



# Resurrection

Metropolitan Community Church

October 3, 2010

**Prelude**

Joel Hammett

*For All the Saints*  
arranged by Lani Smith

**Our Community Gathers**

Rev. Janice Ladd  
Mark Eggleston

**+ Hymn**

*Water Flowing from the Mountains*

Water flowing from the mountains  
Water flowing o'er the earth  
Water comes to us so precious  
Living water gives us birth

*(chorus)*

Drink deep the source of life  
Drink deep and know  
For living water sings, and living water brings  
the love that makes our spirit grow

Water rushing down the rivers  
Water rushing to the sea  
Water comes to us so precious  
Living water makes us free *(chorus)*

Water springing in the dry place  
Water springing in the sun  
Water comes to us so precious  
Living water for each one. *(chorus)*

**+ Invocation**

Rev. Mona Lopez

## World Communion Sunday

Since 1936 churches have been celebrating World Communion Sunday on the first Sunday in October. World Communion Sunday is a time to be in communion with Christians all over the world and to enable us to press on toward the goal of serving God in life-changing ministries. The day has taken on new relevancy and depth of meaning in a world where globalization often has undermined peace and justice – and in a time when fear divides the peoples of God's earth. On this day we celebrate our oneness in Christ, the Prince of Peace, in the midst of the world we are called to serve – a world ever more in need of peacemaking.

+ Please rise in body or spirit.

## We Listen

If we listen to Luke 17:5-10 with new ears, we hear Jesus answer the disciples with kindness, and maybe even a bit of a smile.

"Why, you do not need more faith," he says. "Even this much faith (his thumb and forefinger pinching together again) is enough!" If we hear Jesus speak with the voice of love, we hear him telling the apostles that, in fact, they already have enough faith to do whatever is required of them.

Given the verses that precede these, we can understand why the disciples might ask for more faith. Jesus has just told them that discipleship is more demanding than imagined. They are accountable to one another. In fact, drowning in the sea would be preferable to causing a brother or sister to go astray.

If we are wronged, he insists, they are to draw from a bottomless well of forgiveness.

It is no wonder that the disciples cry out, "Increase our faith!" They are not sure they are up to this, but Jesus changes the question from "How much faith is enough?" to "What is faith for?" He tells them, through image and story, "You already have the faith you need. Now fulfill its purpose: live it."

Adapted from  
*Feasting on the Word*,  
Proper 22 Year C,  
Volume 4, page 142.

## First Reading

Aileen North (9 am)  
Terry Smith (11 am)

### *Luke 12:35-40*

"Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves. "But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Promised One is coming at an unexpected hour."

## Musical Interlude

### *I Can Feel You*

I can feel you near me God I can feel you near  
Yes I know you're with me God I feel you here  
I can feel you near me God I can feel you near  
Yes I know you're with me God Heaven is here

And I'll jump for joy, I'm singing Alleluia  
Jump for joy for you  
I will jump for joy, I'm singing Alleluia  
Jump for joy for you

## + Second Reading

Loyal Kletzien (9 am)  
DeJuana Jernigan (11 am)

### *Luke 17:5-10*

The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" The Lord replied, "If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you. "Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, 'Come here at once and take your place at the table'? Would you not rather say to him, 'Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink'? Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, 'We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!'"

**Anthem**

Gospel Ensemble

***There's a Liftin' of the Hands***

Words & Music by Tim Johnson

**Spiritual Encouragement**

Rev. Dr. Stephen Sprinkle

***The "Nerve" of God***

**Musical Interlude**

***I Can Feel You***

I can feel you loving me yes I know you care  
God I know you're loving me always everywhere  
I can feel you loving me yes I know you care  
God I know you're loving me I know you're there

And I'll jump for joy, I'm singing Alleluia  
Jump for joy for you  
I will jump for joy, I'm singing Alleluia  
Jump for joy for you

**Making Ministry Happen**

Mary Wagner  
Pastoral Search Committee

**Offertory**

Gospel Ensemble

***Give me Jesus***

**Communion**

Rev. Kristen Klein-Cechettini

**Communion Songs**

***Let There Be Peace on Earth***

Let there be peace on earth  
And let it begin with me.  
Let there be peace on earth  
The peace that was meant to be.  
With God as our Creator  
Family all are we.  
Let me walk with my family  
In perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me  
Let this be the moment now.  
With every step I take  
Let this be my solemn vow.  
To take each moment  
And live each moment  
With peace eternally.  
Let there be peace on earth,  
And let it begin with me.

**Rev. Dr. Sprinkle**

Rev. Dr. Stephen V. Sprinkle is tenured as an Associate Professor of Practical Theology, and has held the office of Director of Field Education and Supervised Ministry since 1994 at Brite Divinity School. A native of North Carolina, he is an ordained minister of the Alliance of Baptists. He is the first open and out gay member of the Brite Divinity School Faculty, and the first gay scholar to be tenured in its 96 year history.

Dr. Sprinkle is the author of several articles and of two books, *Disciples and Theology* (1997) and *Ordination* (2004). His current major research project is chronicling the stories of LGBT Hate Crimes victims in the United States, entitled, *Unfinished Lives: Reviving the Memory of LGBT Hate Crimes Victims*. The book is forthcoming this year. Dr. Sprinkle has chosen to tell the stories of 14 out of the hundreds of LGBT people murdered for their sexual orientation, in order to call the country to enact hate crimes laws for the protection of all Americans. He and his partner Rob Rodriguez live in Dallas, Texas.

Visit his blog at [unfinishedlivesblog.com](http://unfinishedlivesblog.com)

## 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.

## 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.

## 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.

## Prayer

If you are in need of prayer support, you can find prayer partners available during our time of communion or after worship in the right wing of the Sanctuary.

## *Thy Word is a Lamp Unto My Feet*

*Chorus:*

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet, And a light unto my path  
Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet, And a light unto my path

When I feel afraid, Think I've lost my way  
Still You're there right beside me  
And nothing will I fear, As long as You are near  
Please be near me to the end (*Chorus*)

## *Take My Life*

Holiness, holiness is what I long for. Holiness is what I need.  
Holiness, holiness is what You want from me.  
So take my heart; conform it. Take my mind; transform it.  
Take my will; conform it to Yours, to Yours, oh Lord.

Faithfulness, faithfulness is what I long for. Faithfulness is what I need.  
Faithfulness, faithfulness is what You want from me.  
So take my heart; conform it. Take my mind; transform it.  
Take my will; conform it to Yours, to Yours, oh Lord.

So take my heart; conform it. Take my mind; transform it.  
Take my will; conform it to Yours, to Yours, oh Lord.  
Righteousness, righteousness is what I long for. Righteousness is what I need.  
Righteousness, righteousness is what You want from me.

## *Holy Ground*

We are standing on holy ground,  
and I know that there are angels all around.  
Let us praise Jesus now,  
We are standing in God's presence  
We are standing in God's presence  
We are standing in God's presence on holy ground.

+ **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Rev. Kristen Klein-Cechettini

+ **Benediction**

Rev. Dr. Stephen Sprinkle

**Postlude**

*A Call to Victory*

Arranged by David Paxton

Anthony White

# SEMI-ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL FORUM

TODAY | 12:30 PM | SANCTUARY



**Senior Pastor Candidate will be announced at the Forum!**

Come meet your Lay Delegate candidates, and review the 2011 proposed budget and bylaw changes.

## Executive Team

### Rev. Janice Ladd

Executive Pastor

RevJanice@ResurrectionMCC.org (x104)

### Mark Eggleston

Director of Outreach

Mark@ResurrectionMCC.org (x106)

### Joy Jolley

Director of Operations (Interim)

Joy@ResurrectionMCC.org (x102)

### Rev. Kristen Klein-Cechettini

Director of Life Development

RevKristen@ResurrectionMCC.org (x107)

### Cassandra White

Director of Worship (Part-time, Interim)

Gospel Ensemble Director

Cassandra@ResurrectionMCC.org (x109)

## Professional Stipend

### Joel Hammett

Organist & Accompanist

### Debbie Mansfield

Nursery Coordinator

### Sara Navarro

Graphic Artist

Sara@ResurrectionMCC.org (x112)

### Joel Palomares

Youth Ministries Program Coordinator

Joel@ResurrectionMCC.org

### Steven Ponder

Sanctuary Choir Director

### Anthony White

Gospel Ensemble Pianist

### Jim Winslett

HeavenSound Handbells Director

### Jose I. Zuniga

Facilities Technician

Jose@ResurrectionMCC.org

## Volunteer

### Rev. Pat Farnan

Volunteer Clergy

RevPat@ResurrectionMCC.org

### Rev. Mona Lopez

Volunteer Clergy

RevMona@ResurrectionMCC.org

## Worship

Sunday, 9 & 11 am

Children & Youth Worship

Sunday, 11 am

Nursery

Sunday, 9 & 11 am

## Resurrection MCC

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www.ResurrectionMCC.org

# 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 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 & 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 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. Metropolitan Community Churches, founded in 1968, is a human-rights movement and ministry operating as a Christian denomination in 22 countries around the world. MCC is an international advocate for vulnerable people in places where religious orthodoxy, sexism, and homophobia can result in violence and death.

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. We embrace four core values:

## Core Values

### Inclusion

Love is our greatest moral value and resisting exclusion is a primary focus of our ministry. We want to continue to be the conduits of a faith where everyone is included in the family of God, and where all parts of our being are welcomed at God's table.

### Community

Offering a safe and open community for people to worship, learn and grow in their faith is our deep desire. We are committed to equipping ourselves and each other to do the work that God has called us to do in the world.

### Spiritual Transformation

Providing a message of liberation from the oppressive religious environment of our day or to those experiencing God for the first time is what guides our ministry. We believe that when people are invited to experience God through the life and ministry of Christ, lives will be transformed.

### Social Action

Working to talk less and do more, we are committed to resisting the structures that oppress people and standing with those who suffer under the weight of oppressive systems, being guided always by our commitment to Global Human Rights.

# The Chalice

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

## Where Will You Journey?

### COMMUNITY GATHERING

6:00 - 7:00 pm | Activities Building

Bring a brown bag and purchase a drink or snack from Inspirations Coffee Cafe while you meet new friends.

### LIFE DEVELOPMENT OFFERINGS

7:00 - 8:30 pm | Activities Building

several classes, many paths...

### OFFERING ONE

5 Weeks - Open to All

## The Open Table: An Invitation to Know God

September 22 - October 20

The Open Table: An Invitation to Know God is simply that: an open invitation for discussion about some of life's greatest questions – What Do You Think About God? What is Christianity? Can I Know God? Who Is Jesus? – and reflection on how our understandings of these things affect our lives. Join us for this 5-part DVD-based exploration by Donald Miller (Blue Like Jazz) open to all; especially suited for those on the **Seeking** and **Exploring** Paths in their Journey of Faith! RSVP and questions to RevKristen@ResurrectionMCC.org or 713-861-9149 x107.



### OFFERING TWO

5 Weeks - Open to All

## To Have and to Hold: Spiritual Insights on Marriage and Commitment for Lesbian and Gay Couples

September 22 - October 20

Same-gender couples can establish meaningful, loving, and life-long relationships that bless and glorify God as we practice honesty and willingness and choices which enable us to build our relationships on time-tested spiritual principles. This 5-part series created by MCC Pastor Rev. Jeff Miner is geared toward couples and singles seeking to strengthen their spiritual foundation for present or future committed relationships; open to all - great for those on the **Exploring** Path in their Journey of Faith! RSVP and questions to RevKristen@ResurrectionMCC.org or 713-861-9149 x107.



"I'm not sure where to begin . . ."

"Is this workshop right for me?"

"I'm looking for something for beginners . . ."

"I need something to challenge me to take the next step . . ."

As we make our way On the Journey of Faith ... we often find that although we frequently travel in one another's company, we step onto the path from individual starting points, we navigate our way by an inner compass unique to our own soul, and we find ourselves drawn in distinctive ways into relationship with God. Beginning this Fall you will find that each of our Life Development offerings is identified by one or more of the following "Path" designations – Seeking, Exploring, Deepening, Serving, Grounding – as a suggestive guide to formulating personal Journey Maps for engaging Life Development offerings which might best "meet you where you are" in your spiritual growth and education journey. Check out the brief descriptions below as guides which you may find helpful in identifying where you are, and planning where you want to go - and grow!

~ Those on the **Seeking Path** are often in motion with their faith! Possibly recovering from faith experiences that no longer fit, possibly rediscovering faith longings buried long ago, discovering whole new possibilities for their life of faith, those on the Seeking Path are often interested in trying this, trying that, letting go of old stuff, trying out new stuff, questioning, experimenting, and just generally enjoying the faith adventure!

~ Those on the **Exploring Path** are often diving into their faith! Possibly alight or "on fire" with new or renewed experiences of the Divine, those on the Exploring Path often desire passionate engagement with the principles and practices of faith, are learning new ways to pray and read Scripture, and are exploring more fully who Jesus is for them and what it might mean for them to get up close and personal with God!

~ Those on the **Deepening Path** are often being called to new depths of practice in their faith! Possibly responding to a challenging or renewed sense of God's Presence or Call in their lives, those on the Deepening Path are often already engaged in regular disciplines of prayer, study and service – but find they are suddenly restless for more: more intimacy with God, more authenticity within themselves, more surrendered love for others ... more deepening into the Way of discipleship!

~ Those on the **Serving Path** are often practicing servant-ministry as the heart of their faith! Possibly also travelers on the Seeking, Exploring or Deepening Paths at times, those on the Serving Path often discover God, come into relationship with God, or experience faithfulness to God most vividly in the practice of serving others, and as such their preferred Path is one of servant-ministry: becoming transparent for the Presence of God in loving service to God's children!

~ Those on the **Grounding Path** are sowing and strengthening the Foundations of their faith! Possibly already traveling on any of the other Paths, or maybe preparing the way before they venture forth, those stepping onto the Grounding Path are often engaging "the basics" of the "God-stuff" (who is God and what does that mean in my life?), the "me-stuff" (what do I believe and how do I live true to that?), and the "we-stuff" (what is MCC all about and how does that shape Resurrection?) as they map their spiritual journey of faith!

## Get Connected to a First Impressions Ministry

### Concierge Desk

**Donna McRoberts**

[Concierge@ResurrectionMCC.org](mailto: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

**Kecia Bullock**

[Inspirations@ResurrectionMCC.org](mailto: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.

### Ushers

**Milton Ressimann**

[Ushers@ResurrectionMCC.org](mailto: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

**Donna McRoberts**

[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 Rev. Janice at [RevJanice@ResurrectionMCC.org](mailto:RevJanice@ResurrectionMCC.org) or 713-861-9149 x104.**

## FRIDAY NIGHT OUT NORTH



**Friday, October 8, 7 pm**

**Saltgrass Steakhouse  
19533 I-45 (near Lake Woodlands Dr)  
The Woodlands**

Make new friends and reconnect with those you know over a shared meal at our newest social gathering, Friday Night OUT North!

RSVP to

[FridayNightOUTNorth@ResurrectionMCC.org](mailto:FridayNightOUTNorth@ResurrectionMCC.org)

*Friday Night OUT North meets on the second Fridays of each month.*

### OCTOBER 3



### Fishers Net Prayer Ministry

*A Dialogue with God by Ron Reeser*

*Enemies*

While at work, instead of waiting for a particular news report, I looked up the C-SPAN website to watch the news live. Well needless to say I just got upset and then angry. Yes, anger in some cases, is a healthy emotion, just not for me at that particular time. I was offended and agast at what I was witnessing and then the negative ill thoughts starting flooding my mind. On the drive home, in a calmer state, I realized I was putting my energy in what I did not want and not in what I wanted. I was sending out negative energy and not positive energy. I also remembered Jesus instructs us to "... Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you." (1 Matthew 5:44) We have a choice to make, continue with our angry-selves or follow the teachings of Jesus.

Dear Jesus, we come to you today for help. We come to you today for wisdom and calmness. Not to get all upset at those who persecute us, but to pray for them. Oh, Lord, you know it is hard for us, but we know all things are possible through and within you. Please stand with us; continue to bless us and bless those who persecute us. Amen.

Join us each Sunday in the Chapel between services or near the Prayer Wall after our 11 am Worship service for one-on-one personal prayer. You can also send your requests to [Prayers@ResurrectionMCC.org](mailto:Prayers@ResurrectionMCC.org). Requests are immediately prayed over by the Fishers Net Prayer members and published each week in a Praise and Prayer alert email (unless your request is to remain anonymous). 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 ~*

## Opportunity to serve on the MCC Board of Pensions, USA



**Back Row:** Rev. Wes Mullins,  
Rev. Mark Bidwell, Robert Pope

**Front Row:** Devon Avery, Bill Hooper, Rev. Carolyn Mobley,  
Hank Hueber, Chuck Phelan

Our MCC clergy are the lifeblood of our community. The MCC Pension Plan is one way we show them we care about their future. The Board of Pensions is an active board which not only oversees the clergy pension plan, but strives to improve and expand it as well.

We have 2 openings on our National Board, which carry a four year term. Marketing, communication and/or technological skills would perfectly complement our current Board make up. Please contact us for more information. We will provide applications to those interested. Successful candidates will be appointed by the Governing Board and Moderator.

Our deadline to receive resumes/references is October 15, 2010. Please send to: Devon Avery, President, UFMCC BOP dhavery@att.net

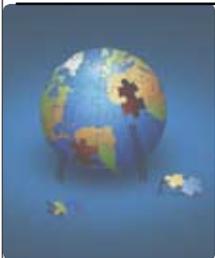


## "SECOND SUNDAY" FRIEND-RAISER BRUNCH

**Sunday, October 17**  
Activities Building, 12:30 pm

Enjoy burgers and hot dogs and meet our  
Senior Pastor Candidate!

## EQUALITY MINISTRY MEETING



**Monday | October 4**  
6:30 pm | Gathering Place

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

Questions or to Sign up:  
Equality@ResurrectionMCC.org



## *Sabbath Saturday*

**Saturday | October 16 | 10 am - Noon**

Houston Arboretum | 4501 Woodway Dr.  
Houston, TX 77024 | houstonarboretum.org

Refresh your soul with special time spent nourishing your relationship with God! Participants gather by 10 am at the entrance to the Houston Arboretum. From there we 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. This time of opening is followed by an hour of silent individual contemplative practice in the beauty of nature, after which we will reconvene to break silence, share prayer, insights and a simple lunch. Open to all; excellent for those on the Exploring and Deepening Paths in their Journey of Faith! RSVP and questions to RevKristen@ResurrectionMCC.org.



## Kids Communicate God's Love Every Fifth Sunday!

Come allow your kids to experience the joy of giving! Sign up your kids to serve at the Fifth Sunday services in the Sanctuary today. Every fifth Sunday our students will have the opportunity to serve as ushers, greeters, and eucharistic ministers. Experience the greatness of our kids!

Sign them up on Sundays in the Activity Building after Children's Church, or email Joel@ResurrectionMCC.org



**I Want You!**

Do you have a smile, a hello, and 20 minutes a month?  
That's all it takes to be a part of the Welcome ministry.

Contact Donna at: Welcome@ResurrectionMCC.org



## Pastoral Search Committee Update

October 3, 2010

### Senior Pastor Candidate Selected!

The Pastoral Search Committee is pleased to announce that we have selected the Senior Pastor Candidate whom we feel God is calling to Resurrection MCC to be our next Senior Pastor.

**The candidate will be announced at the Semi-Annual Congregational Forum today at 12:30 pm. We hope that you will be able to join us for this historic occasion.**

We ask that you keep the future of Resurrection MCC in your daily prayers. Please set aside a few minutes each day to say a prayer for the candidate and all the possibilities that God has prepared for us.

As always, if you have any questions regarding the pastoral search process, please feel free to contact us at [PastoralSearchCommittee@ResurrectionMCC.org](mailto:PastoralSearchCommittee@ResurrectionMCC.org).

Yours in Christ,  
The Resurrection MCC Pastoral Search Committee

# QUEEN OF HEARTS: FIRST ANNUAL MASQUERADE BALL

SATURDAY | OCTOBER 30, 2010  
7- 11 PM | ACTIVITIES BLDG. | \$25



hors d'oeuvres, wine, dancing, and silent auction

*"Find a mask and wear it well, your true identity no one can tell. Place a heart in a secret location, finding the hearts of others is your invitation."*

Proceeds support the ministries of Resurrection MCC

Tickets available in Inspirations Coffee Cafe and online at [www.ResurrectionMCC.org](http://www.ResurrectionMCC.org)

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED for Masquerade Ball Fundraiser Planning Committee

This team will assist with preparations for our Masquerade Ball on Saturday, October 30, 2010. For questions and to volunteer, contact Tricia Phillips at [Masquerade@ResurrectionMCC.org](mailto:Masquerade@ResurrectionMCC.org)

# imagine ...REALITY

Thank you for your contributions to our Imagine Capital Campaign. Some of the results from your commitment have been...building improvements, audio/video expansion, life development offerings and debt reduction...but we're not done yet...

Please join us in the final phase of our **Imagine... REALITY** Capital Campaign from now until December 2011! There are several ways you can financially support the campaign...finish your initial pledge, make a new commitment for this segment or contribute to a specific project (see pledge card).

Prayerfully consider your part in our **Imagine... REALITY** Capital Campaign as we continue to dream...believe...give...live.

Kecia Bullock  
**Imagine...REALITY**  
Co-Chair

Janetta Ross  
**Imagine...REALITY**  
Co-Chair



# DISCOVERING MY SPIRITUAL GIFTS

Saturday, October 23, 9 am - Noon  
Gathering Place

As a community, we are interrelated and interdependent, much like the human body. Finding our part in the body comes from discovering and utilizing our spiritual gifts. The goal of this class is to help participants discover and develop their spiritual gifts, place them in meaningful ministry opportunities that best suit their unique gifts and abilities, and stimulate creativity in God's gifted people for the purpose of developing new ministries. Join us and find your unique fit in the body of Christ as we build up our community. Great for those on Seeking and Exploring Paths. Breakfast will be served. Please RSVP to [Connections@ResurrectionMCC.org](mailto:Connections@ResurrectionMCC.org) or 713-861-9149 x104.

It's our 10 year Anniversary!

  
*decadent  
 dessert  
 and more*  
**10-10-10**



**810 Pacific Street**  
**4:00 – 8:00 pm**

8 pm. stay & continue partying. No additional charge.  
**Mistress of Ceremonies: Nancy Ford**  
 Entertainment, Food, Fun and so much more...

Benefiting:   
**www.assisthers.org**

Admission Tickets: \$25  
 (\$30 at door)

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**Board Members on Duty**

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**Flowers in the Sanctuary**

Consider donating flowers in memory of a loved one  
 or to celebrate a special day. Email the date and message to  
 Mark@ResurrectionMCC.org or call 713-861-9149 x106.

**General Fund Financial Report**

**Week Ending September 26, 2010**

		<b>Week</b>	<b>Year</b>
<i>Tithes &amp; Offerings</i>			
09/26/10 9:00 am	147	\$8,598.15	\$139,654.19
09/26/10 11:00 am	232	\$4,953.53	\$237,790.08
09/22/10 6:30 pm	55	72.00	\$3,020.70
Special Services			\$1,388.75
Special Anniversary Offerings			\$19,491.60
Online Giving		\$1,690.00	\$61,754.25
Other Contributions		\$680.00	\$47,490.92
<b>Total</b>	<b>434</b>	<b>\$15,993.68</b>	<b>\$510,590.49</b>
<i>Other General Fund Income</i>			
Fundraising			\$15,767.43
Miscellaneous		\$70.00	\$50,612.15
<b>Total Received</b>		<b>\$16,063.68</b>	<b>\$576,970.07</b>

**Stewardship Thought for the Week**

*If I recognize that what I have is not  
 my own, and accept my role as a mere  
 steward, then I give only because of the  
 response of my full heart to a gracious  
 God. I am giving out of love.*

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**Total Imagine Capital Campaign**      **\$1,125.00**      **\$64,273.56**




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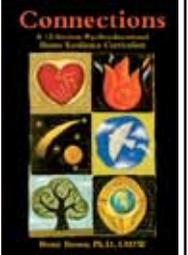
Group open, space limited. Mondays, 6:00 - 7:15 pm  
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# This Week @ ResurrectionMCC.org

## SUNDAY OCTOBER 3

**9:00 am Sunday Worship / Dr. Stephen Sprinkle**  
 10:15 am Fisher's Net Prayer Ministry *Chapel*  
 10:45 am Youth Ministries Program *Activities Building*  
**11:00 am Sunday Worship / Dr. Stephen Sprinkle**  
**12:30 pm Semi-Annual Congregational Forum** *Sanctuary*  
 1:30 pm HeavenSound Handbells Rehearsal *Music Room*

## MONDAY OCTOBER 4

6:30 pm Equality Ministry Meeting *Gathering Place*

## TUESDAY OCTOBER 5

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

## WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 6

6:00 pm The Chalice: Community Gathering *Activities Building*  
 7:00 pm The Chalice: The Open Table *Activities Building*  
 7:00 pm The Chalice: Have and to Hold *Activities Building*  
 7:00 pm The Chalice: Start>Becoming a Good Samaritan *Activities Building*

## THURSDAY OCTOBER 7

## FRIDAY OFFICE CLOSED OCTOBER 8

7:00 pm Friday Night OUT North *Saltgrass Steakhouse*

## SATURDAY OFFICE CLOSED OCTOBER 9

## SUNDAY OCTOBER 10

**9:00 am Sunday Worship / Joy Jolley**  
 10:15 am Fisher's Net Prayer Ministry *Chapel*  
 10:45 am Youth Ministries Program *Activities Building*  
**11:00 am Sunday Worship / Joy Jolley**  
 1:30 pm HeavenSound Handbells Rehearsal *Music Room*