



Resurrection

Metropolitan Community Church

15th Sunday After Pentecost

September 13, 2009

Our Community Gathers

Rev. Kristen Klein-Cechettini & Mark Eggleston

+ Exchange of Peace

+ Opening Praise & Worship

ALL MY DAYS

You know my words, before they're said. You know my need and I am fed.
You give me life. You know my ways, my strength, my path, for all my days.
My strength, my path, for all my days.

If I should fly beyond the dawn, the darkness will not overcome.
If I lie down in deepest night, still you are there, my Lord, my light,
still you are there, my Lord, my light.

Our every thought, each word we say, the whole of time, the present day,
are held within your mighty hand, too wonderful to comprehend,
too wonderful to comprehend.

O mend my heart and free my voice. From sin released, I will rejoice.
O search me, Lord, my spirit cries, and let my song of praise arise,
and let my song of praise arise.

CHRIST FOR THE WORLD WE SING

Christ for the world we sing, the world to Christ we bring, with loving zeal;
the poor, and them that mourn, the faint and overborne,
heart-broke and sorrow-worn, whom Christ doth heal.

Christ for the world we sing, the world to Christ we bring, with fervent prayer;
the wayward and the lost, by restless passions tossed,
redeemed at countless cost, from all despair.

Christ for the world we sing, the world to Christ we bring, with joyful song;
with us the work to share, with us reproach to dare,
with us the cross to bear, for Christ our Lord.

+ Invocation

Rev. Mona Lopez

We Gather

From many places
we gather here. This
is a high point of our
week. We see our
friends. We make new
friends. And we spend
time with The Friend
-- the loving Christ
who meets us where
we are, as we are. In
this Sanctuary we
worship and through
worship the courage
within us is kindled
to inspire courageous
living beyond
this place.

+ Please rise in body or spirit.

Who is Adonai?

This version of Psalm 19 is from *Inclusive Hebrew Scriptures: Priests for Equality*. Adonai is one of many Hebrew names for God, each showing a unique relationship between God's people and God. In this case they were celebrating God as a mighty parental figure.

We Hear the Word

On the basis of our relationship with Jesus, on the basis of what we have come to know of him in the biblical witness and in the life of the Christian community, we make our own assessment and judgment about who he is. Christ or Messiah. We can call him Lord, Savior, Master, Friend, Teacher, Prophet, Son of God, Redeemer Exemplar . . . The experience of Peter serves as an alert for us. We can indeed use our experience of relating to other people as an analogy for how we can relate to Jesus, but when we speak of Jesus and who he is for us, we need to do so with the humility and reserve that comes from awareness that we may have the title right but may not fully understand its meaning. What does it mean for us if we call Jesus Savior? What does it mean for us if we call Jesus Son of God? What does it mean for us if we too call Jesus Messiah?

-- Harry B. Adams
Feasting on the Word
Mark 8:27-38, proper 19

First Reading

Rose Wall (9 am)
Elizabeth Conyer (11 am)

Psalm 19:7-14

⁷ Your law, Adonai, is perfect; it refreshes the soul. Your rule is to be trusted; it gives wisdom to the naive. ⁸ Your purposes, O God, are right; they gladden the heart. Your command is clear; it gives light to the eyes. ⁹ Holding you in awe, Adonai, is purifying; it endures. Your decrees are steadfast, and all of them just. ¹⁰ They are more precious than gold, the purest of gold, and sweeter than honey, than honey fresh from the comb. ¹¹ In them your faithful people find instruction; there is great reward in keeping them.

¹² But who can detect one's own failing? Forgive the misdeeds I don't even know about! ¹³ Keep your faithful from presumption as well, so that my faults never control me. Then I will be blameless and innocent of a grave error.

¹⁴ May the words of my mouth and the thoughts of my heart be pleasing in your sight, Adonai, my rock and my redeemer!

Response to the Word

MORE PRECIOUS THAN SILVER

Lord, you are more precious than silver.

Lord, you are more costly than gold.

Lord, you are more beautiful than diamonds,
and nothing I desire compares with you.

+ Second Reading

Georgette L. Monaghan (9 am)
Jerry Reitz (11 am)

Mark 8:27-37

²⁷ Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that I am?' ²⁸ And they answered him, 'John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.' ²⁹ He asked them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Peter answered him, 'You are the Messiah.' ³⁰ And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

³¹ Then he began to teach them that he must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³² He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³ But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, 'Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.'

³⁴ He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵ For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. ³⁶ For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? ³⁷ Indeed, what can they give in return for their life?'

African Alleluia

by Jay Althouse

Spiritual Encouragement

Rev. Kristen Klein-Cechettini

Popping the Question

Reflection on the Message

WHEREVER HE LEADS I'LL GO

"Take up thy cross and follow Me," I heard my Savior say;
"I gave My life to ransom thee, Surrender your all today."
Wherever He leads I'll go, wherever He leads I'll go,
I'll follow my Christ who loves me so, wherever He leads I'll go.

Making Ministry Happen

Mark Eggleston & Ryan Rolston

Offertory

Video

One Thing

Finger Eleven

Communion

Jason Wood

Introduction to Communion

Words of Institution

Prayer of Consecration

Invitation to the Feast

Communion Songs

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"I gave My life to ransom thee, Surrender your all today."
Wherever He leads I'll go, wherever He leads I'll go,
I'll follow my Christ who loves me so, wherever He leads I'll go.

He drew me closer to His side, I sought His will to know,
and in that will I now abide, wherever He leads I'll go.

Wherever He leads I'll go, wherever He leads I'll go,
I'll follow my Christ who loves me so, wherever He leads I'll go.

It may be through the shadows dim, or o'er the stormy sea,
I take the cross and follow Him, wherever He leads I'll go.

Wherever He leads I'll go, wherever He leads I'll go,
I'll follow my Christ who loves me so, wherever He leads I'll go.

My heart, my life my all I bring to Christ who loves me so;
He is my friend and so I sing: "Wherever He leads I'll go."

Wherever He leads I'll go, wherever He leads I'll go,
I'll follow my Christ who loves me so, wherever He leads I'll go.

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 offered bread and cup with a brief blessing.

We use grape juice for the cup so that all may participate.

If you desire a deeper partnering in prayer (intercessory prayer), our Fishers Net Prayer Ministry team is available following both services to pray with you.

Receive God's sufficient grace - the gift of freedom in God's love.

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.

KINDOM? Is that a typo?

No, Kindom is a relatively new term churches are using to expand our understanding of who we are as one body in Christ. Where KINGdom brings up images of a ruler with many lesser subjects, KINDom is about being one family, joined together by God's abundant love for all.

We Go Forth

God's love cannot be contained within the walls of this Sanctuary. Take the love of Christ from this place into your homes, neighborhoods and communities.

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 can 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.

THE WONDERFUL CROSS

When I survey the wondrous cross On which the Prince of Glory died;
My richest gain I count but loss and pour contempt on all my pride.
See from his head, his hands, his feet sorrow and love flow mingled down;
Did ever such love and sorrow meet or thorns compose so rich a crown?

chorus Oh, the wonderful cross, Oh, the wonderful cross;
Bids me come and die and find that I may truly live.
Oh, the wonderful cross, Oh, the wonderful cross
All who gather here by grace draw near and bless Your name.

Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were an offering far too small:
Love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all. *repeat chorus*

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Jason Wood

+ Benediction

Rev. Kristen Klein-Cechettini

+ Singing Forth

ENVIADO SOY DE DIOS (SENT OUT IN JESUS' NAME) *sing in the Language of your choice*

Enviado soy de Dios, mi mano lista está
para construir con El un mundo fraternal. *repetir*
Sent out in Jesus' name our hands are ready now
to make the earth the place in which the kindom comes. repeat

Los ángeles no son enviados a cambiar
un mundo de dolor por un mundo de paz.
The angels cannot change a world of hurt and pain
into a world of love, of justice and of peace.

Me ha tocado a mí hacerlo realidad;
Ayúdame, Señor a hacer tu voluntad.
The task is ours to do, to set it really free.
O help us to obey and carry out your will.

Postlude

Joel Hammett

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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

Wednesdays, 6:30 pm

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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.

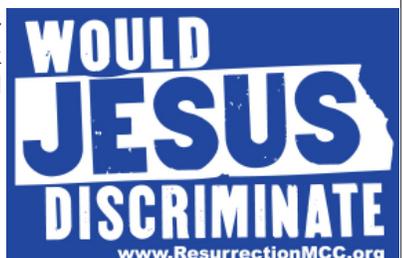
We believe in the saving grace of Jesus Christ and the empowering presence of the Holy Spirit.

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!



WORSHIP ARTS

Resurrection MCC is so blessed to have a number of groups to minister at our worship services. Auditions are not required, but a desire to worship and share is. Feel free to visit any rehearsals to see which group might be the right place for you to serve.

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

Directed by Steven Ponder, 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

Thursdays • 7:00 pm

Directed by Jace Hill, this small vocal ensemble serves as both a corporate worship leadership team for congregational song, and sharing through a wide variety of styles of music. Reading music is very helpful and regular rehearsal participation is required.

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.

ADESTE PRAISE BAND

Sundays • 12:30 pm

Directed by Jace Hill, this group will provides corporate leadership in worship through accompanying congregational song and pieces from other ensembles. Moderate to advanced level of proficiency on your instrument required. For information about current openings contact Jace Hill.

If you have interest in any of these groups, please email Jace@ResurrectionMCC.org

Worship Arts Department Open House



Come and find out information about the many groups in the Worship Arts Department while sharing in food and friendship.



We will be previewing this year's Christmas Musical **Come! Celebrate Christmas**

Worship Arts Department Ministries include Gospel Ensemble, Sanctuary Choir, HeavenSound Handbells, Angels in Motion, Adeste Praise Band, JAM Children's Choir, Drama, Praisin' Puppets, Drumming Circle, Resurrection Singers



September 19, 6 - 8:30 pm
Gathering Place
OPEN TO ALL!



Friends of the Houston Public Library

9th Annual Children's Book Sale

Free and Open to the Public

Proceeds benefit the Houston Public Library

2009

WHEN?

Friday, September 25
11 AM - 6 PM

Saturday, September 26
10 AM - 4 PM

Sunday, September 27
1 PM - 5 PM

SUNDAY IS "BAG DAY."
Fill a Fiesta bag for \$10 each.
(Bags will be provided.)

WHAT?

Fiction, Non-Fiction Books, Parenting and Education Resources, Easy Books and Board Books, Graphic Novels, Foreign Language Books, CD's & DVD's, Encyclopedias and some other hidden treasures.

Books \$1 and \$2

Cash, Checks, Mastercard and Visa are accepted.

WHERE?

RESURRECTION METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH

2025 West 11th St.
Houston, Texas 77008,
the intersection
of T.C. Jester
and W. 11th St.

Educators, bring your tax-exempt ID.



For more Information 832-393-1387
www.friendsofhpl.org





Come! Celebrate Christmas

Worship Arts Department Christmas Musical

All of our Worship Arts Ministries will be working together to present this powerful musical during both services on Sunday, December 20th. An open invitation is extended to anyone who enjoys singing to join us in the music room for this season to sing in the musical.

Rehearsal Dates

Tuesdays, October 13 - November 24, 7:45 - 8:45 pm
Tuesdays, December 8 & 15, 7:20 - 8:45 pm
Saturday, December 12, 2:00 - 5:30 pm
Saturday, December 19, 6:30 pm - ???

Anyone interested in working on the coordination/backstage/production side of the musical is invited to come be a part of the visioning process. We will be meeting in the music room September 13 & October 11th, 3:00 - 4:30 pm.



Praisin' Puppets

raisin' hands & reachin' hearts

Join the Worship Arts Department's brand new Puppet Ministry!
Rehearsals held Sundays, 3 pm in the Activities Building, starting October 25.

Ages 14 and over, adults preferred.



JAM! Children's Choir (Joy & Music!)

The JAM! choir will be singing in the Christmas Musical, *Come! Celebrate Christmas*. Keep your eye out for more information on how our young members can get involved with the Worship Arts Department.

The Chalice

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

WEDNESDAYS. Begins 9/23

*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 | Activities Building
*new & ancient practices of prayer,
meditation & worship*

Life Development Offerings

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

**Exciting Fall Offerings Launching September 23
Through The Chalice**

Soul Expressions Workshop

We are all creative. We are all artists. We are all holy. The Soul Expressions workshops will include guided imagery, body awareness, collage and other forms of visual expression as well as opportunities for journaling and contemplation. **NO PREVIOUS ART EXPERIENCE IS REQUIRED.** The first session of this 6-week series facilitated by Spiritual Director Cathleen Sheil will be open to all. Come and join us and decide whether you want to commit to the next 5 weeks.

Race: The Power of an Illusion

The division of the world's peoples into distinct groups - "red," "black," "white" or "yellow" peoples - has become so deeply imbedded in our psyches, so widely accepted, many would promptly dismiss as crazy any suggestion of its falsity. Yet, that's exactly what this provocative, three-hour series claims. By asking "What is this thing called race?" - a question so basic it is rarely asked - "Race - The Power of an Illusion" helps set the terms that any further discussion of race must first take into account. Originally aired on PBS in the Spring of 2003, this open series will be presented as a special video screening and discussion facilitated by The Center for the Healing of Racism over 3 consecutive Wednesday nights.

Living the Questions II

LtQ2 is an open-minded and progressive video-based conversation exploring what's next for Christianity. Segments include conversations with leading voices of faith, sermon and lecture clips, digital stories illustrating aspects of an evolving faith, and concrete spiritual practices and disciplines. Featuring such exciting and influential theological voices as John Shelby Spong, Yvette Flunder, Matthew Fox, and Mel White this series includes *An Invitation to Journey, Taking the Bible Seriously, Thinking Theologically, Stories of Creation, Lives of Jesus, A Passion for Christ: Paul, Out into the World: Challenges Facing Progressive Christians.* This ongoing series facilitated by members of the Spiritual Growth and Education Team can be experienced as independent segments or as an ongoing conversation - open to all!

COMMUNITY LEADERS PROJECT



The Resurrection MCC Community Leaders Project was presented to the congregation on Sunday, August 16, 2009. This Project is a compilation of Resurrection MCC congregants who are leaders in our LGBTQ community. Next month's release of the Resurrection Catalogue will include a page dedicated to individuals from our congregation who are active in community organizations and hold leadership positions. This resource is a way for our congregants to connect with each other, ask questions regarding the community organizations specified, and engage each other around shared passions. It is our hope that this information will also encourage our congregants to become active participants in affecting change within these community organizations.

If you are active in an organization in the LGBTQ community, please consider sending an email to CommunityLeaders@ResurrectionMCC.org with the following information:

- 1) Your name, the community organization(s) with which you are affiliated, the leadership position(s) that you hold, and your contact information
- 2) Two-three sentences detailing your organization(s) mission and purpose (i.e., vision, values, purpose, etc.)
- 3) Your organization's website address (or Facebook page URL, MySpace page URL, etc.)
- 4) Your photo in JPEG format (preferably a head shot)

In addition, please forward this e-mail message to other Resurrection MCC members whom you know are community leaders and/or feel free to send suggestions/names to me (please include e-mail addresses).

Regards,
Elisa Vega-Burns
Resurrection MCC Community Presence
Board of Director

Equality Ministry Volunteer Opportunity

Saturday, September 19, 8 am - 2 pm
SW Multi-Service Center, 6400 High Star



HUMAN RIGHTS CAMPAIGN

Join your community of faith, in partnership with the Human Rights Campaign, to assist families and individuals in the Latina/o community who are legal permanent residents in completing their application to become United States citizens. Spanish fluency is desirable, but not necessary! Attorneys and staff will be present to assist. Mandatory training from 8 - 9:30 am. Workshop begins at 9:30 am.

Please RSVP to Equality@ResurrectionMCC.org



Fall Season of Service September, October, November

We still need 12 new Teaching Team Partners for this Fall who will offer 3 Sundays total to support our families!

Grab a friend and experience the joy of this ministry with our kids! Email Joel or Rev. Kristen TODAY!:

Joel@ResurrectionMCC.org or
RevKristen@ResurrectionMCC.org
Or call 713-861-9149 x107. It's About All of Us!

Bingo Night!

Sunday, September 20, 6:30 pm
(Doors open at 4:30 pm)

Join your Resurrection Family for a Night of Fun!
13030 Veterans Memorial Dr.
www.bigtextbingo.com 281-586-0700

Over \$5000 given away nightly (bingo prizes and pull tabs).
Bring your friends and family to enjoy the fun!
Friendly staff, 8-liners, bingo, pull-tabs,
full service snack bar, beer, margaritas, and more!
Beautiful, new hall - come out and see.

*Resurrection & Pride Charities
are two of the five organizations who share in the profits!*

What are Your Gifts? Board of Directors Positions Available

Application Deadline: September 25

Calling all members who have the gifts of Administration, Fundraising, Communication, Leadership, Discernment and/or Vision to prayerfully consider applying to serve on Resurrection's Board of Directors.

The Board of Directors is responsible for the financial health of the church and for administering our resources in support of Resurrection's Vision 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.

If you have a passion for financial administration, fundraising, and community building outside our walls, and strategic planning for our future, you may be a blessing to our community of faith. Please consider applying for one of several open positions. Position descriptions available through the Nominating Committee; application packets available at all Sanctuary entrances.

For more information, contact the Nominating Committee at Nominating@ResurrectionMCC.org

Get Connected to a First Impressions Ministry

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

Concierge Desk

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

Ana Tarver

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.



Fishers Net Prayer Ministry:

A Dialogue with God

Can prayer be toxic? We have heard of toxic foods, drinks and even toxic friends, but what about toxic prayers? In Romans, Paul instructs us to pray without ceasing and does not include an exception. Prayer is the conscious and deliberate communication with our Creator. With prayer we make supplications, send praise and make requests. Prayer becomes toxic when we send out negative thoughts and words into the world; and when we do we not only curse and condemn those at the focus of our negative thoughts, but also ourselves. One example can be found in Houston traffic. What is our reaction when someone cuts us off, runs a red light or is simply inconsiderate? Do we allow the human condition to take hold and curse, not giving any thought to the person? Perhaps the person just received a call that their loved one is in trouble and they are not thinking about driving. No, this is not an excuse for their actions, but an opportunity to pray for them and not curse them. This is our opportunity to send the Light of God upon them and Grace of God to sustain you both. Our thoughts become words and our words become actions. So when we lower ourselves to think ill of another one of God's children, we not only are cursing and condemning them, but ourselves.

We are made to praise and give glory to God, living in union with God in a true and authentic relationship. When we curse and send out negative thoughts, we stop the communications with our creator.

Dear Creator and sustainer, please guide and direct me towards your thoughts, your words and your actions. Thank you for your grace, strength and the healing power of Jesus to mend and heal me. Amen.

Growing stronger in Christ and realizing our Prayers together.

~ Fishers Net Prayer Ministry ~

Second Sunday Friend-Raiser Brunch

TODAY!

Activities Building, 12:30 pm

**Enjoy a fish fry
and meet some new friends.**

*Mark your calendars now.
Second Sunday Friend-Raiser Brunch
will be held on the Second Sunday of each
month from August to December!*



Proceeds benefit Imagine Campaign

LGBTQ Solutions for Living Well

Professional Services Provided at
Resurrection MCC Wellness Center

Connections

A 12-Session
Psychoeducational
Shame-Resilience
Curriculum



Revised and Expanded
Brene Brown, Ph.D., LMSW

Are you broken?
Do you feel a need to be fixed?

**There is hope for change,
empowerment and living
authentically!**

Connections:

A 12-Session Psychoeducational Shame
Resilience Curriculum

Facilitated by Tammy S. Fountain,
LPC, ATR-BC

October 5 - December 21, 6 - 7:15 pm

Course developed by Brene Brown, PhD, LMSW, researcher,
educator & writer. Learn to identify and overcome shame
through exercises, handouts and lecture.

In order to provide a safe place for discussion and healing
from experiences unique to people of sexual orientation
or gender identity difference, group limited to LGBTQ
participants.

Fee: \$520 in installments, \$480 in full



Adult Mixed Group

\$40 per group. Tuesdays beginning September 15.

5:30 - 7:00 pm

Call Tammy at 832-863-8221

Co-Therapists:

Tammy S. Fountain, LPC, ATR-BC
Michael Mann, LCSW



New Men's Group Therapy The Gentlemen's Club

Are you stressed out, worried, or
depressed? Struggling to balance a job and
a family without everything falling apart?

This group provides a safe space to talk
about issues affecting men today, ranging
from relationships/family issues, financial/
job related stress, depression, anxiety, grief,
and major life changes.

\$40 per group.

Group open, space limited.

Mondays, 6:00 - 7:30 pm

Call Michael at 713-446-8034

Therapist: Michael Mann, LCSW

Individual, family, and couples therapy available.
Request MCC Rates.

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Adolescents & Adults

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Children, Adolescents & Adults

LAY DELEGATE POSITION AVAILABLE

Application Deadline: September 25

What is a Lay Delegate?

Lay Delegates represent our congregation at
all District and General Conferences. At these
conferences, they attend workshops and bring back
resources to our ministry teams, and vote at the
business meetings.

What are the Requirements?

A member of Resurrection MCC for a least one year
with a desire to address the concerns, needs, and
priorities of the congregation, district, and fellowship.

Applications available at Sanctuary Entrance
and online at www.ResurrectionMCC.org



Friday Night OUT September 25, 7 pm



Join us for dinner this month at
Fung's Kitchen!

7320 Southwest Freeway, Houston
713-779-2288
www.fungskitchen.com

Join our group on Facebook: Resurrection MCC Friday Night Out
RSVP to FridayNightOUT@ResurrectionMCC.org

A WOMAN'S GUIDE TO MONEY MATTERS

with special guest Rob
Richardson from Franklin
Templeton Investments

Date: September 22, 2009
Time: 6:00 - 7:00 PM
Place: Indian Summer Lodge
605 Columbia
Houston TX 77007
RSVP: Must RSVP to
713-956-5177 or
[pat.golden@
edwardjones.com](mailto:pat.golden@edwardjones.com)

Refreshments and light
snacks will be served.

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You're Invited ...

Join us for our free
seminar *A Woman's Guide
to Money Matters*. You'll
learn strategies to use
today to help take control
of your financial future.

Seating is limited, so
reserve your place today
and bring along other
important women in your
life.



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Why Become a Legacy Giver?



- To stimulate our worship experience through audio/visual enhancements.
- To forge new friendships through a revitalized, enlarged Welcome Center.
- To design a space that will transform lives by converting the Activities Building into the Life Development Center.
- To create committed leaders for tomorrow through expanded children and youth programs.
- To inspire adults to vitality and wholeness through increased education, wellness, community involvement, and spiritual growth opportunities.
- To reach millions with the *Would Jesus Discriminate?* billboard and marketing campaign.
- To impact the lives of those oppressed through further partnerships with organizations focused on social justice.
- To create financial health and long-term stability through increased payments on our debt.

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

We really don't learn anything from our experience. We only learn from reflecting on our experience.

~ Robert Sinclair

Board Members on Duty

Vicki Hopper & Debbie Skelly

Board Minutes Available Upon Request.

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!

suzanne anderson PROPERTIES

713-822-8555

www.SellingHomesInHouston.com

Pamela Efferson, Realtor



Rev. Carolyn Mobley - Attending the Excel Retreat as Spiritual Advisor

October 30 - November 1, 2009

Friday 6 pm - Sunday 3 pm

Dickinson, Texas

\$100.00 per person

Life Changing ~ Spiritually Renewing ~ Christ Focused

"Living in Union with Christ"

www.excelofthearmadillo.org

excelinhouston@yahoo.com

Food Pantry

Mondays & Wednesdays

11:30 am - 1:30 pm

Appointment Necessary:

713-861-9149 x103

**Nonperishables Needed:
Canned Meats, Vegetables,
Fruit, Juice, Soup, Pasta,
Rice, Beans**



Flowers in the Sanctuary

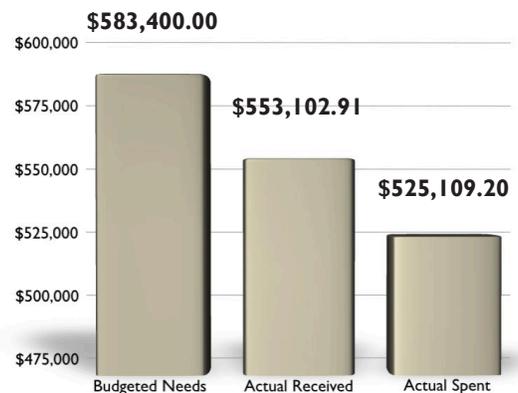
Consider donating flowers in memory of a loved one or to celebrate a special day.

Sign up on the Flower Chart in the Welcome Area.

General Fund Financial Report

Week Ending September 6, 2009

Tithes & Offerings			Week	Year
9/06/09	9:00 am	75	\$1,241.00	\$114,590.54
9/06/09	11:00 am	304	\$6,123.81	\$236,222.51
	6:30 pm			\$3,709.05
	* Opportunity Challenge			\$34,909.49
	Special Services			\$4,430.64
	Online Giving		\$2,166.11	\$42,122.42
	Other Contributions		\$3,300.00	\$67,685.73
	Total	379	\$12,830.92	\$503,670.38
Other General Fund Income				
	Fundraising			\$2,471.65
	Miscellaneous		\$895.00	\$46,960.88
	Total Received		\$13,725.92	\$553,102.91
	Budgeted Need		\$17,653.85	\$583,400.00
	Total Surplus / (Deficit)		(\$3,927.93)	(\$30,297.09)
	Total Imagine Capital Campaign		\$1,678.00	\$83,343.38



* Opportunity Challenge total includes the \$15,000 matching contribution.

This Week @ ResurrectionMCC.org

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 13

- 9:00 am **Sunday Worship / Rev. Kristen Klein-Cechettini**
 10:15 am Fisher's Net Prayer Ministry (Everyone Welcome) *Chapel*
 10:45 am Youth Ministries Program *Activities Building*
 11:00 am **Sunday Worship / Rev. Kristen Klein-Cechettini**
 12:30 pm Second Sunday Friend-Raising Brunch *Activities Building*
 12:30 pm Adeste Praise Band Rehearsal *Sanctuary*
 1:30 pm HeavenSound Handbells Rehearsal *Music Room*
 3:00 pm Christmas Production Meeting *Gathering Place*

MONDAY SEPTEMBER 14

- 8:00 am Nonprofit Consulting *Gathering Place*
 6:30 pm Anointing Rehearsal *Sanctuary*
 7:00 pm Houston Pride Band Rehearsal *Activities Building*

TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 15

- 8:00 am Nonprofit Consulting *Gathering Place*
 7:00 pm Gospel Ensemble Rehearsal *Music Room*
 7:00 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal *Sanctuary*

WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 16

- 8:00 am Nonprofit Consulting *Gathering Place*

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 17

- 5:30 pm Yoga for Bears (www.yogaforbears.com) *Activities Building*
 7:00 pm Yoga for Bears (www.yogaforbears.com) *Activities Building*
 7:00 pm Resurrection Singers Rehearsal *Music Room*

FRIDAY OFFICE CLOSED SEPTEMBER 18

No Events Scheduled.

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 19

- 9:00 am Yoga for Bears (www.yogaforbears.com) *Activities Building*
 6:00 pm Worship Arts Department Open House *Gathering Place*

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 20

- 9:00 am **Sunday Worship / Rev. Dwayne Johnson**
 10:15 am Fisher's Net Prayer Ministry (Everyone Welcome) *Chapel*
 10:45 am Youth Ministries Program *Activities Building*
 11:00 am **Sunday Worship / Rev. Dwayne Johnson**
 12:30 pm Adeste Praise Band Rehearsal *Sanctuary*
 1:30 pm HeavenSound Handbells Rehearsal *Music Room*
 6:30 pm BINGO Night! (see ad, page 8) *Big Tex Bingo*