. Would you pour down like rain?  
Washing my eyes to see your majesty. To be still and know that You're in this place.  
Please let me stay and rest in your holiness. Word of God speak.

I'm finding myself in the midst of you, beyond the music, beyond the noise.  
All that I need is to be with you, and in the quiet hear your voice.

Word of God speak. Would you pour down like rain?  
Washing my eyes to see your majesty. To be still and know that you're in this place.  
Please let me stay and rest in your holiness.

Word of God speak. Would you pour down like rain?  
Washing my eyes to see your majesty. To be still and know that you're in this place.  
Please let me stay and rest in your holiness.

I'm finding myself at a loss for words and the funny thing is it's okay.

©2002 Wordspring Music, Inc.  
Admin. by Word Music Group, Inc.  
CCLI License #1025612

### *Draw Me Close*

Draw me close to you, never let me go,  
I lay it all down again to hear you say that I'm your friend.  
You are my desire, no one else will do,  
'Cause nothing else could take your place; to feel the warmth of your embrace.  
Help me find the way, bring me back to you.  
You're all I want, you're all I've ever needed.  
You're all I want - help me know you are near.

Words & Music by Kelly Carpenter  
© 1994 Mercy/Vineyard Publishing  
CCLI License #1025612

### *Shout to the Lord*

My Jesus, my Savior, Lord, there is none like you,  
All of my days, I want to praise the wonders of your mighty love;  
My Comfort, my Shelter, Tower of refuge and strength;  
Let every breath, all that I am, never cease to worship you.  
Shout to the Lord, all the earth, let us sing  
Power and majesty, praises we bring,  
Mountains bow down and the seas will roar at the sound of your name.  
I sing for joy at the work of your hands, forever I'll love you, forever I'll stand;  
Nothing compares to the promise I have in you.

Words & Music by Darlene Zschech  
© 1993 Darlene Aschech/Hillsong Publishing.  
CCLI License #1025612

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

Rev. Kristen Klein-Cechettini

## + Benediction

Rev. Dwayne Johnson

## + Postlude

Joel Hammett

## Staff

### Rev. Dwayne Johnson

Senior Pastor

RevDwayne@ResurrectionMCC.org (x101)

### Rev. Janice Ladd

Executive Pastor

RevJanice@ResurrectionMCC.org (x104)

### Mark Eggleston

Director of Outreach

Mark@ResurrectionMCC.org (x106)

### Craig Felderhoff

Director of Operations (Interim)

Craig@ResurrectionMCC.org (x102)

### Rev. Kristen Klein-Cechettini

Director of Life Development

RevKristen@ResurrectionMCC.org (x107)

### Jason Wood

Director of Connections

Jason@ResurrectionMCC.org (x105)

### David E. Durham

Pianist

### Joel Hammett

Organist

### Debbie Mansfield

Nursery Coordinator

### Sara Navarro

Graphic Artist

### Joel Palomares

Youth Ministries Program Coordinator

Joel@ResurrectionMCC.org

### Ken Thompson

Audio Technician

### Anthony White

Gospel Ensemble Pianist

### Cassandra White

Gospel Ensemble Director

### Jim Winslett

HeavenSound Handbells Director

### Pepe Zuniga

Facilities Technician

## Volunteer Staff Clergy

### Rev. Mona Lopez

RevMona@ResurrectionMCC.org

## Worship

Sunday, 9:00 am & 11:00 am

Children & Youth Worship, Sunday, 11:00 am

Nursery

Sunday, 9:00 am & 11:00 am

The Chalice: Spiritual Deepening

Wednesday, 6:30 pm

## Resurrection MCC

2025 West 11th St, Houston, Texas 77008

Phone 713-861-9149 / Fax 713-861-2520

www.ResurrectionMCC.org

# Welcome!

If you are attending 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 in our Welcome Area, 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.

## A Special Welcome to our First-Time Families!

Our nursery staff would love to meet you and your infants & children aged 1-3 years! The nursery is located to the right of the Sanctuary entrance and is open during both the 9 am & 11 am services.

Children and youth aged 4-12 years are invited to join our Youth Ministries Program during the 11 am service in the Activities Building (located across the breezeway from our main parking lot). Sign-in begins at 10:45 am. All children must be registered and signed-in to attend. Parents are welcome to join the children for Communion at 12 noon in the Activities Building. Snack & sign-outs begin at 12:15 pm.

## 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!**





## Free Cup With a Guarantee



If you've recently visited Resurrection MCC, perhaps you have received our famous Cobalt Blue Resurrection MCC cup. We've learned that many who have received this cup use it daily, as a prayer reminder.

From time to time, someone will say, "Hey, I love those cups! Resurrection wasn't giving those out when I first came." Well, this Sunday is

an opportunity to receive your free cup!

When we found out that people were using the cup as a prayer reminder, we thought, "What if the entire congregation did this together for the Season of Lent?"

Thus, you are invited to participate in *The Daily Cup*, Resurrection MCC's special opportunity to join together as community in the spiritual practices of prayer, worship, giving, service and sharing our stories.

Following services today, visit the Gathering Place. Prayerfully consider the Lenten Covenant (see column to right) for which your cup will serve as a daily reminder. If you accept this invitation, and receive your cup, then each day you will also receive *The Daily Cup* email that will include a scripture, a prayer, and great ideas for living and sharing your faith.

This free cup comes with a "better than money-back" guarantee! If your life is not touched through the daily practice of your Lenten Covenant, we'll buy back your free cup for \$5 after Easter Sunday!

Yes, this is a different approach to Lent. Many have grown up with the concept of "giving up" something for Lent. This year, how about "receiving" something instead...like the Resurrection cup, and the daily blessing that comes through your own special "blend" of spiritual practices?



## ***THE DAILY CUP***

### *A Lenten Covenant for Living from Fullness through Lent*

Fill your cup with...

#### **PRAYER**

Ideas include yet are not limited to an attentive walk, listening to music, journaling, or a prayerful reading of a favorite scripture.

#### **WORSHIP**

Throughout Lent, offer your faithful presence for worship on Sundays and/or at The Chalice on Wednesdays.

#### **GIVING**

Listen to how God will invite your generosity. One approach is to take a breath, become calm, and simply pray, "God, how are you inviting me to give?" Then await the answer. Though God may stretch you, God will not ask you to give more than you are able. If each of us follows this invitation, those who are able will be able to give more. Others may offer smaller, yet fruitful seeds. Giving through General Tithes and Offerings, the Imagine Campaign, Online Giving, or Benevolence will impact lives each day.

#### **SERVICE**

Ideas include yet are not limited to volunteering for a ministry such as Children and Youth, reaching out to someone who could use encouragement, or sharing your talent in Resurrection's Music Ministry. Sign-up for *The Daily Cup* email for more ideas.

#### **SHARING**

Ideas include drinking from your cup at work or among friends to open conversations with others. You don't need to sound preachy or religious. Let your Resurrection cup remind you to just be real and have fun living your faith. Talk about such things as how you find peace, what prayer means to you, and how Resurrection MCC has added value and meaning to your life.

**Sign up to participate in this Lenten Journey in the Gathering Place after worship services today!**

# The Chalice

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

*Chalice Meal & Life Development Offerings  
will not be held on April 8,  
in observance of Holy Week.*

## HOLY WEEK

### A Service of Discipleship

Wednesday, April 8, 7 pm

An open contemplative service of discipleship  
and simple invitational washing ritual.

*And during supper, Jesus, knowing that his Heavenly  
Parent had given all things into his hands, and that  
he had come from God and was going to God, got  
up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a  
towel around himself. Then he poured water into a  
basin and began to wash the disciples' feet ...*

-- John 13:3-5

### A Seder Celebration of God's Liberating Faithfulness

Thursday, April 9, 7 pm

A community gathering and ritual meal  
in celebration of our freedom in God's steadfast love!

*When the hour came, he took his place at the table,  
and the apostles with him. He said to them, "I have  
eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before  
I suffer; I tell you, I will not eat it again until it is  
fulfilled in the kingdom of God." Then he took the cup.*

-- Luke 22:14-17

### A Good Friday Meditation on Jesus' Journey through the Stations of the Cross

Friday, April 10, 7 pm

A reflective journey into the heart of holy  
compassion, broken open on the path of the cross.

*Then he came to the disciples and said to them, "Are  
you still sleeping and taking your rest? See, the hour  
is at hand, and the Son of Humanity is betrayed. Get  
up, let us be going ...*

-- Matthew 26:45-46

# EASTER

APRIL 12 • 9 & 11 AM

Resurrection Metropolitan Community Church  
2025 W 11th Street, Houston, Texas 77008  
[www.ResurrectionMCC.org](http://www.ResurrectionMCC.org)

  
**Resurrection**  
Metropolitan Community Church

**Worship Services**  
Sundays, 9 & 11 am  
Wednesdays, 6:30 pm

Handicap Accessible  
Nursery Available 9 & 11 am  
Signed for the Deaf 11 am  
Children & Youth Program 11 am



## Get Connected to a First Impressions Ministry

Stop by the Gathering Place after services and find out more about exciting volunteer opportunities!

### Concierge Desk

**Eliot Perez**

[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 helps welcome new friends, provide them with a free gift, and help them get connected.

### Inspirations Coffee Cafe & Gift Shop

**Dawn Ashbrook**

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

Looking for new friendly faces and volunteers for this ministry! Provide outstanding customer service in an atmosphere of fellowship for people to make connections.

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

### Ushers

**Dave Mathis**

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

We need ushers for 9 & 11 am Sunday Worship Services. Teams serve one service (either 9 or 11 am) each month. Remember, "No one is *JUST* an usher."

### Welcome Team

**Jason Sowders**

[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 are positioned at every door and sidewalk, greeting people with a smile and kind word, offering directions or answering questions.

**If you have questions or would like to join any of these teams, email the team lead (listed above) or contact Jason Wood at [Jason@ResurrectionMCC.org](mailto:Jason@ResurrectionMCC.org) or 832-971-0354.**

## MUSIC MINISTRY

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

Tuesdays • 7 pm

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

### RESURRECTION SINGERS

Mondays • 6:30 pm

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

### ANGELS IN MOTION

Second & Fourth Saturdays • 1 pm

This group is a dance troupe that ministers through dance and movement. This group has its own choreographers. Experience in dance is not necessary, if one has the willingness to learn.

### 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 [Worship@ResurrectionMCC.org](mailto:Worship@ResurrectionMCC.org)



## **An Adventure in Being a Lay Delegate**

by Jerry Reitz

My dear fellow members and friends at Resurrection MCC,

It is impossible to completely share and describe to any of you the feelings and the emotional impact that one receives when attending one of the worship services at a Regional or General Conference for our Fellowship!

Powerful feelings are also felt when attending one of the workshops at one of these denominational events. I have had the pleasure of serving as a Lay Delegate representing Resurrection MCC at several District (Regional) and General Conferences.

My first conference was in Houston in 1983 at the Shamrock Hilton Hotel. I was not a delegate to this conference, yet the worship services and business meetings were open to all people to attend, so I attended just out of curiosity.

What an event that was, meeting all sorts of people from all over the world as they met to discuss and share the business of MCC! There was such excitement and joy as we all worshiped, shared our stories together, and as met to conduct the business of MCC.

I was so impressed and excited to be able to hear such phenomenal preaching and wonderful music; the spirit was everywhere! I decided to run as a Lay Delegate from our congregation and attended conferences in years following in such cities as Los Angeles, Dallas, Calgary, Toronto, and district conferences in Dallas, Tulsa, San Antonio and other areas within our region and district.

I am not sure that all of you are aware that our congregation is a part of a world-wide denomination called Metropolitan Community Churches (MCC). Our church is a part of Region 6 which encompasses MCC churches in and along the southern part of the USA, Mexico, Central America, and a large part of South America.

So here we are in 2009 and our church, a member of Region 6, is hosting a cluster conference April 24 - 26. Aside from the business portion of the two-day regional cluster conference, we will be sharing worship services and workshops which anyone can attend. The nominal registration fee of \$50.00 covers meals and materials.

I do invite all of you to prayerfully consider joining us in fellowship and experiencing this special event in the life of our church.

After you have attended this Regional cluster conference, be prepared to join your sisters and brothers from around the world at the next General Conference in Acapulco, Mexico, in 2010.

So be faithful to yourself! Come and see how powerful one of these events can be in your life, the life of our local church, and in the life of our denomination.

# **SAFE TOUR**

A photograph of two young men, Jason and deMarco, sitting side-by-side. Jason is on the left, wearing a dark jacket over a white shirt. deMarco is on the right, wearing a black and white patterned shirt. They are both looking directly at the camera.

**Jason & deMarco**

**Saturday, April 25 • 6:00 pm**

**FREE CONCERT**

The logo for Resurrection Metropolitan Community Church. It features a stylized sunburst or starburst design above the word "Resurrection" in a serif font, with "Metropolitan Community Church" in a smaller font below it.

**Resurrection**  
Metropolitan Community Church

## **New Members' Class**

**Tuesday, April 7**

**6 - 8:30 pm**

**Gathering Place / Dinner Served**

**Join Rev. Janice, Rev. Kristen, and Jason to discuss 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 of faith in purpose, service, and fellowship!**

A photograph of a paved road with yellow double lines, curving through a landscape with trees and hills under a blue sky with clouds.

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

**Download the Spiritual Gifts Assessment  
from [www.ResurrectionMCC.org](http://www.ResurrectionMCC.org)**



## Easter "Eggs"travaganza! Sunday, April 12

Children age 4-12 are invited for a special Sunday school on April 12! Students will rotate to three stations which include: egg races, face painting, animal petting and much more! Don't miss out!

Register your kids in the Activities Building on April 12 at 10:30 am! Easter will be "Eggs"tra special at Resurrection!

### High & Lifted Up!

There's no greater high in life then working for God's people in the area of prayer. Resurrection is searching for a new Facilitator for The Fishers Net Prayer Ministry.

Chris De John, (present Facilitator), has moved to Austin, and will interact as a Liaison Assistant to the ministry.

#### Facilitator Qualifications:

1. gifted in and knowledgeable about intercessory prayer
2. able to maintain appropriate confidentiality
3. organized and dependable

#### Facilitator Duties:

1. support the prayer needs of the members and friends of Resurrection
2. maintain prayer petition forms and prayer box
3. coordinate a monthly prayer circle leader/altar intercessor schedule
4. be a resource and example to ministry volunteers and congregation about the power and importance of prayer

#### Time Commitment:

four or more hours a month

#### Term:

one year

Interested individuals please contact Jason Wood.  
Jason@ResurrectionMCC.org or 713-861-9149 x105.

## Be A Miracle!

by Joel Palomares

Youth Ministries Program Coordinator

Did you know? We have had about 100 students who have visited and registered with our Children's Church in the Activities Building in the past year! Each week children ages 4-12 are invited to learn more about themselves, God, and our world in fun and meaningful ways. Our Resurrection families are continuing to grow!

Our Activities Building, once a dusty storage unit, is being converted into a thriving center with kid-friendly classrooms and a useful work area for volunteer teachers!

We currently have several loving and faithful volunteers who share one weekend a month with God, one another, and our kids in service by guiding our most precious community gifts ... our children!

As exciting and wonderful as our "Youth Ministries Program" has become, we still struggle each Season of Service to keep our program going due to lack of volunteer support. For our Spring Season of Service training day, we only had four people from our church body of over 600 members attend. Our children deserve to be care for as God would have us! If you possess the ability to love our children, join the Youth Ministries Program team today. Let me, your fellow team members and God help to provide you with all you need to journey with our children once a month. Contact Joel Palomares at Joel@ResurrectionMCC.org if you will be a miracle today. Let's love our children!

## Our Children Shine In Service With Your Love and Guidance!

Last Sunday was a brilliant example of how our children embody Jesus' love in action! The Resurrection community guided and supported 26 of our children as they ushered, greeted, and served communion in our community of faith. Tears flooded my eyes as I saw the patience, encouragement, and unconditional love freely given that day. Everyone was truly welcomed at God's table last week! As one of our children so proudly beamed, "Serving God is AWESOME!" The Youth Ministries Program says, "THANKS!" It's About All of Us, and serving God is awesome when we do it together.

Resurrection MCC  
proudly hosts the

## Region 6 Cluster Conference

April 24 - 26

This gathering includes Central Texas MCC from the Heart (Waco), Harbor MCC (Galveston), MCC Austin at Freedom Oaks, MCC of Corpus Christi, MCC San Antonio, and Resurrection MCC.

Business includes the election of a Regional Elder and a vote on the two candidates for Moderator. Info at [www.ResurrectionMCC.org](http://www.ResurrectionMCC.org)







# Mr. Prime Choice Texas 2009 Contest



**April 25, 2009  
9:00 PM**

**Masters of Ceremony:  
Steve Carbone &  
Laur van Valkenburg**

**RIPCORD**  
715 Fairview  
Houston

For more information & an application  
see below or visit  
The Ripcord or Black Hawk Leather



*Our Food Pantry is a Beneficiary of this Event*

## Stewardship Thought for the Week

*The greater danger for most of us  
is not that our aim is too high and we miss it,  
but that it is too low and we reach it.*

~ Michelangelo

## Board Members on Duty

Flo Perry & Erik Hendrickson

Board Minutes Available Upon Request.

## Flowers in the Sanctuary

*In celebration of Thomas Coronado. You are still my inspiration.*

Love Always, Ron Drumm

**Advertise  
with us.**

As low as \$25 / week.

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

**DAVID LORMS**  
INSURANCE AGENT

**FARMERS**  
Home • Auto • Life  
Flood • Commercial  
Health and More  
*Hablamos Español*

**713-688-8669**  
[www.farmersagent.com/dlorms](http://www.farmersagent.com/dlorms)

## Increase OUR Imagine Campaign Fund



How can YOU increase OUR Imagine Campaign Fund?

*Here's how...*

Simply refer or use my services as your Realtor, to Buy or Sell a home. Once the transaction is complete a donation in your name will be made to the Imagine Campaign.

*Together we can make a difference!*

**EXIT Complete Realty**

713-822-8555

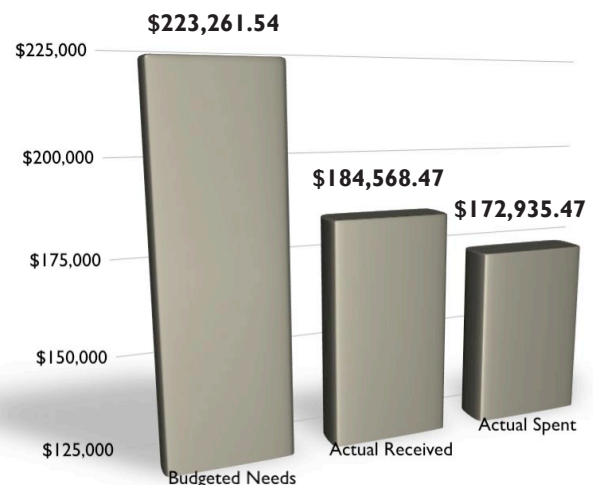
[www.SellingHomesInHouston.com](http://www.SellingHomesInHouston.com)

**Pamela Efferson, Realtor**

## General Fund Financial Report

## Week Ending March 29, 2009

Tithes & Offerings			Week	Year
3/29/09	9:00 am	126	\$2,978.50	\$48,343.45
3/29/09	11:00 am	359	\$8,204.95	\$88,402.00
3/25/09	6:30 pm	27	\$569.00	\$1,970.00
Special Services				\$1,901.27
Online Giving			\$797.61	\$13,392.22
Other Contributions			\$2,740.00	\$23,879.04
<b>Total</b>		<b>512</b>	<b>\$15,290.06</b>	<b>\$177,887.98</b>
Other General Fund Income				
Fundraising				\$1,185.48
Miscellaneous			\$255.00	\$5,495.01
<b>Total Received</b>			<b>\$15,545.06</b>	<b>\$184,568.47</b>
<b>Budgeted Need</b>			<b>\$17,653.85</b>	<b>\$223,261.54</b>
<b>Total Surplus / (Deficit)</b>			<b>(\$2,108.79)</b>	<b>(\$38,693.07)</b>
<b>Total Imagine Capital Campaign</b>			<b>\$2,410.00</b>	<b>\$30,368.68</b>





# This Week @ ResurrectionMCC.org

## SUNDAY

APRIL 5

**9:00 am Sunday Worship / Rev. Dwayne Johnson**

10:15 am Fisher's Net Prayer Ministry *Chapel*

10:45 am Youth Ministries Program *Activities Building*

**11:00 am Sunday Worship / Rev. Dwayne Johnson**

12:30 pm Second Family Care Partners Luncheon *Act Bldg #104*

1:30 pm HeavenSound Handbells Rehearsal *Music Room*

## MONDAY

APRIL 6

6:00 pm Lesbian Health Initiative Board Meeting *Gathering Place*

6:30 pm Resurrection Singers Rehearsal *Music Room*

6:45 pm Pride Band - Small Group Rehearsal *Chapel*

## TUESDAY

APRIL 7

6:00 pm New Members Class *Gathering Place*

7:00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous *Gathering Place*

7:00 pm Gospel Ensemble Rehearsal *Music Room*

7:00 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal *Chapel*

## WEDNESDAY

APRIL 8

**7:00 pm Service of Discipleship** *Sanctuary*

7:00 pm Houston Pride Band Rehearsal *Activities Building*

## THURSDAY

APRIL 9

**7:00 pm Seder Celebration** *Activities Building*

## FRIDAY

OFFICE CLOSED

APRIL 10

**7:00 pm Good Friday Meditation** *Sanctuary*

## SATURDAY

APRIL 11

1:00 pm Angels in Motion *Sanctuary*

## SUNDAY

APRIL 12

**9:00 am Sunday Worship / Rev. Dwayne Johnson**

10:15 am Fisher's Net Prayer Ministry *Chapel*

10:45 am Youth Ministries Program *Activities Building*

**11:00 am Sunday Worship / Rev. Dwayne Johnson**

12:30 pm Unbinding Prayer *Chapel*

1:30 pm HeavenSound Handbells Rehearsal *Music Room*