



Resurrection

Metropolitan Community Church

March 7, 2010

Prelude

Anthony White

Jesus, You're the Center of My Joy

by Richard Smallwood

+ Our Community Gathers

Rev. Janice Ladd

+ Exchange of Peace

Mark Eggleston

Hymn

Wind Upon the Waters

Wind upon the waters, voice upon the deep;
Rouse Your sons and daughters, wake us from our sleep.
Breathing life into all flesh, breathing love into all hearts,
Living wind upon the waters of my soul.

Showers from the heaven, water from the earth;
Gift so wholly given, source of every birth.
Joy of every living thing, making all creation sing,
Shower down upon the dry earth of my soul.

Rock and hill and garden, wood and desert sand;
Prairie, field and meadow, shaped by Love's own hand.
Love that fills the world around, springing up from barren ground,
Grow Your love within the garden of my soul.

Blazing light of wonder, flame that pierces night;
Burst the dark asunder, fill our souls with light.
God of glory, fill the skies, make an end to hatred's cries,
Be the blazing Sun of justice in our lives.

Wind upon the waters, rains upon the sand,
Grace your sons and daughters, newborn by your hand.
Come, O Spirit renew all the life that comes from you,
Send winds upon the waters of my souls.

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We Worship

Marty Haugen is a liturgical composer, workshop presenter, performing and recording artist & author from Eagan, Minnesota. He and his wife, Linda, have two children with good partners and a recent grandson.

Currently Marty serves as composer-in-residence at Mayflower United Church of Christ in Minneapolis and serves occasionally as adjunct instructor at United Theological Seminary in New Brighton, Minnesota.

For the past 25 years, Marty has presented hundreds of workshops and concerts across North and Central America, Europe, Asia and the Pacific Rim. He has over 35 recordings and more than 400 separate printed editions available through GIA Publications.

A number of his published songs, including "Shepherd Me, O God," "Gather Us In" and "All Are Welcome" are well-known to many religious denominations.

+ Invocation

Rev. Mona Lopez

+ Please rise in body or spirit.

We Hear the Word

Being a Christian should be the most real there is. It should feel like coming home to a place where you are exposed to so many new ideas you can't integrate them quickly enough; of cheering for your team, surrounded by your friends, of beginning to take risks and make adult choices alone for the first time in your life; of being able to say anything that pops into your mind because you're hanging out with the people you can trust with your life, of going back each September and meeting the new kids and showing them the ropes. That's what being a Christian ought to feel like, a powerful individual on a powerful team: a life with no posturing, no pretending. That's the real real life!

~Martha Grace Reese,
Unbinding Your Heart,
p 43-44.

The more each of us looks to Christ and asks for forgiveness for our gifts, foibles, and mess-ups, the more likely we are to hear other people's ideas, to forgive and to get along. The more the Spirit is leading, the more energy is freed to go into gear. We will experience fewer power struggles and more joy.

~Martha Grace Reese,
Unbinding Your Heart,
p 47.

First Reading

Bill O'Rourke (9 am)
Chris DeJohn (11 am)

Micah 6:6-8

'What shall I bring when I come before God, and bow down before God on high?' you ask. "Am I to come before God with burnt offerings? With year-old calves? Will God be placated by thousands of rams or ten thousand rivers of oil? Should I offer my firstborn for my wrongdoings—the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?"

Listen here, mortal: God has already made abundantly clear what "good" is, and what God needs from you: simply do justice, love kindness, and humbly walk with your God.

Response to the Word

Walk together children, Don't you get weary
Walk together children, Don't you get weary
Oh, walk together children, Don't you get weary
There's a great camp meeting in the promised land

+ Second Reading

DeJuana Jernigan (9 am)
Marion Kirby (11 am)

Ephesians 4:25-5:2

What this adds up to, then, is this: no more lies, no more pretense. Tell your neighbor the truth. In Christ's body we're all connected to each other, after all. When you lie to others, you end up lying to yourself. Go ahead and be angry. You do well to be angry—but don't use your anger as fuel for revenge. And don't stay angry. Don't go to bed angry. Don't give the Devil that kind of foothold in your life.

Did you use to make ends meet by stealing? Well, no more! Get an honest job so that you can help others who can't work. Watch the way you talk. Let nothing foul or dirty come out of your mouth. Say only what helps, each word a gift. Don't grieve God. Don't break God's heart. The Holy Spirit, moving and breathing in you, is the most intimate part of your life, making you fit for God. Don't take such a gift for granted.

Make a clean break with all cutting, backbiting, profane talk. Be gentle with one another, sensitive. Forgive one another as quickly and thoroughly as God in Christ forgave you.

Watch what God does, and then you do it, like children who learn proper behavior from their parents. Mostly what God does is love you. Keep company with God and learn a life of love. Observe how Christ loved us. His love was not cautious but extravagant. He didn't love in order to get something from us but to give everything of himself to us. Love like that.

Anthem

Gospel Ensemble

I'm Available

by Carliss Moody

Spiritual Encouragement

Rev. Janice Ladd

Real Life

Response to the Message

Sing together children, Don' you get weary
Sing together children , Don't you get weary
Oh, shout together children, Don't you get weary
There's a great camp meeting in the promised land

Making Ministry Happen

Elisa Vega-Burns
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Offertory

Resurrection Singers

Grace

Communion

Rev. Kristen Klein-Cechettini

Introduction to Communion

Words of Institution

Prayer of Consecration

Invitation to the Feast

Communion Songs

In Remembrance

In remembrance of me eat this bread
In remembrance of me drink this wine
In remembrance of me pray for the time
When God's own will is done

In remembrance of me heal the sick
In remembrance of me feed the poor
In remembrance of me open the door
And let your brother in, let him in

Take eat and be comforted
Drink and remember too
That this is my body and precious blood
Shed for you, shed for you

In remembrance of me always love
In remembrance of me don't look above
But in your heart, in your heart
Look in your heart for God

Do this in remembrance of me
Do this in remembrance of me
In remembrance of me

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), prayer ministers are available at the Side Altar during communion. The Fishers Net Prayer Ministry is also 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.

Dorothy Norwood

Born in Atlanta, Georgia, Dorothy began singing and touring with her family at the age of eight. In 1956, she moved to Chicago, Illinois, and was soon singing with such notables as the great Mahalia Jackson, the world renowned Caravans, and the incomparable Reverend James Cleveland. Evangelist Norwood launched her solo career in 1964 and recorded her first album Johnny and Jesus on Savoy Records. In her over 36 years in the Gospel Music Industry, Dorothy has recorded over 40 albums, five of which were certified Gold. She has also received numerous awards and citations, including six Grammy nominations. Whether she is with a choir, or her own group, this Gospel Storyteller has an amazing capacity to offer her gifts to God in a most refreshing manner. Because of this, she has become one of the most sought after Gospel artists of today.

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.

Fill My Cup Lord

Like the woman at the well I was seeking
For things that could not satisfy:
And then I heard my Savior speaking:
"Draw from my well that never shall run dry".

Fill my cup Lord, I lift it up, Lord!
Come and quench this thirsting of my soul;
Bread of heaven, Feed me till I want no more
Fill my cup, fill it up and make me whole!

There are millions in this world who are craving
The pleasures earthly things afford;
But none can match the wondrous treasure
That I find in Jesus Christ my Lord.

Fill my cup Lord, I lift it up, Lord!
Come and quench this thirsting of my soul;
Bread of heaven, Feed me till I want no more
Fill my cup, fill it up and make me whole!

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Somebody Prayed For Me

Somebody prayed for me, had me on their mind,
they took the time and prayed for me.
I'm so glad they prayed
I'm so glad they prayed
I'm so glad they prayed for me.

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Victory is Mine

Victory is mine, victory is mine, victory today is mine.
In every situation – all through the day, victory today is mine.

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+ **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Rev. Kristen Klein-Cechettini

+ **Benediction**

Rev. Janice Ladd

Postlude

Anthony White

When we All Get to Heaven

Traditional

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Sunday, 9 & 11 am / Wednesday, 6:30 pm

Children & Youth Worship

Sunday, 11 am

Nursery

Sunday, 9 & 11 am

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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 one month through three 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

Community Gathering

6:00 - 6:30 pm | Activities Building
*bring a brown bag or enjoy a light snack
while you meet new friends.*

Wednesday Worship

6:30 - 7:00 pm | Activities Building
spiritual encouragement, song, and prayer

Life Development Offerings

7:00 - 8:30 pm | Activities Building

Lent

February 24 - March 31

Connection Groups

*Please join us for an
exciting 6-week adventure!*

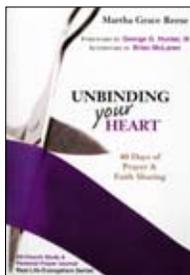
February 24 - March 31

Join us for a very special, all-church study of *Unbinding Your Heart*. "This book is about untying the knots that keep us from living exciting lives" ... with God and with each other. "It's about unbinding the Good News that God adores us and everyone else, that God has shown this to us through Jesus Christ." It's also a prayer journal with many forms of classic Christian prayer included in the daily prayers that accompany the study.

We are calling this rich small group experience an 'E-vent' and we would love to have you as part of one of these groups. You can share in the group experience with no pressure to "do" anything other than read each week's chapter, do the daily prayer exercises and attend six meetings.

People in churches across the country are excited about what is happening in their congregations through their 'E-vents': deeper relationships with God, a rich, meaningful personal prayer life, and a new sense of God's activity in their lives. People are saying they can be more 'real' with others as their relationship with God grows ... and that this extends to relationships within their families and with people in every area of their lives.

We hope to have everyone connected in this study during Lent: February 24 - March 31. We will have groups available every Wednesday night, many throughout the city at different times, and even an online group. Stop by the Gathering Place to sign up for a group.



What is Lent?

Lent is a 40-day liturgical season that begins on Ash Wednesday and concludes on Easter. Sundays are not included in the 40-day count because every Sunday is a joyful celebration of Jesus' resurrection. Though not biblical, Lent has long been a tradition in the Christian Church, and it is thought that the tradition of the 40 days recalls the 40 days Jesus spent in the wilderness, fasting and being tempted by Satan (Matthew 4:1-11). Because of Lent's reflective and penitential nature, worship tends to be more solemn, and purple is the liturgical color of the season. As with many congregations, Resurrection holds mid-week worship services which include devotional activities to share the Lenten disciplines such as service, fasting and prayer in community with one another.

Palm Sunday begins the last week of Lent, known as Holy Week. Holy Week celebrations at Resurrection include: Wednesday – a Service of Discipleship featuring a simple invitational washing ritual based on John 13 ("Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet"); Thursday – a Liberation Seder Celebration featuring a community meal honoring The Last Supper and Jesus' institution of the Sacrament of Holy Communion with the mandate to serve one another in love; and a Good Friday Meditation on the Stations of the Cross commemorating Jesus' imprisonment, trial and crucifixion. Lent culminates on Easter with the celebration of Christ's Resurrection.

God became flesh in Jesus Christ. Jesus faced temptation, he suffered hunger and thirst, he suffered the agony of crucifixion. Jesus did not face these things so that we would be exempt from them, he faced these things so that we would have dignity in them. Jesus came in the flesh and dwelt among us, and suffered hunger and thirst and heat and cold and betrayal and loneliness, and finally also pain and agony and death upon the cross, and in this "journeying with/in humanity" he gave dignity to all who suffer. When, for a day or season, we are overcome by grief or despair and find that we cannot "snap out of it," when we usually rely on our own ability to "think positive" but we find we cannot just "look on the bright side of things" at some point, as Christians we find that Jesus meets us there! In hopelessness we find our hope in Christ and there we can endure unhappiness and sadness and loneliness, we can survive poverty and hunger and thirst; we can face mourning and grief and even death, because Jesus faced all those things! We come to know that Jesus brings life in the very place of death; we can face our own crucifixions in life, because we know that Jesus is "alive and well, his spirit is within us" because he died to live again!

Lent is a time to live our friendship with Jesus. Let us be bold to join him, fasting in the wilderness for forty days during Lent; let us live the journey of our faith – friends of Jesus, alive in God – through these weeks ahead.



**"Worship Through the Arts"
Fresh Start Community Haven Benefit
TODAY, 6 pm**

Progressive Open Door Christian Center
House of Finesse Campus
2912 Wentworth Street, Houston

*Join the Gospel Ensemble
for a community outreach opportunity!*

Fresh Start Community Haven is in need of \$25,000 to get their building up to code and get their Homeless & Emergency Shelter off the ground. This shelter serves SGL/GLBTQ young adults ages 18 to 24, who are residents of the City and County of Houston, and who are either currently homeless or at risk of becoming homeless. All funds received during the program will be donated to Fresh Start. The Gospel Ensemble, as well as Kedric Brown, Dr. Jackie Chambers and Cassandra White, will be offering their gifts towards this incredible cause.



**Pastoral Search Committee
Town Hall Meeting**

Sunday, March 14
12:30 pm, Sanctuary

Join the Pastoral Search Committee for a Town Hall Meeting when we'll share a summary of the survey results. If you are not able to attend the Town Hall meeting, or have any questions about the pastoral search process, please do not hesitate to email us at PastoralSearchCommittee@ResurrectionMCC.org



**Tuesday, March 9
7 pm, Gathering Place**

Your participation in the 2010 Census is critically important!

That's why Equality Texas, Resurrection MCC, the Mexican American Legal Defense & Education Fund, and the U.S. Census are hosting the first Houston LGBT Town Hall!

Come learn about important changes made by the U.S. Census Bureau that will affect how lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people are counted.

The Census Bureau recently announced a policy change. When gay and lesbian couples indicate they are married on the 2010 form, the Census will count them as married. This makes the Census the first Federal agency to recognize marriage of gay and lesbian couples.

While the Census does not ask anyone for their sexual orientation, it is important to note that knowing which "boxes" to check on the Census form will directly affect the counting of LGBT households.

Representatives include:

- Chuck Smith, Equality Texas Interim Executive Director
- Luis Figueroa, Mexican American Legal Defense Fund, Legislative Staff Attorney
- Gabriel A. Sanchez, Dallas Regional Census Center Director
- Elizabeth Lopez, LGBT Partnership Specialist
- Paula Wright, Partnership Information Specialist

*Presented by Equality Texas, Resurrection MCC, and MALDEF,
official partners of the 2010 Census.*



Sunday, March 14
Sam Houston Park

Check-In at 8 am.
Walk begins at 10 am.

Join your Resurrection family as we continue the fight against HIV & AIDS.

To donate or join the team, visit www.ResurrectionMCC.org and click on the AIDS Walk Houston link!



The Sanctuary Choir would like to invite interested singers to sing *Hallelujah* from *Messiah* on Easter Sunday, April 4.

Singers need to attend the following rehearsals:
March 9, 23 & 30 from 7 - 8:30 pm.

Please contact Steven Ponder if interested:
everettsponder@yahoo.com

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 pm

Directed by CC, 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

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 • 8:00 am

This group provides corporate leadership in worship through accompanying congregational song and pieces from other ensembles. Moderate to advanced level of proficiency on your instrument required.

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



Semi-Annual Congregational

Forum

TODAY, 12:30 pm
Sanctuary

Semi-Annual Congregational

Meeting

March 21, 12:30 pm
Sanctuary

Semi-Annual Congregational Reports packets are available at Sanctuary entrances today.



Fishers Net Prayer Ministry:

A Dialogue with God

Our thoughts become words.
Our words become actions.

The book of Matthew, verses 11 - 25 is an interesting read. Within these short verses we find Jesus clearing the Temple and cursing a fig tree. When we contemplate upon the latter action along with the verse John 14:12 "... you will do even greater things than these..." I quiver at the power I hold as a Child of God. Within me, I have the power to send forth healing prayers of comfort for others, prayers in praise and honor of God and petitioning prayers for my own self. On the flip side, I have been given the ability to curse thus capable of tearing down myself and others. Yes, I have the power, we have the power to create or tear down and to love or be unloving. This is why it is vitally important to be in constant prayer with God. While we are in communication with God, it is then our thoughts will be loving, turned into loving words and creating loving actions. Have you touched the heart of someone in a loving way today?

Dear Mother, Father, Creator God, keep me mindful of your teachings. This week, help me reach out to those who have been cursed, so you may touch their lives and through you the curse is lifted. Blessing be to all those who have cursed. Forgive me when I have cursed myself and others. Help me to be uplifting and loving and never lose sight of you living within me. Oh, God, we collectively thank and praise you. Amen.

Do you have a prayer request? Send your requests to Prayers@ResurrectionMCC.org. Postings are published each week in a Praise and Prayer alert email, where others around the country are praying collectively with you. To sign up for Praise and Prayer alerts, go to our Web site and click on the "In Need of Prayer?" link.

Growing stronger in Christ and realizing our Prayers together.

~ Fishers Net Prayer Ministry ~

HOLY WEEK

WEDNESDAY

A Service of Discipleship

Wednesday, March 31
7 pm, Sanctuary

An open contemplative service of discipleship including a simple invitational washing ritual. Join us for this moving reflection upon Jesus' life of love and his call that we join him in it!

John 13: "If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them ..."

And during supper, Jesus, knowing that his Heavenly Parent had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet ... -- John 13:3-5

THURSDAY

A Liberation Seder Celebration

Thursday, April 1
7 pm, Activities Building

A community gathering and ritual meal in celebration of our freedom in God's steadfast love! All are welcome at this table celebration of food, fellowship, and God's liberating faithfulness!

Luke 22: "Go and prepare the Passover meal for us that we may eat it."

When the hour came, he took his place at the table, and the apostles with him. He said to them, "I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer; I tell you, I will not eat it again until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God." Then he took the cup . . . -- Luke 22:14-17

FRIDAY

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

Friday, April 2
7 pm, Sanctuary

A reflective journey into the heart of holy compassion, broken open on the path of the cross. Together we bear witness to Jesus' life of "no greater love" — the Way of the Cross...

John 18: "Whom are you looking for ...?"

Then Jesus, knowing all that was to happen to him, came forward and asked them, "Whom are you looking for?" They answered, "Jesus of Nazareth." Jesus replied, "I am he." Judas, who betrayed him, was standing with them. -- John 18:4-5

Easter

April 4 • 9 & 11 am



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

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



Kroger Neighbor to Neighbor New Enrollment Period

The *Neighbor to Neighbor* program allows Resurrection MCC the opportunity to earn a portion of \$1 million that will be donated annually. The program earning period is July 1, 2009 through April 30, 2010. During the last program period, Resurrection MCC earned almost \$2,000!

To participate in the program, simply take this printed page on your next shopping trip and have the cashier scan it at the beginning of the order.

Below are a few frequently asked questions of the program:

Can a household “link” their Kroger Plus Card to more than one organization at a time?

No, the system allows for one organization per household. To change organizations, you must present your Kroger Plus Card and the new organization’s barcode to the cashier.

Do I have to enroll each program year?

YES, all organization’s and participants must re-enroll for each new enrollment period. The current *Neighbor to Neighbor* Program is effective July 1, 2009 through April 30, 2010.

Do I have to scan the organization letter each time I shop?

No, once the barcode is scanned with your plus card, you are enrolled for the remainder of the program year, ending on April 30, 2010.

How much can my organization earn?

The *Kroger Neighbor to Neighbor* Donation Program will donate \$1 million annually. Each organization will earn a percentage of the \$1 million equal to the percentage of total earned contributions attributable to that organization.

RESURRECTION METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH



Additional information available at
www.krogerneighbortoneighbor.com

Kroger cashier: Please scan customer’s Kroger Plus Card at the beginning of the order, and then scan the above barcode. The customer’s Kroger Plus Card is now enrolled in the Kroger Neighbor to Neighbor Donation Program.

LGBTQ Solutions for Living Well

Professional Services Provided at
Resurrection MCC Wellness Center



Women's Group (full)

Focused on, but not limited to, the coming out process, improving self-esteem, identity clarification and establishing healthy relationships.

Therapist: Tammy S. Fountain, LPC, ATR-BC
Call 832-863-8221 for an intake appointment when availability opens.

There is hope for change, empowerment and living authentically!

Connections: A 12-Session Psychoeducational Shame Resilience Curriculum

Tuesdays
6 - 7:15 pm

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.

Connections

A 12-Session
Psychoeducational
Shame-Resilience
Curriculum



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

Young Adult Group

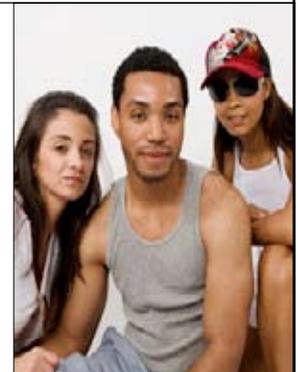
Tuesdays, 6 - 7:15 pm, begins in May.

Facilitated by Tammy S. Fountain,
LPC, ATR-BC. Call 832-863-8221.

Ages 20 to 30-something

All Sexual Orientations &
Gender Identities Welcome

Focused on, but not limited to, healthy living, goal setting, the coming out process, improving self-esteem, identity clarification and establishing healthy relationships.



Men's Group Therapy

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.



Group open, space limited. Mondays, 6:00 - 7:15 pm

Therapist: Michael Mann, LCSW.

Call 713-446-8034 for an intake appointment.

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

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Adolescents & Adults

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Children, Adolescents & Adults

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

True giving is not so much calculated actions as in cultivating warm-hearted impulses.

~ Anonymous

Board Members on Duty

Debbie Skelly & Wayne Wiggins

Board Minutes Available Upon Request.

Increase OUR Imagine Campaign Fund



How can YOU increase OUR Imagine Campaign Fund? Here's how...

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First session is free.

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Flowers in the Sanctuary

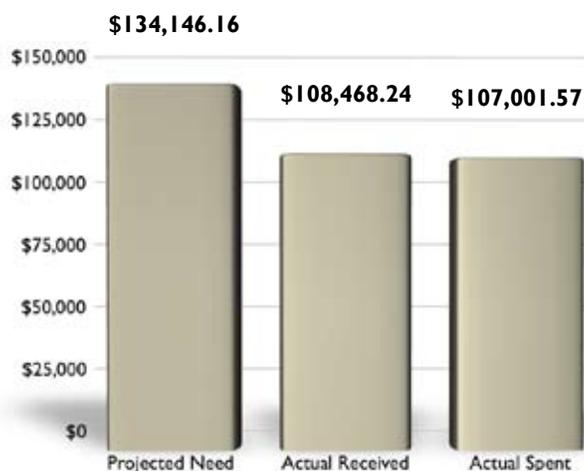
Consider donating flowers in memory of a loved one or to celebrate a special day.

Sign up on the Flower Chart in the Welcome Area.

General Fund Financial Report

Week Ending February 28, 2010

		Week	Year
Tithes & Offerings			
02/28/10 9:00 am	142	\$4,678.88	\$24,938.84
02/28/10 11:00 am	410	\$9,115.14	\$52,018.29
02/24/10 6:30 pm	80	\$100.51	\$1,628.88
Special Services			\$857.75
Online Giving		\$845.84	\$11,968.83
Other Contributions		\$629.77	\$8,343.54
Total	632	\$15,370.14	\$99,756.13
Other General Fund Income			
Fundraising			\$2,414.00
Miscellaneous		\$700.00	\$6,298.11
Total Received		\$16,070.14	\$108,468.24
Projected Need per Budget		\$15,955.77	\$134,146.16
Total Exceeded Need / (Did Not Meet Need)		\$114.37	(\$25,677.92)
Total Imagine Capital Campaign		\$959.00	\$18,759.18



This Week @ ResurrectionMCC.org

SUNDAY MARCH 7

8:00 am	Adeste Praise Band Rehearsal	Sanctuary
9:00 am	Sunday Worship / Rev. Janice Ladd	
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. Janice Ladd	
12:30 pm	Semi-Annual Congregational Forum	Sanctuary
1:30 pm	HeavenSound Handbells Rehearsal	Music Room

MONDAY MARCH 8

7:00 pm	US Census 2010 LGBT Town Hall	Gathering Place
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TUESDAY MARCH 9

7:00 pm	Gospel Ensemble Rehearsal	Music Room
7:00 pm	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary

WEDNESDAY MARCH 10

6:00 pm	The Chalice: Community Gathering	Activities Building
6:30 pm	The Chalice: Wednesday Worship	Activities Building
7:00 pm	The Chalice: Unbinding Your Heart	Activities Building

THURSDAY MARCH 11

6:00 pm	Pastoral Search Committee Meeting	Workroom
7:00 pm	Resurrection Singers Rehearsal	Music Room

FRIDAY OFFICE CLOSED MARCH 12

No Events Scheduled.

SATURDAY OFFICE CLOSED MARCH 13

10:00 am	Creating a Life That Matters (full)	Gathering Place
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SUNDAY MARCH 14

8:00 am	AIDS Walk Houston 2010	Sam Houston Park
8:00 am	Adeste Praise Band Rehearsal	Sanctuary
9:00 am	Sunday Worship / Mark Eggleston	
10:15 am	Fisher's Net Prayer Ministry (Everyone Welcome)	Chapel
10:45 am	Youth Ministries Program	Activities Building
11:00 am	Sunday Worship / Mark Eggleston	
12:30 pm	Pastoral Search Committee Town Hall	Sanctuary
1:30 pm	HeavenSound Handbells Rehearsal	Music Room