



Resurrection

Metropolitan Community Church

April 26, 2009

Our Community Gathers

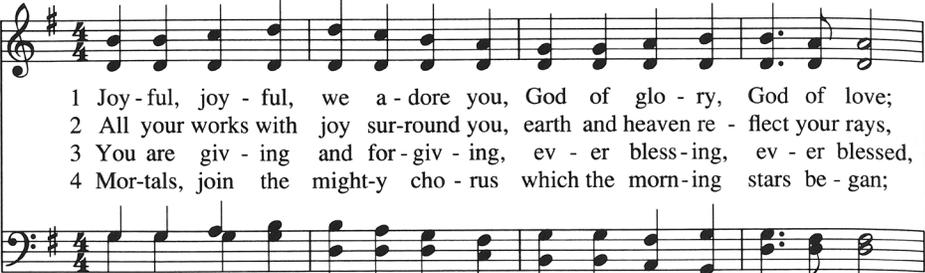
Rev. Dwayne Johnson & Rev. Janice Ladd

+ Exchange of Peace

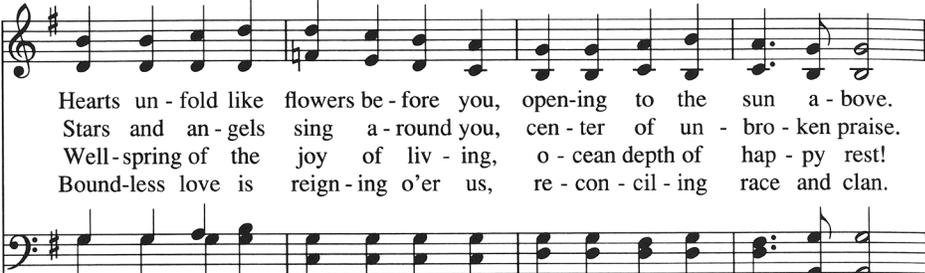
+ Opening Hymn

HYMN TO JOY

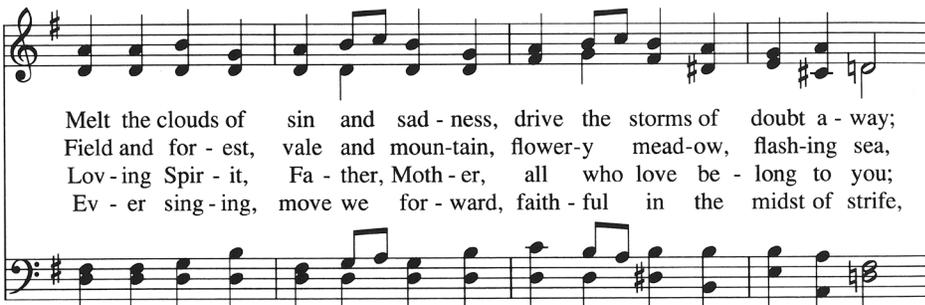
Joyful, Joyful We Adore You



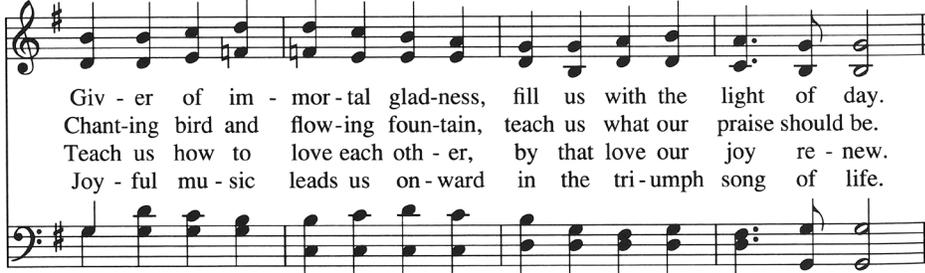
1 Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore you, God of glo - ry, God of love;
2 All your works with joy sur - round you, earth and heaven re - flect your rays,
3 You are giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blessed,
4 Mor - tals, join the might - y cho - rus which the morn - ing stars be - gan;



Hearts un - fold like flowers be - fore you, open - ing to the sun a - bove.
Stars and an - gels sing a - round you, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.
Well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean depth of hap - py rest!
Bound - less love is reign - ing o'er us, re - con - cil - ing race and clan.



Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, drive the storms of doubt a - way;
Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, flower - y mead - ow, flash - ing sea,
Lov - ing Spir - it, Fa - ther, Moth - er, all who love be - long to you;
Ev - er sing - ing, move we for - ward, faith - ful in the midst of strife,



Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.
Chant - ing bird and flow - ing foun - tain, teach us what our praise should be.
Teach us how to love each oth - er, by that love our joy re - new.
Joy - ful mu - sic leads us on - ward in the tri - umph song of life.

+ Invocation

Rev. Mona Lopez

+ Please rise in body or spirit.

We Worship

Sung to the music of Beethoven's *Hymn to Joy*, this text is a perfect accompaniment to the Great 50 Days of Easter. It is a hymn of spiritual springtime as "hearts unfold like flowers. . ."

The lyricist, Henry van Dyke, wrote the text in 1907, inspired by the glory of the Berkshires in Massachusetts. Henry van Dyke's distinguished career included service as Professor of English Literature at Princeton,

Moderator of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, President of the National Institute of Arts and Letters, and Chair of the committee that compiled the Presbyterian Book of Common Worship.

When asked about his hymn, he described it as "a hymn of trust and joy and hope."

Our Vision

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.



2020 Waugh Dr
1974 - 1975



1214 Joe Annie
1975 - 1979



1919 Decatur
1979 - 2000



2025 West 11th St
2000 - Present

Words of Greeting & Anniversary Litany

Rev. Elder Darlene Garner

One: God, for 37 years you have guided us. You have been present every step of the way: from a small apartment in the Montrose, to Waugh, to Decatur, to West 11th Street.

All: **Once we thought we were alone. O God, you have showed us that we were never alone.**

One: In December of 1972 the seeds of Resurrection Metropolitan Community Church were planted and weekly meetings were started. These seeds took root and by 1974 our church had become a mission with a group of 25. Growth continued. On Easter Sunday, April 20, 1975, our church was officially chartered with 43 members.

All: **O God, we thank you for those early visionaries who believed that from small beginnings great things would come.**

One: Our first pastor was Rev. Robert Falls who came to us from Oklahoma City on June 15, 1975. Our second Pastor was Rev. Jeri Ann Harvey, elected to serve on December 5, 1976. From January 1979 to June of 1985, Rev. Charles Larsen offered faithful leadership. Rev. John Gill ministered for ten years, 1985 to 1995. The longest serving Pastoral Leader was Rev. Carolyn Mobley, serving as Assistant Pastor from 1990 to 1995, and Associate Pastor from 1995 to 2005.

All: **We praise You for those You called to lead and serve.**

One: Through the years, our faith has been refined through fire, death, and flood. In the 70's, the Ku Klux Klan burned a cross on our lawn; Rev. Jeri Ann Harvey received death threats. Beginning in the 80s, hundreds died of AIDS. Our congregation responded with unconditional love and continues to minister unconditionally. In 2001, Tropical Storm Allison displaced us from our Sanctuary and displaced over 50 of our families from their homes. Though many could only see devastation, we looked for grace and with Project Noah we worked faithfully to rebuild our dreams.

All: **O God, through the years, You have turned our mourning into dancing.**

One: Today, we celebrate where God has taken us for 37 years. We also celebrate where God will take us in coming years. Once we were not a people. We felt like outsiders. Yet you, O God, have called us a chosen people, a holy nation. We are a people who have received mercy. We are made God's own people that we might proclaim the mighty acts of our God who has called us out of sadness and into God's marvelous light.

All: **Now we are a people. God's own people. We look back with praise and we look forward with hope. Praise God! Amen.**

Psalm 4

Answer me when I call, God of my justice! Give me relief from my distress. Have mercy. Hear my prayer. How long will people dishonor me before God? How long will people love delusion and pursue lies?

Know that those who love God have been set apart by divine will - God will hear me when I call! Tremble, and stop your sinning; search your heart, alone and silent in your room. Offer sacrifices of justice, and put your trust in God.

So many are asking, "Does good even exist anymore?" Let the light of your face, O God, shine on us! You put joy in my heart - a joy greater than being full of bread and new wine. In peace I'll lie down. In peace I will sleep: for you alone, O God, keep me perfectly safe.

Sung Response

**All: You came from heaven to earth
To show the way
From the earth to the cross
My debt to pay
From the cross to the grave
From the grave to the sky
Lord, I lift your name on high**

+ Gospel Reading

Rev. Janice Ladd

Luke 24: 36-48

Jesus stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you."

In their panic and fright, they thought they were seeing a ghost. Jesus said to them, "Why are you frightened? Why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; It is I, really. Touch me and see - a ghost doesn't have flesh and bones as I do." After saying this, Jesus showed them the wounds.

They were still incredulous for sheer joy and wonder, so Jesus said to them, "Do you have anything to eat?" They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate it in their presence.

Then Jesus said to them, "Remember the words I spoke when I was still with you: everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the psalms had to be fulfilled."

Then Jesus opened their minds to the understanding of the scriptures, saying, "That is why the scriptures say that the Messiah must suffer and rise from the dead on the third day. In the Messiah's name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. You are witnesses of all this."

Anthem

Resurrection Singers

Lord I Lift Your Name on High

Words & Music by Rick Founds
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Spiritual Encouragement

Rev. Elder Ken Martin

**We Hear
the Word**

Jesus commissions us to declare the presence and power of God in the midst of tragedy, despair and death. They are not ultimate - God is. And God aims to redeem creation and us. The risen Christ is made known to us in ways large and small. As people of faith, we are to be witnesses to Christ's presence among us, in our words and in our deeds; our faith demands nothing less.

~ Barbara J. Essex,
Feasting on the Word
(Year B), 429

Making Ministry Happen

Jennifer Riley & Wayne Wiggins
Imagine Capital Campaign Co-Chairs

Offertory

HeavenSound Handbells

Beach Spring Stomp

Based on the hymn tune BEACH SPRING, 1844
Arranged by Jeffrey Honoré

Communion

Lexie Gray & Len Shelton
Rev. Kristen Klein-Cechettini

Introduction to Communion

Words of Institution

Prayer of Consecration

Invitation to the Feast

Communion Songs

I Can Only Imagine

I can only imagine what it will be like when I walk by your side
I can only imagine what my eyes will see when your face is before me
I can only imagine

Surrounded by Your glory, what will my heart feel
Will I dance for you Jesus or in awe of you be still
Will I stand in your presence or to my knees will I fall
Will I sing hallelujah, will I be able to speak at all
I can only imagine

I can only imagine when that day comes and I find myself standing in the Son
I can only imagine when all I will do is forever, forever worship you
I can only imagine

Lord I Lift Your Name on High

Lord, I lift your name on high. Lord, I love to sing your praises.
I'm so glad you're in my life. I'm so glad you came to save us.

You came from heaven to earth to show the way
From the earth to the cross my debt to pay
From the cross to the grave from the grave to the sky
Lord, I lift your name on high

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 Saviour God, to thee,
How great thou art, How great thou art.
Then sings my soul, My Saviour God, to thee,
How great Thou art, How great Thou art!

+ **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Rev. Kristen Klein-Cechettini

+ **Benediction**

Rev. Dwayne Johnson

Postlude

Joel Hammett

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.

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.

Christ has died.
Christ has risen.
Christ will come again.

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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

The Chalice: Spiritual Deepening
Wednesday, 6:30 pm

Resurrection MCC

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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.

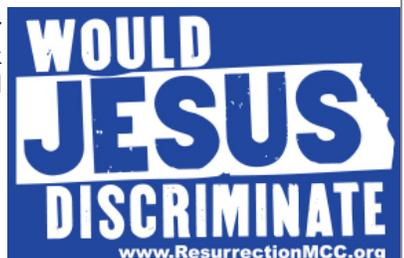
We believe in the saving grace of Jesus Christ and the empowering presence of the Holy Spirit.

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!





Thanks to all who have contributed to the Imagine Capital Campaign to date. Your legacy gift makes a difference in the lives of others!

Please send any revisions to Craig Felderhoff, Director of Operations, Craig@ResurrectionMCC.org or 713-861-9149 x102.

The Chalice

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

WEDNESDAYS

*The Promise of the Cup:
Seeking the Presence of God
we become that which we seek.*

Community Meal

6:00 - 6:30 pm | Activities Building
simple supper, open to all

Spiritual Deepening

6:30 - 7:00 pm | Sanctuary
*new & ancient practices of prayer,
meditation & worship*

Life Development Offerings

7:00 - 8:30 pm
*three classes, many paths . . .
where will you journey?*

A Sip from The Chalice

Spiritual Deepening Practice

You can begin by sitting down in a comfortable position, closing your eyes. Sit with your back erect, without being strained or overarched. Take a few deep breaths, relax your body. Feel your energy settle into your body and into the moment.

Listen to these words of Scripture and gently allow yourself to perceive the intensity and distraction of the travelers' immediate life circumstances:

As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus himself came up and walked along with them; but they were kept from recognizing him.

See if certain associations emerge from your heart that connect you with this sense of intensity and distraction regarding your immediate life circumstances.

Is there some situation or circumstance in which you are entangled, something in your life that has you all caught up? Are you feeling distracted by happenings in your immediate environment? So much so that even Jesus' companionship at your side may go unnoticed at this moment?

In the midst of drama and grief and distraction and confusion the travelers invited The Holy Companion to stay with them. And once invited, he came ... he stayed ... and he gave them that which would sustain them. In your "place of invitation" breathe gently in, out, in, out ...

Allow The Holy Companion to bless you with the sustenance your soul seeks.

Breathe in: "Be with Me..."
Breathe out: "In blessing..."
Breathe in: "Be with Me..."
Breathe out: "In blessing..."

When you feel ready, open your eyes ... to a new Way.

Offering One

Open to All

THE OPEN DOOR

APRIL 29 | SANCTUARY

Jesus lived with the awareness that God is doing something, right here, right now, and anybody can be a part of it. Wherever he went, whatever he did, Jesus started discussions about what matters most, because for Jesus, God is always inviting us to open our eyes and join in...

The Open Door Discussion Series

A facilitated open discussion using the short NOOMA films as a jumping-off place for personal reflection and shared engagement with our journeys of faith.

The Open Door - Tomato

Most of us grew up believing that our worth, our value, our acceptance comes from how good we are. How smart, how competent, how fast and better and skilled. But Jesus invites us to die to all of that so that we can really live.

Offering Two

Open to All

THE WORK OF LOVE: GOD, SCRIPTURE & HOMOSEXUALITY

APRIL 29 | MUSIC ROOM

We are looking for love in all the RIGHT places! Join us as together we will read the Bible in companionship with the Holy Spirit so that ALL God's children might know and proclaim God's presence in our lives and God's love for ALL of us!

Offering Three

Open to All

DISCOVERING MY MINISTRY - SPIRITUAL GIFTS

APRIL 29 | GATHERING PLACE

As the body of Christ, the church functions, "...as each part does its work." (Ephesians 4:16b)

As a community we are interrelated and interdependent. Finding our part in the body comes from discovering and utilizing our spiritual gifts.

Jason will facilitate this class to help each person discover and develop their spiritual gifts; place members in a meaningful ministry that best suits their unique gifts and abilities; and stimulate creativity in gifted people for developing new ministries. Join us as we find our unique fit in the body of Christ and build up our community.

This class, offered quarterly, will change your life! If you would like to RSVP or find out more information about this offering e-mail me at Jason@ResurrectionMCC.org.

In Christ's Love,
Jason Wood, Director of Connections
Jason@ResurrectionMCC.org
713-861-9149 x105



Rev. Elder Ken Martin
Regional Elder, Region I

I have always believed that I came into this world knowing why I am here. My parents and grandparents loved telling everyone that at age three I announced I was going to be a preacher, at four I was preaching to the chickens as I fed them and at five I was taking the ones I thought

were saved to the rain barrel at the corner of the house and baptizing them.

Growing up in a conservative, evangelical Southern Baptist culture in rural Mississippi in the 1950's, the realization at puberty that I was attracted to other males was devastating. The two most profound experiential realities of my life—that I was meant to be a minister and that I was homosexual—felt irreconcilable. By the time I went to college to prepare for professional ministry, I was a house divided. At times I loved my spirituality and despised my sexuality. At other times I embraced my sexuality and resented my spirituality. I was licensed to preach by the Southern Baptist Convention at age 18 and pastored a small mission church during my freshman year of college. After my sophomore year I married a wonderful woman, hoping my orientation would change or that I could successfully hide it.

After college and two years in the military, my wife, young son and I moved to Louisville, Kentucky, where I entered Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in the fall of 1970. While in seminary I was Assistant to the Pastor of St. Mark's United Church of Christ in New Albany, Indiana. In 1972, the UCC ordained William Johnson as the first openly gay person ordained by a mainline church in modern history. The publicity and discussion around that event deepened my own personal crisis, which had been slowly escalating for years. I reached the conclusion that I could not preach the truth and live a lie. I became deeply depressed and suicidal. It was then, through the only single event in my life that I cannot explain except as a literal miracle, I found a copy of *The Lord is My Shepherd and He Knows I'm Gay* by Reverend Troy Perry. Shortly thereafter I drove to Chicago and found Good Shepherd Parish MCC. I was 30 years old and for the first time, during that worship service, the warring realities that were my life were at peace. My sexuality and my spirituality were reconciled for the first time and I knew where and how I would spend the rest of my life.

After returning home and coming out to everyone I knew, and with a divorce in process, I arrived in Chicago in the spring of 1974 broken, lost and feeling totally alone in the world. Good Shepherd Parish gathered me in, loved me and helped me to heal. In November of that same year I was elected the church's pastor. After my installation service I was shaking hands and looked up into deep blue eyes I had been distracted by for several weeks. I remember going home that night and praying, "God, if this is not your will you had better stop me now because I am making plans!" I have been looking into those same eyes now for 32 years. Tom Cole has been my partner, lover, friend and biggest supporter.

From Chicago our journey led us to Los Angeles where I served as pastor of MCC in the Valley, North Hollywood 1982-1989. After working as an HIV Educator and Counselor for the HIV Healthcare Center in West Hollywood, we moved to Austin, Texas in 1993. I served as pastor of MCC Austin 1993-2006. I began as Elder for MCC Region I on January 1, 2007.

Over half of my life has been spent in MCC. I can imagine many different directions it might have take, but none more challenging or rewarding.

Reverend Elder Ken Martin
Metropolitan Community Church - Region I
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*Outreach, Wisdom, Laughter, Support:
A Ministry for Seniors & Friends*



Saturday
May 1, 11:30 am
Gathering Place

**Our regular gatherings are on
the first Saturday of the month.**

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

**Thursday,
April 30**

*Benefiting
AIDS
Foundation
Houston*



On Thursday,
April 30,

restaurants across Houston will unite in the fight against HIV/AIDS. Each restaurant will generously donate 33% of food bills all day long. In 2008 with the help of great Houston restaurants, AFH raised over \$80,000 in support for their programs and services such as housing, case management, and food assistance for nearly 5,000 HIV+ men, women, and children.

Our newest social group, Friday Night OUT, has generously agreed to change their normal night out (just for April) to THURSDAY, to participate and support this important cause.

See advertisement below for the time and location, and join us for delicious food and conversation!

www.diningoutforlife.com

Friday Night OUT
April 30, 7 pm



Join us on THURSDAY this month for dinner at Tila's Restaurante & Bar

1111 S. Shepherd (on the curve)
713.522.7654
www.tilas.com

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

Equality Ministry:
Developing a Common Language, Part 2
 by Flo Perry, Equality Ministry Team Lead

In order to develop a common language, the Equality Ministry will provide the definition-and in some cases the context-of terms that are commonly used when discussing equality, diversity and inclusiveness so that our community is able to engage in meaningful dialogue around these issues. This common language will be developed over the course of 2009 through regular excerpts in the Sunday bulletin. These definitions were developed by the Anti-Defamation League.

...The 'isms':

Ableism is a form of discriminatory behavior, either personal or institutional, against persons with mental or physical limitations.

Ageism is prejudice and/or discrimination, either personal or institutional, against people because of their age.

Anti-Semitism is the prejudice or discrimination, either personal or institutional, against Jews. This can be based on hatred against Jews because of their religious beliefs, their group membership (ethnicity) and sometimes on the erroneous belief that Jews are a "race."

Classism is prejudice and/or discrimination, either personal or institutional, against people because of their real or perceived economic class.

Heterosexism is the prejudice or discrimination, either personal or institutional, against people who are perceived to be gay, lesbian or bisexual.

Racism is a prejudice and/or discrimination, either personal or institutional, based on the social construction of "race". Differences in physical characteristics (e.g., skin color, hair texture, eye shape) are used to support a system of inequities.

Sexism is prejudice and/or discrimination, either personal or institutional, based on gender.

COMMUNITY OF RESPECT
A NO PLACE FOR HATE® PROGRAM OF THE ADL

By signing this Resolution of Respect (available in the Gathering Place after services throughout May) you are taking personal responsibility for standing up against all forms of prejudice and discrimination and committing yourself to creating a world that is a *Community of Respect*®.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



Holy Union Preparation Seminar

Sunday, May 10, 12:45 - 3 pm
 Act. Bldg #104

Are you and your partner thinking about having a Holy Union?

Designed to help couples discuss relationship matters while keeping Christ in the center of their relationship, this seminar is the recommended first step to having a Holy Union performed by Resurrection clergy.

To register, email Jason@ResurrectionMCC.org

DRUMMING CIRCLE



Saturday, May 2, 3:00 - 4:30 pm
 Gathering Place

The drumming circle is open to ALL, and requires no prior experience with drumming. Join us! For more information, contact Denise Junious, DrummingCircle@ResurrectionMCC.org.

Drumming Circle is hosted monthly on the first Saturday.



assisthers

Helping lesbians live as normally as possible while coping with life threatening illnesses.

assisthers.org

AssistHers is dedicated to creating a community of caregivers who:

- Educate themselves about important health issues with particular emphasis on lesbian-related health issues.
- Eradicate discrimination and break down barriers which lesbians face when using health and social service systems.
- Provide a network of support to lesbians struggling with chronic or disabling illness.

DON'T BE LATE... for this very important date!



2nd Annual Un Soiree Pelouse
in WONDERLAND
 Sunday, April 26, 2009 at 4 PM
 Rich's, Houston TX

* Event Theme Costume Required *

With performances by: Anita Bump - Kim Kuzma - Eric Alan
 - COLT Men & DJ Michael Kessler

To Benefit: AssitHers and Houston Buyers Club



www.unsoiree.com

Plus... A CRUISE GIVEAWAY FOR 2!

Ticket sales after 9 and 11am services on 4/19 & 4/26.

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

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

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

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

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

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 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

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- 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.

Commitment cards may be picked up at The Concierge Desk and Sanctuary entrances. Please return in offering basket or by mail.

Stewardship Thought for the Week

*Preach the Gospel at all times.
Use words only if necessary.*

~ St. Francis of Assisi

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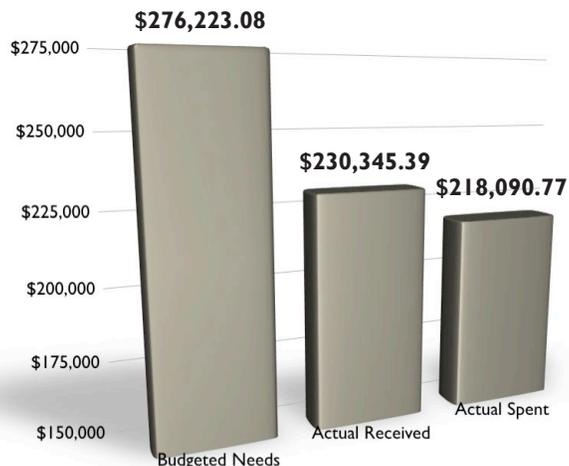
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Imagine Campaign Committee & Board of Directors

General Fund Financial Report

Week Ending April 19, 2009

		Week	Year
<i>Tithes & Offerings</i>			
4/19/09 9:00 am	110	\$1,887.00	\$55,905.55
4/19/09 11:00 am	359	\$6,272.59	\$115,839.41
4/15/09 6:30 pm	40	\$347.00	\$2,549.70
Special Services			\$2,607.03
Online Giving		\$2,291.67	\$17,716.50
Other Contributions		\$1,048.67	\$28,647.71
Total	509	\$11,846.93	\$223,265.90
<i>Other General Fund Income</i>			
Fundraising		\$25.00	\$1,249.48
Miscellaneous		\$135.00	\$5,830.01
Total Received		\$12,006.93	\$230,345.39
Budgeted Need		\$17,653.85	\$276,223.08
Total Surplus / (Deficit)		(\$5,646.92)	(\$45,877.69)
Total Imagine Capital Campaign		\$1,963.34	\$36,768.02



This Week @ ResurrectionMCC.org

SUNDAY APRIL 25

- 9:00 am Sunday Worship / Rev. Elder Ken Martin**
- 10:15 am Fisher's Net Prayer Ministry *Chapel*
- 10:45 am Youth Ministries Program *Activities Building*
- 11:00 am Sunday Worship / Rev. Elder Ken Martin**
- 12:30 pm Equality Ministry Meeting *Activities Building #108*
- 1:30 pm HeavenSound Handbells Rehearsal *Music Room*

MONDAY APRIL 26

OFFICE CLOSED

- 6:00 pm Board of Directors Meeting *Gathering Place*
- 6:30 pm Resurrection Singers Rehearsal *Music Room*
- 6:45 pm Pride Band - Small Group Rehearsal *Chapel*

TUESDAY APRIL 27

- 7:00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous *Gathering Place*
- 7:00 pm Gospel Ensemble Rehearsal *Music Room*
- 7:00 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal *Chapel*

WEDNESDAY APRIL 28

- 6:00 pm The Chalice: Community Meal *Activities Building*
- 6:30 pm The Chalice: Spiritual Deepening *Sanctuary*
- 7:00 pm The Chalice: Open Door (Open) *Sanctuary*
- 7:00 pm The Chalice: Work of Love (Open) *Music Room*
- 7:00 pm The Chalice: Spiritual Gifts (Open) *Gathering Place*
- 7:00 pm Houston Pride Band Rehearsal *Activities Building*

THURSDAY APRIL 29

- 7:00 pm Friday Night OUT (see ad, p. 8) *Tila's Restaurante & Bar*

FRIDAY APRIL 30

OFFICE CLOSED

No Events Scheduled

SATURDAY MAY 1

- 11:30 am OWLS Luncheon *Gathering Place*
- 3:00 pm Drumming Circle Rehearsal *Sanctuary*

SUNDAY MAY 2

- 9:00 am Sunday Worship / Rev. Elijah Nealy**
- 10:15 am Fisher's Net Prayer Ministry *Chapel*
- 10:45 am Youth Ministries Program *Activities Building*
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- 1:30 pm HeavenSound Handbells Rehearsal *Music Room*