



Resurrection

Metropolitan Community Church

24th Sunday After Pentecost

November 15, 2009

+ **Our Community Gathers** Rev. Dwayne Johnson & Rev. Kristen Klein-Cechettini

+ **Exchange of Peace**

Opening Praise & Worship

THERE'S WITHIN MY HEART A MELODY

There's within my heart a melody Jesus whispers sweet and low:
Fear not, I am with thee, peace, be still, in all of life's ebb and flow.

Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, sweetest name I know,
fills my every longing, keeps me singing as I go.

All my life was wrecked by sin and strife, discord filled my heart with pain;
Jesus swept across the broken strings, stirred the slumbering chords again.

Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, sweetest name I know,
fills my every longing, keeps me singing as I go.

Feasting on the riches of your grace, resting neath your sheltering wing,
always looking on your smiling face, that is why I shout and sing.

Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, sweetest name I know,
fills my every longing, keeps me singing as I go.

Soon your coming back to welcome me far beyond the starry sky;
I shall wing my flight to worlds unknown, fellowship with all on high.

Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, sweetest name I know,
fills my every longing, keeps me singing as I go.

YOU'RE WORTHY OF MY PRAISE

repeat each line of the verse after the worship leader

verse 1 I will worship (*repeat*) with all of my heart. (*repeat*)

I will praise You (*repeat*) with all of my strength. (*repeat*)

I will seek you (*repeat*) all of my days. (*repeat*)

I will follow (*repeat*) all of your ways. (*repeat*)

chorus I will give You all my worship, I will give You all my praise.

You alone I long to worship, You alone are worthy of my praise.

verse 2 I will bow down (*repeat*) and to You I sing. (*repeat*)

I will serve You (*repeat*) give You everything. (*repeat*)

I will lift up (*repeat*) my eyes to Your throne. (*repeat*)

I will trust You, (*repeat*) trust in You alone. (*repeat*)

repeat chorus

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.

+ **Invocation**

Rev. Mona Lopez

+ Please rise in body or spirit.

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*.

First Reading

Kedric Brown (9 am)
Darren Terry (11 am)

Hebrews 10:15-18

¹⁵ The Holy Spirit also attests to us, first saying, ¹⁶ "'This is the Covenant I will make with them when those days arrive,' says our God: 'I will put my laws into their hearts and write them on their minds.'"

¹⁷ Then the Spirit adds, "I will never again remember their sins or offenses."

¹⁸ So when sins and evil deeds have been forgiven, an offering to take away sins is no longer needed.

Response to the Word

FOR EVERYONE BORN

And God will delight when we are creators
of justice and joy, compassion and peace;

Yes, God will delight when we are creators of justice, justice and joy.

+ Second Reading

Ron Drumm

Mark 13:1-8

¹ As Jesus was leaving the temple, one of the disciples commented in passing, "Look, Teacher! What huge stones these are. What wonderful buildings!"

² Jesus replied, "See these great buildings? Not a single stone will be left on another. Everything will be torn down."

³ As Jesus was sitting on the Mount of Olives facing the temple, Peter, James, John and Andrew asked him privately, ⁴ "Tell us, when will all this happen? What will be the sign that all this is about to take place?"

⁵ Jesus began by saying, "Be on your guard that no one deceives you.

⁶ Many will come in my name saying, 'I am the One,' and they will deceive many.

⁷ When you hear of wars and rumors of war, do not be alarmed. Things like this must happen, but the end is still to come. ⁸ Nation will rise against nation and empire against empire; there will be earthquakes throughout the world and famines -- yet this is only the beginning of the labor pains."

Anthem

Gospel Ensemble
Anita Jones, Guest Soloist

Only Believe

Arr. Dr. Theola Booker

Spiritual Encouragement

Rev. Dwayne Johnson

The Inside Scoop

Reflection on the Message

BLESSED ASSURANCE

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! O what a fortaste of glory divine.
Heir of salvation, purchase of God, Born of the Spirit, lost in Christ's Love.
This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long:
This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.

Making Ministry Happen

Rose Wall & Mark Eggleston

Offertory

Rose Wall

Psalm of Love

Communion

Rev. Janice Ladd &
Rev. Kristen Klein-Cechettini

Introduction to Communion

Words of Institution

Prayer of Consecration

Invitation to the Feast

Communion Songs

I AM THINE, O LORD

I am thine, O Lord, I have heard thy voice, and it told thy love to me;
but I long to rise in the arms of faith and be closer drawn to thee.
Draw me nearer, nearer, blessed Lord, to the cross where thou hast died.
Draw me nearer, nearer, nearer, blessed Lord, to thy precious, flowing side.

Consecrate me now to thy service, Lord, by the power of grace divine;
let my soul look up with a steadfast hope, and my will be lost in thine.
Draw me nearer, nearer, blessed Lord, to the cross where thou hast died.
Draw me nearer, nearer, nearer, blessed Lord, to thy precious, flowing side.

O the pure delight of a single hour that before thy throne I spend,
when I kneel in prayer, and with thee, my God, I commune as friend with friend!
Draw me nearer, nearer, blessed Lord, to the cross where thou hast died.
Draw me nearer, nearer, nearer, blessed Lord, to thy precious, flowing side.

There are depths of love that I cannot know till I cross the narrow sea;
there are heights of joy that I may not reach till I rest in peace with thee.
Draw me nearer, nearer, blessed Lord, to the cross where thou hast died.
Draw me nearer, nearer, nearer, blessed Lord, to thy precious, flowing side.

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 prayer 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.

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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.

HEART OF WORSHIP

When the music fades, all is stripped away, and I simply come;
Longing just to bring something that's of worth that will bless Your heart.
I'll bring You more than a song, for a song in itself is not what You have required.
You search much deeper within through the way things appear.
You're looking into my heart.

I'm coming back to the heart of worship, and it's all about You,
it's all about you, Jesus.
I'm sorry, Lord, for the thing I've made it, when it's all about You,
it's all about you, Jesus.

God of endless worth, no one could express how much You deserve.
Thou I'm weak and poor, all I have is Yours, every single breath.
I'll bring You more than a song, for a song in itself is not what You have required.
You search much deeper within through the way things appear.
You're looking into my heart.

I'm coming back to the heart of worship, and it's all about You,
it's all about you, Jesus.
I'm sorry, Lord, for the thing I've made it, when it's all about You,
it's all about you, Jesus.

SAVIOR, LIKE A SHEPHERD LEAD US

Savior, like a shepherd lead us, much we need thy tender care;
in thy pleasant pastures feed us, for our use thy folds prepare.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Thou has loved us, thine we are.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Thou has loved us, thine we are.

We are thine, thou dost befriend us, be the guardian of our way;
keep thy flock, from sin defend us, seek us when we go astray.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Hear, O hear us when we pray.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Hear, O hear us when we pray.

Thou has promised to receive us, poor and human though we be;
thou hast mercy to relieve us, grace to cleanse and power to free.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! We will early turn to thee.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! We will early turn to thee.

Early let us seek thy favor, early let us do thy will;
blessed Lord and only Savior, with thy love our bosoms fill.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Thou hast loved us, love us still.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Thou hast loved us, love us still.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Rev. Janice Ladd

+ **Benediction**

Rev. Dwayne Johnson

+ **Singing Forth**

WHEN WE ALL GET TO HEAVEN

When we all get to heaven, what a day of rejoicing that will be!
When we all see Jesus, we'll sing and shout the victory!

Postlude

Joel Hammett

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Worship

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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. Because of our faith we are called to: do justice, show kindness, and live humbly with God (Micah 6:8); explore life's questions with open hearts and minds; raise our voices in sacred defiance against exclusion, whether religious, political or systemic; reach out to those with no hope; equip new generations of remarkable, far-reaching spiritual activists.

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.

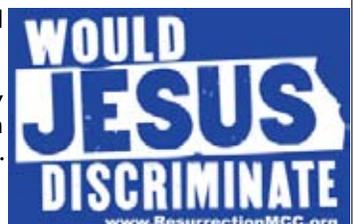
We believe in the saving grace of Jesus Christ and the empowering presence of the Holy Spirit.

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!



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

Walking the Talk: Extraordinary Lives

Nov 11 & 18

"It doesn't take fame and fortune to make a life story worth telling." The truth of Nancy Pearl's observation regarding "ordinary people who live extraordinary lives" can be seen all around us – even in the pew right beside us! Our community of faith is made up of many ordinary people who have quietly and courageously made choices for love and justice and faith in extraordinary circumstances. Each gathering of this open 2-part series will feature an autobiographical storytelling of the extraordinary journey of an ordinary spirit-led life, followed by a time of Q & A and community sharing.

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!

Making Our Way Home: The Labyrinth Journey

Nov 4 - Nov 18

In this 3-part experiential workshop, participants will practice "walking The Labyrinth" as a spiritual meditation, learn about the The Labyrinth's historical spiritual significance, and then discover the possibilities for personal insight in the discipline of creating a Labyrinth of one's own!

WALKING THE TALK : (EXTRA)ORDINARY LIVES

Wednesday, November 18
7 - 8:30 pm, Activities Building



Our history as LGBTQIA peoples has been lived with passion and courage through the decades by people like you and me; by people who gather each Sunday as children of God together. Andy Mills is a faithful member of our Resurrection family of faith - and a man whose life journey has orchestrated the music for much of our shared LGBTQIA history. Join Andy on Wednesday November 18 at 7pm as he offers the story of his (extra)ordinary life as a founding member of Houston's Bayou City Performing Arts and longtime conductor of the Houston Pride Band. With talent, courage and commitment Andy lived his life as an out gay man of music from the years just after Stonewall, through our first March on Washington and the devastating heart of the AIDS epidemic, into our present victories and challenges on the way to equality for all.

INTRODUCING LIVING THE QUESTIONS 2.0

LtQ2 is the completely revised and expanded version of *Living the Questions* – the popular DVD and web-based introduction to progressive Christianity. Featuring 30 of today's leading religious voices:

AMMERMAN • BELL • BORG • BROCK • BRUEGGEMANN • BUFORD • CARCAÑO • COBB
CROSSAN • FIORENZA • FLUNDER • FORBES • FOX • GEERING • KÜNG • LEVINE
MCKENNA • NELSON • PARK • PARKER • PATTERSON • PREJEAN • ROSSING • SAMPLE
SCOTT • SPONG • TOWNES • UFFORD-CHASE • VARGHESE • WHITE

Making Our Way Home: The Labyrinth Journey

November 4, 11, 18
7 - 8:30 pm

The Labyrinth: an ancient pattern of a path which, once entered, circles in toward a center from which the only exit is upon the way the explorer initially arrived. Unlike a maze, The Labyrinth has no wrong turns or dead-ends; no matter how circuitous it feels, the path leads to the center and out again – there is no way one can become truly lost. This Unfailing Path has been perceived by spiritual seekers throughout history as both a metaphor and a tool for the soul's journey. Among the most famous of Labyrinths is the sacred design laid into the floor of Chartres Cathedral during the 12th century; many others have been discovered and created throughout history and around the globe.



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 5, 10:00 am - 12:00 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.

HANGING OF THE GREENS

**Sunday
November 22
Reception & Crafts: 5 pm
Service: 6 pm
Sanctuary**



Come one, come all, as we celebrate the opening of the season of Advent through this ceremonious decorating of our beautiful worship facility. The Hanging of the Greens service will include traditional music from the holiday season, led by many of our musicians from Resurrection's Worship Arts Department. We'll decorate the sanctuary and learn about the symbolism and traditions of our decorations. There will be Christmas cookies and punch in the Gathering Place from 5 - 6 pm. Join us before the service and create your own personal advent wreath. We will supply the wreath, candles, and greenery to decorate and create your very own home wreath.

THANKSGIVING POTLUCK & WORSHIP SERVICE

**Thursday, November 26
Noon - 2 pm, Activities Building**

Bring your favorite Thanksgiving dish, and give thanks for all the blessings given to our Resurrection family this year.



Friday Night OUT November 20, 7 pm



Join us for dinner this month at Kim Son!

**2001 Jefferson St, Houston
713-222-2461
www.kimson.com**

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

TRANSGENDER DAY OF REMEMBRANCE CEREMONY

**Saturday, November 21
Holocaust Museum Houston
5401 Caroline
Reception at 6:30 pm
Ceremony at 8:00 pm**



The lives of transgender individuals around the world killed due to anti-trans hatred or prejudice will be memorialized at the Transgender Day of Remembrance ceremony. Doors will open at 6:30 pm for a reception, and a ceremony will begin at 8 pm in the museum theater.

The annual Transgender Day of Remembrance event is free and open to the public.

Transgender Day of Remembrance is recognized internationally in November. The event was first held to honor Rita Hester, whose murder on November 28, 1998, kicked off the Remembering Our Dead web project and a San Francisco candlelight vigil in 1999. Rita Hester's murder, like most murder cases that involve transgender victims, has yet to be solved.

Although not every person represented during the Day of Remembrance self-identified as a transgender individual, each was a victim of violence based on bias against people who are transgender or gender-variant.

The Houston Transgender Unity Committee, the consortium organization of local trans groups, organizes and hosts the local observance of Transgender Day of Remembrance. In addition to Day of Remembrance, the Unity Committee presents programs that include the Brenda Thomas Memorial New Year's Day Social, Unity Month, the annual Transgender Unity Banquet, and the Peggy Rudd Transgender Scholarship Fund.

More information on Transgender Day of Remembrance is available by contacting the Unity Committee through its Web site, www.htuc.org.

*Connections First Impressions
Life Development Youth Ministries Programs
Worship & Altar Ministries*

Winter "Season of Service"
(December, January, February)

In Celebration of Service! WINTER SEASON OF SERVICE WORKSHOPS & APPRECIATION CELEBRATION

**Volunteers Past, Present & Future:
Join us as we celebrate YOU and your gifts
Saturday, November 21**

10 am - Noon
Workshops/Orientations for All Ministries

1 - 3 pm
*Volunteer Appreciation &
Fellowship Lunch*

*Begin or Renew Yourself
in Offering the Gift of Service*

Youth Ministries Programs Volunteers
Teachers & Assistants for a 3-Person Teaching Team

First Impressions Volunteers
Welcome Team, Usher Team, Concierge Desk Hosts,
Inspirations Gift Store

Worship & Altar Ministries Volunteers
Altar Preparation, Communion Servers,
Scripture Readers. All training provided.

0 - 100 years of experience welcome!
RSVP to Jason@ResurrectionMCC.org
713-861-9149 x105

CONNECTION GROUPS

**Wednesdays: December 2, 9, 16, 23
7 - 8:30 pm, Activities Building**

**Put A Little Character into Christmas
A Four Week Advent Study**

Many of us are trying to figure out how to meet someone around here! How do you find potential friends? How do you begin conversations? You may want to check out Connection Groups.

We can't promise you'll find your next best friend. People can just be weird. You know that. Some of them might show up for Connection Groups. They may think you are weird. But here's the deal - it's only four weeks. You've held down a job you've hated for longer than four weeks. You can do anything for four weeks. The worst thing that can happen is that you'll walk in here every week and increase the odds that you'll see a face you recognize. And it may even be someone you like to be around.

Either way, like these people or not, it's only four weeks. So check out Connection Groups. Everyone there will be exactly where you are - new to the table that night. We'll meet here on Wednesday nights during the month of December and help you get started.



General Conference



Now to The One who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine

Registration

To register today, visit our website for more details and further information

Location

Fairmont Acapulco Princess
www.fairmont.com/acapulco
800.441.1414
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Group Name: UFMCC 2010 General Conference

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JUNE 28 - JULY 2



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**A Request from Jim Winslett
Director, HeavenSound Handbells**

After the fantastic response to our first two videos, *Capriccio* and *Grandioso*, HeavenSound Handbells needs your help for the next one. I won't give away anything just yet, other than this one will be in a completely different style and mood from either of the other two.

What I need is for you to email photos (either digital pictures or photographs scanned into a file) of friends, family, and loved ones who have passed away. These can be relatives, friends, lovers, children... anyone who has touched your heart or impacted your life in a meaningful way. Send them to heavensound@rocketmail.com

High resolution pictures work best, since the video will be in HD. If you only have low-res images, go ahead and send those, and I will try to make them work. Keep in mind that not every picture will get into the final version of the video, but I'll use as many as I can.

Please, please, PLEASE make sure that if there are multiple people in the picture, that everyone in the picture has already passed. We don't want to cause anyone shock from seeing someone in a picture and thinking "but I just saw him last week!!! This is terrible!!!"

I'm very excited about this video and I know that it will be a fitting tribute to those we've loved and who have loved us.



**Fishers Net Prayer Ministry:
A Dialogue with God**

- Acknowledgment – We hear you – We are praying for you.
- We acknowledge...there is pain among us
- We acknowledge...there are addictions
- We acknowledge...there are parents who do not love us
- We acknowledge...there are heart aches, separation and divorce
- We acknowledge...disease is trying to take control
- We acknowledge...our children do not love us as we love them
- We acknowledge...a tight job market
- We acknowledge...hatred, misunderstanding and bigotry
- We acknowledge...depression; mentally, chemically and spiritually
- We acknowledge...loneliness
- We acknowledge...self destruction
- We acknowledge... not truly knowing what God wants from us

The Fishers Net Ministry Team collectively and individually acknowledges these situations and feelings as we also felt, dealt and are dealing with this same list. We hear your prayers, acknowledge your need and respect your dignity. When dealing with the 'valleys' in life; remember to keep an open communication with God. Asking, yelling, crying, questioning. Prayer is communication and God is always with us and promises this to us over and over again throughout the scriptures. In Psalm 23:4, NIV, "Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you [God] are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me."

The Fishers Net Prayer Ministry is available for you in the chapel between services and at the Alter after the 11 am service. You can also email your intentions to Prayers@ResurrectionMCC.org.

Growing stronger in Christ and realizing our Prayers together.

~ Fishers Net Prayer Ministry ~



The Resurrection MCC Gospel Ensemble has begun preparing for the February 21, 2010 African American History Concert entitled:

We Are The Ones We've Been Waiting For

If you would like to sing with the Gospel Ensemble for this concert please contact Cassandra White at Cassandra@ResurrectionMCC.org.

Rehearsals are Tuesday nights at 7:00.

COMMUNITY OF RESPECT

A NO PLACE FOR HATE® PROGRAM OF THE ADL

Congratulations, Resurrection!

This is the first year that the Anti-Defamation League recognized a house of worship, business, and organization that has gone the "extra mile" to demonstrate an appreciation for respect and to promote diversity. We are honored to be the recipient of this honor! Thanks to all who have participated in helping to create a world that is a Community of Respect!

Hate AND Bigotry

Hear Angela's story at a special community presentation sponsored by:

ADL
Anti-Defamation League®

COMMUNITY OF RESPECT
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The Emery/Weiner School
Houston Area Urban League

In Cooperation with ADL Community of Respect™
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Boys & Girls Club of Greater Houston, Inc.
Cole Chemical & Distributing, Inc.
Houston Area Urban League
MS Legal Search
Palmer Memorial Episcopal Church
Resurrection MCC
Spectra Energy

Wednesday – November 18, 2009
7:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
The Emery/Weiner School – Becker Theater
9825 Stella Link
Houston, TX 77025

A former skinhead recounts her life in the racist underground

What drives a person to hate? How does hate transition from an emotion into an act of violence? What does it take to break free from hatred? What can be done to prevent hate and violence in our schools and the greater community?

Angela King grew up in South Florida, struggled with her identity, became disenfranchised, acted out through risky behaviors, and ultimately became a Skinhead. Skinheads became her "family." Crime became a way of life for her. In 1998, she was sentenced to six years in prison for her part in an armed robbery of a Jewish-owned video store in Hollywood, Florida. Today, Angela is a graduate student who speaks about her experiences with the hopes that she can prevent other soul searching students and young adults from finding solace and comfort in hate and bigotry.

The program is appropriate for high school students and adults. Seating is limited.
RSVP's are REQUIRED to southwest@adl.org. Please include name, address, phone number and email address of each guest.
Program Chairs: Jerry Axelrod and Sue Hauenstein

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LGBTQ Solutions for Living Well

Professional Services Provided at
Resurrection MCC Wellness Center

Connections

A 12-Session
Psychoeducational
Shame-Resilience
Curriculum



Revised and Expanded
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There is hope for change, empowerment and living authentically!

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A 12-Session Psychoeducational Shame Resilience Curriculum

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

Call 832-863-8221

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.



Women's Group Now Forming

Mondays, 6:00 - 7:30 pm

Therapist: Tammy S. Fountain, LPC, ATR-BC

Call 832-863-8221

Adolescent Group Psychotherapy

Saturdays, 12:00 - 1:15 pm

Therapist: Tammy S.
Fountain, LPC, ATR-BC

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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.
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**Gay Men's Chorus of Houston and
Bayou City Women's Chorus
invites you to kick off your holiday season with them.**

Tickets are available between and after services on
November 15, 22, and 29 in the Gathering Place



Winterlight
Featuring Bayou City
Women's Chorus
Saturday, December 5, and
Tuesday, December 8, 2009
Unity Church, 7:30pm
Tickets: \$25

A Twisted Holiday*
Featuring GMCH
with special appearances by
Bayou City Choralz
and HeavenSound Handbells
Tuesday, December 15, 2009
Jones Hall, 7:30pm
Tickets: \$22 - \$55



**Mention "RMCC" with your ticket purchase and RMCC will
receive 20% of your ticket purchase price.**

*2nd Annual Food Drive, benefiting the RMCC Food Bank,
will take place outside Jones Hall before the concert



On October 28, 2009, Houston Janitors, members of the Service Employees International Union, Local 1, walked into bargaining with the goal of securing fair wage increases to continue to lift their families out of poverty and maintain the benefits that they struggled to secure more than three years ago - including their individual health care coverage. Unfortunately, not much progress has been made at the bargaining table. The support of the broad faith community has meant a great deal to janitors personally, as they stand up for a better future for their children, and publicly in ensuring that the commercial real estate industry and Houston's business community, including the Energy industry, commit to a fair and just contract for hard working janitors. These Service Employee's contracts are set to expire on November 20.

We invite you to add this Prayer for Janitors to your prayer life from now until November 20 as we support the equality and equity of all in our community.

A Prayer for Janitors

God of compassion and justice
You know the needs of working families
and janitors in this community.

You know how they struggle each day
to provide adequate food, clothing, shelter,
education and health care for their children.

You know that they work hard to provide for these needs.

You know that they need a livable wage
and benefits to achieve a decent life.

Please give them the courage and strength to carry on.

Please open up the hearts of business and community leaders to support
them so that they may

lift themselves out of poverty,

secure a better future for their families, and create a
stronger economy that benefits everyone in the community.

-Amen



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First session is free.

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Please consider donating towards the planting of memorial trees at Resurrection MCC. These memorial trees will help beautify our campus and provide ecological benefits while honoring our loved ones. Contact Craig Felderhoff at Craig@ResurrectionMCC.org for pricing and more information.

Guys, isn't it time to find out how yoga fits you?

Come join!

Yoga for Bears



Yoga for Bears

Thursdays & Saturdays
at Resurrection MCC

www.yogaforbears.com

*Non-bears are always welcome!

Stewardship Thought for the Week

Unless you are contributing something beneficial in some way to someone or something, you are not an asset, you are a liability.

~ F.O. Jones

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Vicki Hopper & Tricia Phillips

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Flowers in the Sanctuary

In celebration of our 23rd Anniversary!

— Annette Beall & Carolyn Gay

General Fund Financial Report

Week Ending November 8, 2009

		Week	Year
Tithes & Offerings			
11/08/09 9:00 am	114	\$2,861.00	\$140,226.54
11/08/09 11:00 am	324	\$4,181.50	\$288,110.39
11/04/09 6:30 pm	8	\$27.00	\$4,142.02
11/06/09 Special Services	18	\$42.62	\$5,895.36
Online Giving		\$1,386.95	\$57,044.40
Other Contributions		\$5,230.00	\$119,065.22
Total	464	\$13,729.07	\$614,483.93
Other General Fund Income			
Fundraising			\$2,614.65
Miscellaneous		\$2,345.00	\$58,118.41
Total Received		\$16,074.07	\$675,216.99
Projected Need per Budget		\$17,653.85	\$742,284.62
Total Exceeded Need / (Did Not Meet Need)		(\$1,579.78)	(\$67,067.63)
Total Imagine Capital Campaign		\$1,670.00	\$100,541.06



This Week @ ResurrectionMCC.org

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 15

- 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
 1:30 pm HeavenSound Handbells Rehearsal Music Room

MONDAY NOVEMBER 16

No Events Scheduled.

TUESDAY NOVEMBER 17

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

WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 18

- 6:00 pm The Chalice: Community Meal Activities Building
 6:30 pm The Chalice: Spiritual Deepening Activities Building
 7:00 pm Walking the Talk: (Extra)Ordinary Lives Activities Building
 7:00 pm Living the Questions II Activities Building
 7:00 pm The Labyrinth Journey Activities Building

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 19

- 7:00 pm Yoga for Bears: Regular (see ad, p. 11) Activities Building
 7:00 pm Resurrection Singers Rehearsal Music Room
 8:15 pm Yoga for Bears: Advanced (see ad, p. 11) Activities Building

FRIDAY OFFICE CLOSED NOVEMBER 20

- 7:00 pm Friday Night OUT (see ad, p. 7) Kim Son Restaurant

SATURDAY OFFICE CLOSED NOVEMBER 21

- 10:00 am Season of Service Training Activities Building
 10:00 am Creating a Life That Matters Gathering Place
 10:00 am Yoga for Bears: Advanced (see ad, p. 11) Activities Building
 11:15 am Yoga for Bears: Regular (see ad, p. 11) Activities Building
 11:30 pm Future Clergy Meeting Workroom
 1:00 pm Yoga for Bears: Regular (see ad, p. 11) Activities Building
 2:00 pm Hanging of the Greens Preparation Sanctuary
 2:15 pm Yoga for Bears: Advanced (see ad, p. 11) Activities Building

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 22

- 9:00 am Sunday Worship / Rev. Janice Ladd**
 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. Janice Ladd
 1:30 pm HeavenSound Handbells Rehearsal Music Room
 5:00 pm Hanging of the Greens Reception Gathering Place
 6:00 pm Hanging of the Greens Service (see ad, p. 7) Sanctuary