



Resurrection

Metropolitan Community Church

20th Sunday After Pentecost

October 18, 2009

+ Our Community Gathers

Rev. Dwayne Johnson
Rev. Kristen Klein-Cechettini

Exchange of Peace

Opening Praise & Worship

I SING THE ALMIGHTY POWER OF GOD

I sing the almighty power of God, that made the mountains rise,
that spread the flowing seas abroad, and built the lofty skies.

I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day;
the moon shines full at God's command, and all the stars obey.

I sing the goodness of the Lord, who filled the earth with food,
who formed the creatures thru the Word, and then pronounced them good.

Lord, how thy wonders are displayed, where'er I turn my eye,
if I survey the ground I tread, or gaze upon the sky.

There's not a plant or flower below, but makes thy glories known,
and clouds arise, and tempests blow, by order from thy throne;

while all that borrows life from thee is ever in thy care;
and everywhere that we can be, thou God are present there.

FOREVER

Give thanks to the Lord, our God now sing. Your love endures forever.
For you are good, you are above all things. Your love endures forever.

Sing Praise, Sing Praise.

With a mighty hand and outstretched arm. Your love endures forever.

For the life that's been reborn. Your love endures forever.

Sing praise, sing praise. Sing praise, sing praise.

chorus Forever God is faithful. Forever God is strong.

Forever God is with us, Forever.

Forever God is faithful. Forever God is strong.

Forever God is with us, Forever. Forever.

From the rising to the setting sun. Your love endures forever.

And by the grace of God we will carry on. Your love endures forever.

Sing praise, sing praise. Sing praise, sing praise. *repeat chorus*

+ Invocation

Rev. Kristen Klein-Cechettini

+ Please rise in body or spirit.

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.

How do we choose our scriptures for each week?

Generally we choose from the *Revised Common Lectionary*, © 1992 Consultation on Common Texts. The lectionary provides four readings - one from the Hebrew Scripture, one psalm or song, and two from the New Testament. Some congregations use all four readings on Sundays and Holy Days. Others use only one reading which provides the theme for the Sunday. At Resurrection MCC, we usually select two of the four readings.

These inspire the focused theme that is extended throughout our worship service in song and word. Thus, much of what we sing is determined by what we speak, and conversely. The *Revised Common Lectionary* is widely used in Mainline Protestant and Anglican churches and increasingly in Evangelical Protestant churches. Roman Catholic congregations also use a lectionary with many similarities to the *Revised Common Lectionary*. That means that every Sunday, Christians of many traditions throughout the world are literally on "the same page" - a powerful symbol of our unity in Christ.

First Reading

Marty Williams (9 am)
Elisa Vega-Burns (11 am)

Psalm 104:1-9, 24, 35c

¹ Bless God, O my Soul! My God, how great you are. Clothed in honor and glory, ² wrapped in a robe of light, you stretch the heavens out like a tent. ³ You built your home over the mighty ocean. You use the clouds as your chariot and ride on the wings of the wind. ⁴ You use the winds as messengers and fiery flames as attendants. ⁵ You fixed the earth on its foundations so it can never totter. ⁶ You covered the earth with the ocean that rose above the mountains. ⁷ At your rebuke the waters bolted, fleeing at the sound of your thunder, ⁸ cascading over the mountains, into the valleys, down to the reservoir you made for them; ⁹ you imposed boundaries they must never cross so they would never again flood the land. ²⁴ God, what variety you have created. In wisdom you have done your work. The earth is filled with your creativity! ^{35c} Bless God, O my Soul! Alleluia!

Response to the Word

SHOUT TO THE LORD

Shout to the Lord, all the earth, let us sing;
Power and majesty, praises we sing!
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!

+ Second Reading

Bill O'Rourke (9 am)
Georgette L. Monaghan (11 am)

Job 38:1-7, 34-41

¹ Then God answered Job from the heart of the storm:
² Who is this obscuring my counsel with such ignorant words? ³ Hitch up your belt like the fighter you are; now I will ask the questions and you will answer me!
⁴ Where were you when I created the earth? If you know the answer, tell me! ⁵ Who decided its size? Do you know? Who stretched the measuring line across it? ⁶ What supports the foundation? Who laid the cornerstone ⁷ while all the choruses of morning stars sang and the heavenly assembly shouted for joy?
³⁴ Can you boom out your voice at the clouds, and cause them to rain on cue?
³⁵ Will lightning flash at your command? Does it report back to you, "Here we are?" ³⁶ Who instills the ibis with its prophetic wisdom? Where does the rooster pick up its intuition? ³⁷ Who has the wisdom to count the clouds? Who pours out the heavenly water jars ³⁸ until the soil is muddy, and the dust has become solid?
³⁹ When lions are hungry do you help them hunt? ⁴⁰ Do you send an animal into their den? ⁴¹ Who provides the raven its nourishment when its young cry out to God and when they wander about without food?

Anthem

Gospel Ensemble

My Name is Victory

Jonathan Nelson

Spiritual Encouragement

Rev. Dwayne Johnson

STANDING FAST: When God is Present

Reflection on the Message

HOLD TO GOD'S UNCHANGING HAND

Trust in God who will not leave you. Whatsoever years may bring.
If by earthly friends forsaken, still more closely to God cling.
Hold to God's hand, God's unchanging hand.
Hold to God's hand, God's unchanging hand.
Build your hopes on things eternal. Hold to God's unchanging hand.

Making Ministry Happen

Mark Eggleston

Offertory

HeavenSound Handbells

Nocturn in C Minor: Moonlight

arr. Nancy Hascall

Communion

Rev. Janice Ladd

Introduction to Communion

Words of Institution

Prayer of Consecration

Invitation to the Feast

Communion Songs

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 sing!
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!

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.

HOW GREAT THOU ART

O Lord, my God, when I in awesome wonder
consider all the works thy hands have made.

I see the stars I hear the mighty thunder,
Thy power throughout the universe displayed.

chorus Then sings my Soul, my Savior God, to Thee;
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!
Then sings my Soul, my Savior God, to Thee;
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!

When thro' the woods and forest glades I wander
and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees,
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur,
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze; *repeat chorus*

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration
and there proclaim; my God, how great Thou art! *repeat chorus*

COME JUST AS YOU ARE

Come just as you are, hear the Spirit call. Come just as your are-
Come and see, come, receive, come and live forever.
Life everlasting, and strength for today,
Taste the Living Water and never thirst again.

ONE BREAD, ONE BODY

One bread, one body, one Lord of all, one cup of blessing which we bless.
And we, though many throughout the earth, We are one body in this one Lord.

Gentile or Jew, servant or free, woman and man, no more.
One bread, one body, one Lord of all, one cup of blessing which we bless.
And we, though many throughout the earth, We are one body in this one Lord.

Many the gifts, many the works, one in the Lord of all.
One bread, one body, one Lord of all, one cup of blessing which we bless.
And we, though many throughout the earth, We are one body in this one Lord.

Grain for the Fields, scattered and grown, gathered to one, for all.
One bread, one body, one Lord of all, one cup of blessing which we bless.
And we, though many throughout the earth, We are one body in this one Lord.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Rev. Janice Ladd

+ Benediction

Rev. Dwayne Johnson

+ Singing Forth

WE ARE THE BODY OF CHRIST

One heart, one Spirit, one voice to praise you, we are the body of Christ.
One goal, one vision: To see you exalted. We are the body of Christ.
And to this we give our lives to see you glorified.

One heart, one Spirit, one voice to praise you, we are the body of Christ.
One goal, one vision: To see you exalted.
We are the body, we are the body, we are the body of Christ.

Postlude

Joel Hammett

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.

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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.

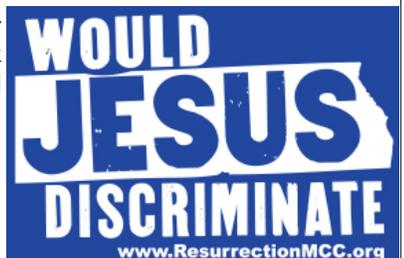
We believe in the saving grace of Jesus Christ and the empowering presence of the Holy Spirit.

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!





SABBATH SATURDAY

Saturday, October 24
10 am - 2 pm
4501 Woodway
Houston, 77024

www.houstonarboretum.org

“Sabbath is more than the absence of work; it is not just a day off, when we catch up on television or errands. It is the presence of something that arises when we consecrate a period of time to listen to what is most deeply beautiful, nourishing, or true. It is time consecrated with our attention, our mindfulness, honoring those quiet forces of grace or spirit that sustain or heal us.” – Wayne Muller, Sabbath

Refresh your soul each quarter with a special time spent nourishing your relationship with God! Participants will gather by 10 am at the entrance to the Houston Arboretum. From there we will walk to a selected area for a brief time of Breath Prayer and simple instruction in the ancient contemplative practice of Lectio Divina – meditation with the Divine Word, facilitated by Rev. Kristen Klein-Cechettini.

This time of opening will be followed by an hour of silent individual contemplative practice in the beauty of the Arboretum, after which we will reconvene to break silence with shared prayer and insights until Noon. Those wishing to continue in Sabbath community will return to Resurrection for a simple lunch accompanied by an introduction to the mystical teachings of Teresa of Avila (1515-1582) offered by Spiritual Director Cathleen Sheil.

Contact Rev. Kristen at RevKristen@ResurrectionMCC.org to register or get more information.

Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting

TODAY!

Immediately following 11 am Worship
Sanctuary

As a member, your attendance is important so we reach quorum. Business includes voting on the 2010 budget, a change in bylaws, and electing members to the Board of Directors and Lay Delegates.



Friday Night OUT October 23, 7 pm



Join us for dinner
this month at Cafe Adobe!

**7620 Katy Fwy (I-10), Houston
713-688-1700**

www.cafeadobe.com/memorial

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

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hasbin... I see... everything I was
taught was... I had
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ed to my... when he... heart out to
would not be standing... day with you filled
regret. I... Bobby's

LIFETIME PRESENTS
SIGOURNEY WEAVER
PRAYERS FOR
BOBBY
BASED ON A TRUE STORY

She loves everything
about her son...
except who he is.

Friday Flix
November 6
7 pm
Sanctuary

offering from members and friends:

ESTATE PLANNING SEMINAR

Saturday, October 31
10 am - Noon
Gathering Place

Get Real! Protect yourself and the ones you love with Estate Planning that works for you!

Are you worried:

- That Texas laws will not protect your partner?
- About who can LEGALLY make your medical decisions for you if you cannot?
- About your partner having to fight over an inheritance from you?
- About your partner losing that inheritance to predators (such as creditors, lawsuits, etc.)?
- That your partner will pay more taxes upon your passing because the marital deduction is not available?

Are you ready to take action?

Listen to what attorney Al Vacek has to say about Real Time Estate Planning! He has practiced law in Houston for over 38 years and is Board Certified in Estate Planning and Probate Law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization. He has prepared estate plans for more than 9,000 people, many of whom are members of the LGBT community who were concerned about protecting themselves and their families.

Remember:

Exceptional Estate Planning = Peace of Mind



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 | 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 Through The Chalice

Achieving Change: Community Partners Oct 14 - Nov 4

Making a difference in the world, living love into the world by making justice and practicing peace - this faithful passion is shared by many within and beyond our community of faith. Each of the four weeks of our series will be hosted by an organization in our extended community which is committed to creating a more just and peace-filled world for all - and specifically for those of us in the Queer community. Join us for one or all of this series to learn about the people who are achieving change for us. Enjoy the presentations, be inspired by the personal stories, engage with opportunities for Q&A, and who knows? You might discover a new venue to share your passion for justice! This open offering will be facilitated by Director of Outreach Mark Eggleston in partnership with organizational leaders for this series.

Living the Questions II Sep 23 - Nov 18

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!

Soul Expressions Workshop (full) Sep 23 - Oct 28

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.

ACHIEVING CHANGE: COMMUNITY PARTNERS SERIES

Wednesdays
7 - 8:30 pm
Activities Building

October 14: Equality Texas

October 21: PFLAG

October 28: HRC

November 4: HATCH



The mission of Parents, Families & Friends of Lesbians & Gays (PFLAG) Houston is to:

- Support Families - working to keep families in loving relationships by helping them understand and affirm their gay, lesbian, bisexual or transgender family members.
- Educate the Public - seeking to dispel the myths and misinformation by working with educators, community and religious groups, the media, and the general public.
- Advocate for Equality - calling for equal human and civil rights.

On October 21, join several leaders from PFLAG as they discuss the vision of PFLAG, as well as opportunities for involvement!

EVERYONE IS INVITED

NEW WEDNESDAY NIGHT "CHALICE" OFFERING

DISCOVERING MY MINISTRY SPIRITUAL GIFTS

PRESENTED BY JASON WOOD

WEDNESDAY NIGHT | OCTOBER 21 & 28
7 - 8:30 PM

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 will change your life! If you would like to RSVP or find out more information about this offering e-mail Jason@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

Sol Lara

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](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 or 832-971-0354.



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 20 - November 24, 7:45 - 8:45 pm

Tuesdays, December 1 - 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 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.



Evers Family Takes Top Honors

The Resurrection Children's Ministry would like to honor the Evers Family for its commitment to kids during the Summer Season! Diona, Jacob, and Dylan had excellent attendance in Children's Church during the warm summer months! Their love for each other and God is evident in the awesome way that they care for each other! Way to go, family!



Providing Spiritual Direction for individuals and groups at Resurrection MCC.

Sliding Scale fees available for Resurrection members and friends.

First session is free.

Cathleen Sheil, MA
Certified Spiritual Director
sacredjourney2@aol.com
713-304-9913



EQUALITY MINISTRY MEETING

**Monday, November 2
6:30 pm, Gathering Place**

Join our new team lead, Ryan Rolston, as we discuss recent accomplishments and exciting upcoming activities!

Questions or to Sign up:
Equality@ResurrectionMCC.org



CELEBRATE THE SAINTS CONCERT

**All Saints Day Concert
featuring Rev. Carolyn Mobley**

**Sunday
November 1
6 pm
Sanctuary**



Join us as we celebrate the lives of those whose love has made us who we are. Rev. Carolyn Mobley will be leading us in worship along with many of our musicians from Resurrection's Worship Arts Department.

We'll be displaying photos of loved ones who have joined the great cloud of witnesses. If you have a photo you would like included, please email to Mark@ResurrectionMCC.org by Monday, October 26.

IMANI VIDA DRUM CIRCLE

**Saturday, November 7, 3 - 4:30 pm
Gathering Place**

This group is open to ALL, and requires no prior experience with drumming. Join us!

For more information, contact Denise Junious.

DrumCircle@ResurrectionMCC.org

www.meetup.com/DrummingCircle

Drum Circle is hosted monthly on the first Saturday.

offering from members and friends:

LIVING THE AUTHENTIC LIFE

**Friday, November 13
7 - 8 pm
Gathering Place**

Micki Grimland will talk about when we all meet our maker, He will not ask us "How much like Jesus were you?" He will say, "How much like Micki were you? What did you do with the Micki that I gave you to be? Did you live into her fully? Did you live in Truth? Did you learn your lessons?"



Micki was married for 24 years in the suburbs with 3 beautiful daughters and a good husband. However, she secretly wrestled with her homosexuality the entire time. When life thrust her into the encounter with her truth she began to truly live into the scripture text, "You shall know the truth and the truth shall set you free." Micki will share her personal story of her authentic struggle into her truth and will share the redemptive faith and mercy of God that lead her through the dark night of her soul into freedom. We hope to see you there.

Micki, 52, and her life partner, Sharon, married in 2007. She has 3 daughters, Taylor, 22, Haley, 20 and Cami, 15. She is Owner and Chief Psychotherapist of Southwest Psychotherapy and Associates in Southwest Houston and has been in practice for 27 years. Her epitaph will read, "She sucked the marrow out of life."

**featuring Clay Hardy,
Rosemary Smith, and
Strange'**

A fabulous concert featuring great live performers, drag entertainers and more. You won't want to miss this exciting afternoon of fun and prizes!

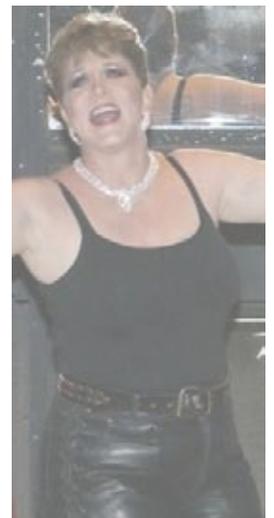
**\$50 Raffle Tickets available in
Inspirations Coffee Cafe &
Gift Shop, online at
www.ResurrectionMCC.org,
and from any board or
staff member.**

**Grand Prize: \$2,500
(Odds of winning 1:299)**

**Second, Third, Fourth, & Fifth
Prize: \$250
(Odds of winning 4:299)**



**Sunday
November 8
3 pm
Bayou City Bar & Grill
2409 Grant St
Houston, 77006
www.bayoucitybar.com**



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

Mondays

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



**Have you ever thought about wanting to get involved
with MCC and learn what our fellowship denomination
is all about? Well ... here are ten reasons:**

10. To participate in communion and not be a member of the congregation.
9. Conferences are held in locations fit for a vacation.
8. Multiculturalism.
7. To join in the movement for civil rights for all people.
6. Just to go to church with people who may be like you.
5. Fellowship.
4. Diverse worship experiences.
3. To learn that God is a God of love for all people.
2. Spiritual Improvement.

1. To experience the radical and inclusive love of Jesus Christ!!!

To touch on # 9, our General Conference will be held
next year in Acapulco starting June 28 - July 2, 2010. We
hope to see you there! See any of your Lay Delegates
for details: Kedric Brown, Kecia Bullock, Vicki Hopper,
or Jerry Reitz. We may also be reached via email:
LayDelegates@ResurrectionMCC.org



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

\$40 per group.

Group open, space limited.

Mondays, 6:00 - 7:30 pm

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Saturday, October 24

Jones Plaza

Houston Theatrical District

Noon until 10:00PM

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Sick of Sarah

Halcyon

Natalia Zukerman

Trina Hamlin

Vicci Martinez

Suzanna Choffel

and more



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Excel's focus is "Living in Union with Christ," and holds to the belief that all of God's children are welcome into a relationship and communion with God.

Come and learn that through prayer we all can experience God, through study we learn more about God and through our actions we share the love of Christ with the world by making friends, being a friend and sharing Christ with our friends.

October 30 – November 1, 2009

Friday 6:00 p.m. thru Sunday 3:00 p.m.

The Christian Renewal Center, Dickinson, Texas.

Registration at www.excelofthearmadillo.org or email excelinhouston@yahoo.com

Total cost is \$100.00 per person, which includes two nights lodging, six full meals, and memories to last a lifetime.

Sign up today in the Gathering Place!

Stewardship Thought for the Week

*Giving is a privilege
that fills the heart with joy.*

~ Henry A. Rosso

Board Members on Duty

Karla Johnson & Vicki Hopper

Board Minutes Available Upon Request.

Guys, isn't it time to find out how yoga fits you? Come join Yoga for Bears



Yoga for Bears

Thursday, 5:30P & 7P

Saturday, 10:00A & 11:15A

—at Resurrection MCC

www.yogaforbears.com

*Non bears always welcome

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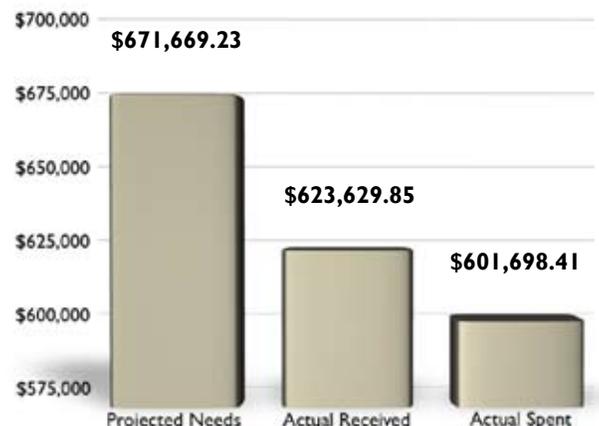
In honor of our fifth wedding anniversary, September 18, 2009.

— Elisa & Gemma

General Fund Financial Report

Week Ending October 11, 2009

		Week	Year
<i>Tithes & Offerings</i>			
10/11/09 9:00 am	123	\$3,765.00	\$129,239.54
10/11/09 11:00 am	373	\$7,027.32	\$265,599.65
10/07/09 6:30 pm	22	\$54.00	\$3,897.02
Special Services			\$4,474.64
Online Giving		\$1,340.84	\$51,773.83
Other Contributions		\$1,760.00	\$112,130.22
Total	518	\$13,947.16	\$567,114.90
<i>Other General Fund Income</i>			
Fundraising		\$39.00	\$3,049.65
Miscellaneous		\$3,051.00	\$53,465.30
Total Received		\$17,037.16	\$623,629.85
Projected Need per Budget		\$17,653.85	\$671,669.23
Total Exceeded Need / (Did Not Meet Need)		(\$616.69)	(\$48,039.38)
Total Imagine Capital Campaign		\$1,242.00	\$91,030.72



This Week @ ResurrectionMCC.org

SUNDAY OCTOBER 18

- 9:00 am Sunday Worship / Rev. Dwayne Johnson**
 10:15 am Fisher's Net Prayer Ministry (Everyone Welcome) *Chapel*
 10:15 am Adeste Praise Band Rehearsal *Sanctuary*
 10:45 am Youth Ministries Program *Activities Building*
11:00 am Sunday Worship / Rev. Dwayne Johnson
 12:30 pm Semi Annual Congregational Meeting *Sanctuary*
 1:30 pm HeavenSound Handbells Rehearsal *Music Room*

MONDAY OCTOBER 19

- 6:00 pm Board of Directors Orientation & Training *Gathering Place*
 7:00 pm Pride Band Rehearsal *Activities Building*

TUESDAY OCTOBER 20

- 7:00 pm Gospel Ensemble Rehearsal *Music Room*
 7:00 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal *Sanctuary*
 7:45 pm Christmas Musical Rehearsal *Music Room*

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 21

- 8:00 am Nonprofit Consulting Services *Gathering Place*
 6:00 pm The Chalice: Community Meal *Activities Building*
 6:30 pm The Chalice: Spiritual Deepening *Activities Building*
 7:00 pm Achieving Change: PFLAG *Activities Building*
 7:00 pm Living the Questions II *Activities Building*
 7:00 pm Soul Expressions Workshop *Activities Building*
 7:00 pm Spiritual Gifts Class *Activities Building*

THURSDAY OCTOBER 22

- 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 Houston Pride Band Dress Rehearsal *Sanctuary*

FRIDAY OFFICE CLOSED OCTOBER 23

- 7:00 pm Friday Night OUT (see ad, p. 6) *Cafe Adobe*

SATURDAY OCTOBER 24

- 10:00 am Creating a Life That Matters *Gathering Place*
 10:00 am Yoga for Bears (www.yogaforbears.com) *Activities Building*
 11:15 am Yoga for Bears (www.yogaforbears.com) *Activities Building*
 1:00 pm Angels in Motion Rehearsal *Sanctuary*
 7:30 pm Houston Pride Band Concert *Sanctuary*

SUNDAY OCTOBER 25

- 9:00 am Sunday Worship / Rev. Dwayne Johnson**
 10:15 am Fisher's Net Prayer Ministry (Everyone Welcome) *Chapel*
 10:15 am Adeste Praise Band Rehearsal *Sanctuary*
 10:45 am Youth Ministries Program *Activities Building*
11:00 am Sunday Worship / Rev. Dwayne Johnson
 12:45 pm Pastoral Care Ministers Lunch *Activities Building*
 1:30 pm HeavenSound Handbells Rehearsal *Music Room*
 3:00 pm Praisin' Puppets Rehearsal *Activities Building #212*