



Resurrection

Metropolitan Community Church

October 24, 2010

Prelude

HeavenSound Handbells

Change Ring

Prelude on Divinum Mysterium by Fred Gramann

Our Community Gathers

Rev. Kristen Klein-Cechettini
Mark Eggleston

+ Hymn

Welcome (Let's Walk Together)



1. Let's walk to - geth - er for a while and
 2. Let's talk to - geth - er of a time when
 3. Let's dream to - geth - er of the day when
 ask where we be - gin____ to build a world where
 we will share a feast,____ where pride and pow - er
 earth and heaven are one,____ a ci - ty built of
 love can grow and hope can en - ter in,____ — to
 kneel to serve the lone - ly and the least,____ — and
 love and light, the new Je - ru - sa - lem,____ where our
 be the hands of heal - ing____ and to plant the seeds of peace,
 joy will set the ta - ble____ as we join our hands to pray,
 mourn - ing turns to danc - ing,____ ev' ry crea - ture lifts its voice!
Refrain
 Bsus B E A B
 — Sing - ing wel - come,
 — Sing - ing wel - come, wel - come to this place. You're in -
 Cry - ing wel - come!
 B E A/C# B Bm⁹ E⁷ Amaj⁷
 vit - ed to come and know God's grace. All are wel - come the
 A/C# B F#/A# F#m⁷ E/G# Amaj⁷ B
 love of God to share____ 'cause all of us are wel - come here;
 C#m EMaj⁹/B F#m⁷ E/G# Asus A E
 — all are wel - come in this place....

+ Please rise in body or spirit.

We Gather

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

This song eloquently announces today's hope for tomorrow's Church. Written by United Methodist

Deacon Laurie Zelman and contemporary composer, Mark A. Miller, the lyrics illuminate a vision of the Church as the starting place to model a peaceful and just world. The music, by Mark A. Miller, matches the intention of the lyrics, using stanzas as the necessary preparatory ground that leads to the joyful affirmation that "All are welcome" in the refrain. As Christians, this song holds us accountable to Jesus' message of inclusion and equality."

We Listen

The parable of the Pharisee and the tax collector in Luke 18:9-14 is about more than who should be humbled and who exalted. Embedded in this story is the often overlooked message about being in true relationship with God.

The idea of righteousness in the New Testament points to a relationship between the individual and God. When a person is designated as righteous, it means that she is in right relationship with God. How this relationship is understood varies somewhat in the New Testament, but in all instances, the writers maintain that

God initiates this relationship. The same is true for Judaism. The practices described in these passages then are responses to God's grace not a prerequisite for it. In this case, the Pharisee was righteous — in right relationship with God — before doing any of the actions described in the text.

The problem with the Pharisee's prayer comes out in 18:11- "God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector." The Pharisee in this passage mistakes his circumstances with a divinely ordained caste system. In his mind, devout people like himself are part of God's "in group," while everyone else is excluded. In other words, the surprising issue we find in this parable is one of inclusion.

~ Out in Scripture, 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Proper 25, Year C.

+ Invocation

Rev. Mona Lopez

First Reading

Joel Palomares (9 am)
Marion Kirby (11 am)

Joel 2:23-32

O children of Zion, be glad and rejoice in the Lord your God; for God has given the early rain for your vindication, God has poured down for you abundant rain, the early and the later rain, as before. The threshing-floors shall be full of grain, the vats shall overflow with wine and oil. I will repay you for the years that the swarming locust has eaten, the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter, my great army, which I sent against you. You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied, and praise the name of the Lord your God, who has dealt wondrously with you. And my people shall never again be put to shame. You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I, the Lord, am your God and there is no other. And my people shall never again be put to shame.

Then afterwards I will pour out my spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your elders shall dream dreams, and your young people shall see visions. Even on the male and female slaves, in those days, I will pour out my spirit. I will show portents in the heavens and on the earth, blood and fire and columns of smoke. The sun shall be turned to darkness, and the moon to blood, before the great and terrible day of the Lord comes. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved; for in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be those who escape, as the Lord has said, and among the survivors shall be those whom the Lord calls.

Musical Interlude

God, in Your Grace (Love is Your way)

Let us stand still, look at each other,
sister and brother thwarting your will:
teach us good care, grace to seek pardon,
reclaim your garden, riches to share.

God, in your grace, God in your mercy,
turn us to you to transform the world,
turn to you to transform the world!

+ Second Reading

Vicki Hopper (9 am)
Jules Gauvin (11 am)

Luke 18:9-14

He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: 'Two persons went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax-collector. The Pharisee, standing alone, was praying thus, "God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax-collector. I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income." But the tax-collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner!" I tell you, this is the one who went home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted.'

Anthem

Mass Choir

Mellany McDonald-Williams, soloist

For Every Mountain

by Kurt Carr

Spiritual Encouragement

Rev. Harry Knox

*Senior Pastor Candidate***Musical Interlude*****God, in Your Grace (Love is Your way)***

Love is your way, love is your nature,
 blessing each creature, lighting each day;
 grace is your sign, gift of forgiveness,
 chalice that changes water to wine.

God, in your grace, God in your mercy,
 turn us to you to transform the world,
 turn to you to transform the world!

Making Ministry Happen

Debbie Skelly

*Pastoral Search Committee***Offertory**

LaDy Gentry

Dereck Gross, mime

Just a Prayer Away

by Yolanda Adams

Communion

Rev. Janice Ladd

Communion Songs***Just a Closer Walk with Thee***

I am weak, but Thou art strong;
 Jesus, keep me from all wrong;
 I'll be satisfied as long
 As I walk, let me walk close to Thee.

(Chorus)

Just a closer walk with Thee,
 Grant it, Jesus, is my plea,
 Daily walking close to Thee,
 Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

Through this world of toil and snares,
 If I falter, Lord, who cares?
 Who with me my burden shares?
 None but Thee, dear Lord, none but Thee. (Chorus)

When my feeble life is o'er,
 Time for me will be no more;
 Guide me gently, safely o'er
 To Thy kingdom shore, to Thy shore. (Chorus)

Rev. Harry Knox

The Pastoral Search Committee believes that Rev. Harry Knox is being called by God to lead the next exciting chapter in the life of our church. Rev. Harry Knox was proudly announced as our Senior Pastor Candidate at the Semi-Annual Congregational Forum on Sunday, October 3. Members of Resurrection MCC will vote on his confirmation to Senior Pastor today, immediately following our 11 am Worship, at the Fall Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting. The announcement video may be found online at www.ResurrectionMCC.org.

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.

Obrigado, Senhor (We Are Thankful, O Lord)

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.

Obrigado, Senhor, Aleluia.
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Aleluia, Aleluia, Aleluia.
We are thankful, O Lord, Alleluia.
We are thankful, O Lord, Alleluia.
We are thankful, O Lord, Alleluia.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Here at Thy Table, Christ

Here at Thy table, Christ, this sacred hour,
O let us feel Thee near, in loving power,
Calling our thoughts away from grief within,
As to Thy banquet hall we enter in.

Sit at the feast, dear Friend, break thou the bread;
Fill thou the cup that our souls shall be fed;
that we may find in Thee pardon and peace,
And from all bondage win a full release.

So shall our life of faith be full, be sweet;
And we shall find our strength for each day meet;
Fed by Thy living bread, all hunger past,
We shall be satisfied, and saved at last.

Come then, O Holy Christ, feed us, we pray;
Touch with Thy gentle hand each common day;
Making our earthly life full of Thy grace,
Till in the home of heaven we find our place. Amen.

There's a Spirit of Love in This Place

There's a spirit of love in this place, there's a spirit of love in this place,
you can't see it but its there, just as precious as the air,
there's a spirit of love in this place.

There's the presence of peace in this room, there's the presence of peace in this room,
in God's tenderness is found peace that passes human bounds,
there's the presence of peace in this room.

O, Alleluia, sing alleluia, we bless your holy name. O Alleluia, sing alleluia,
there's a spirit of love in this place.

There's a space for grace in our hearts, there's a space for grace in our hearts, it's in learning
to forgive that our spirits truly live, there's a space for grace in our hearts.

O, Alleluia, sing Alleluia we bless your holy name. O, Alleluia, sing alleluia,
there's a space for grace, there's the presence of peace, there's a spirit of love in this place.

+ Prayer of Thanksgiving

Rev. Janice Ladd

+ Benediction

Rev. Harry Knox

FALL SEMI-ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING



TODAY | 12:30 PM | SANCTUARY

Senior Pastor Candidate Election will be held

Our members will also elect Lay Delegates,
and vote on the 2011 budget and bylaw changes.

FALL SEMI-ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING RECEPTION

TODAY | Following Meeting | ACTIVITIES BUILDING

Executive Team

Rev. Janice Ladd
Executive Pastor

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Director of Worship (Part-time, Interim)

Gospel Ensemble Director

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Joel Hammett
Organist & Accompanist

Debbie Mansfield

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Anthony White

Gospel Ensemble Pianist

Jim Winslett

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Worship

Sunday, 9 & 11 am

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 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

Braving the Book: Bible 101



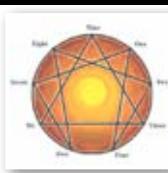
October 27 - November 17

This offering is for those of us who have steered clear of the Bible through confusion, fear, anger, intimidation or the like – but who are now in a place where we would welcome an opportunity to start (or start over!) with a beginner-friendly exploration of The Good Book! Join us for this 4-part “Bible 101” introduction – and you just might discover some Good News for yourself! Open to all; created especially for those on the **Seeking** and **Exploring** Paths in their Journey of Faith!

OFFERING TWO

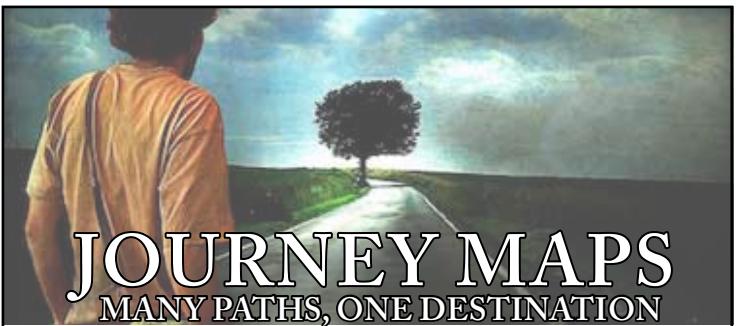
5 Weeks - Open to All

Just My Type: Discovering Your Spiritual Personality Type through the Enneagram



October 27 - November 17

Enneagram means “nine points” and refers to a system describing nine personality types which can be engaged as a tool for greater self-understanding. The healthiest characteristics of our personalities become accessible to us as we work on ourselves. As we gain clarity, awareness and integration regarding the positive potentials in all nine types, we become increasingly available and present in our relationships with God, ourselves and others. Join Spiritual Director Cathleen Sheil, Sue Schreiber and Rev. Kristen for this 4-part introductory series open to all, especially oriented toward those on the **Seeking** and **Exploring** Paths in their Journey of Faith!



JOURNEY MAPS MANY PATHS, ONE DESTINATION

“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!



Fishers Net Prayer Ministry

A Dialogue with God by Ron Reeser

DANIEL IN THE LIONS' DEN... A CHILDREN'S STORY?

With poignant imagery combined with the lessons of obeying, listening, friendship and praying, the story of Daniel in the den of lions (Daniel 6) is a commonly used lesson for children, but what about us adults? How many times have we been in situations where activities arise and 'life' gets in the way of worshiping and praying to and with God? Too easily, we get all caught up in our busy-ness and we leave God behind. If Daniel had gotten all caught up with his promotions and new found fame, would God have still sent angels to protect Daniel from other harmful situations? How many 'dens' have we found ourselves in and then been saved by God's angels and Grace? How many times have we gotten so busy, we forget to pray, worship and share Christ with others? It is never too late to reconnect and stay connected with God through prayer, it only takes a moment to start.

Dear Mother Father Creator God, Thank you for never leaving me, even in my busyness when my communication with you stops. Dear Lord, I am here. Please forgive me when I fail. Forgive me when I forget to speak and praise you in all times. Thank you, oh Lord, for hearing me and may I continually and constantly hear you. In your many names, 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. Requests are immediately prayed over by the Fishers Net Prayer members and published each week in a Praise and Prayer 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 ~

Children's Choir Rehearsal

Sundays | Activities Building | 10:30 am - 11:00 am
3rd - 7th grades welcome



Please email questions to ChildrensChoir@ResurrectionMCC.org.

NEWS RELEASE

For Immediate Release: October 18, 2010



Clergy and faith leaders say "No More Bullying!" In Wake of Gay Teen Suicides and Anti-Gay Violence, Faith Leaders Pledge Peaceful Actions

In a groundbreaking alliance of high level mainline Christian leaders and faith groups that fully include lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) people, faith leaders released a statement calling on "the Church Universal to join us in working to end the violence and hatred against our lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender brothers and sisters."

In the wake of a rash of suicides after anti-gay bullying and violent attacks on gay people in New York, top faith leaders signed a pledge "to be LGBT and straight people of faith standing together for the shared values of decency and civility, compassion and care in all interactions."

National faith leaders signing the Clergy Against Bullying statement include the Rev. Michael Kinnamon, General Secretary of the National Council of Churches, the Rev. Geoffrey Black, President of the United Church of Christ, Elder Cynthia J. Bolbach, Moderator of the Presbyterian Church (USA), the Rev. Gradye Parsons, Stated Clerk of the Presbyterian Church (USA), Episcopal Presiding Bishop Katharine Jefferts Schori, Bishop Yvette Flunder, Presiding Bishop of The Fellowship and the Rev. Elder Nancy Wilson, Moderator of Metropolitan Community Churches.

The Rev. Michael Kinnamon said, "The member churches of the National Council of Churches are moved by scripture to affirm every person as a valued child of God and to support protection from bullying and discrimination. Just as we spoke out on behalf of Muslims who were under threat, so we now stand as Clergy Against Bullying of our neighbors, regardless of sexual orientation and gender identity. Given the recent outburst of anti-gay rhetoric and action, the Church must not be silent."

Head of The Episcopal Church, Bishop Katharine Jefferts Schori said, "The Episcopal Church abhors the persecution of any group of human beings and seeks the just and dignified treatment of all."

"Bullying for any reason is contradictory to authentic religion," said Dr. C. Welton Gaddy. "Religion inspires respect, empathy, compassion and humility--values that prompt healing and condemn hurting."

"We are asking all faith colleagues, LGBT and straight alike, to go online and sign the Clergy Against Bullying statement and to work toward safe space for all God's children in our churches," said the Rev. Elder Nancy Wilson. "Too often, young people who are gay, transgender or questioning fear judgmental church people. This statement by Clergy Against Bullying will help us all tell the story of the One who came not to judge or condemn but to love us. Today, we are saying to every child who is different in any way: 'You are safe in the arms of God; you are safe with our congregations.'"

Bishop Yvette Flunder of The Fellowship said, "When our young people hear messages of condemnation from church leaders, they are left alone to wonder if God loves them, if their families will reject them and if their peers will attack them with taunts and bullying. Today, Clergy Against Bullying are choosing to speak words of humility, love and acceptance."

Rev. Harry Knox of the Human Rights Campaign said, "We rejoice that we are joining our voices with Muslims for Progressive Values and the more than 300 Jewish organizational leaders coordinated by Keshet. You will be inspired to do more when you read the powerful Keshet and Muslim statements."

For a full statement of Clergy Against Bullying and to sign on, go to www.ResurrectionMCC.org. All clergy and people of good faith are welcome to sign. Clergy Against Bullying will be building online resources to help congregations create safe spaces and support for all of God's children, including lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender children.

NEWS RELEASE

For Immediate Release: October 4, 2010



Human Rights Campaign's Harry Knox Is Candidate for Senior Pastor of Houston's Resurrection Metropolitan Community Church

Knox is past member of U.S. President's Advisory Council on Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships

Houston -- Rev. Harry Knox, a past member of President Barack Obama's Advisory Council on Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships and director of the Human Rights Campaign's Religion and Faith Program, has accepted a call to candidate for the position of senior pastor of Resurrection Metropolitan Community Church in Houston, Texas.

Founded in 1972, Resurrection MCC serves more than 850 members and friends and is one of the largest congregations within Metropolitan Community Churches, a Christian denomination with churches in more than 35 countries. The church is widely known for its positive, affirming ministry to lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender persons, along with their friends, families and allies, and for its strong commitment to social justice as an expression of the congregation's Christian faith.

"Resurrection Metropolitan Community Church seeks to meet the pastoral needs of its members and to equip their spiritual growth so they can live into God's calling to be the leading social justice congregation in Houston," said Rev. Knox. "The call of the search committee to become the candidate for senior pastor at Resurrection is a dream come true for me. My calling and passion are for equipping God's people to do compassionate justice in Christ's name."

"Rev. Harry Knox is a gifted spiritual leader with a wealth of experience in ministry, non-profit management, advocacy, and human rights work," said Rev. Elder Nancy L. Wilson, moderator of Metropolitan Community Churches worldwide. While at HRC, Rev. Knox supervised the creation of a national speakers bureau that reaches more than 10 million Americans monthly and a weekly scriptural commentary preaching resource with an ecumenical lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender perspective on the Bible. He was also instrumental in creating the historic HRC Clergy Call for Justice and Equality, now a biennial Capitol Hill advocacy event for LGBT-affirming clergy and other faith leaders.

Rev. Knox has been featured on the BBC News, PBS, NBC, and CBS, as well as in national and local newspapers. He was the recipient of the 2000 Cordle Award for Promotion of God's Diversity and Lancaster Theological Seminary's 2005 Robert V. Moss Medal for Excellence in Ministry.

Knox joined the staff of the Human Rights Campaign in 2005. "There are people you meet in life that you truly feel blessed to have known," said Joe Solmonese, HRC president. "Harry Knox is one of those people for me. For the past five years, Harry has led our Religion & Faith program with great skill, effectiveness and diplomacy. We are infinitely stronger as a result of Harry's leadership."

Prior to his work with the Human Rights Campaign, Knox served as business manager for patient services and comprehensive school health programs for the American Cancer Society, Georgia Division; director of development at Equality Florida; executive director of Georgia Equality; and program director for Freedom to Marry.

According to Rev. Nancy L. Wilson, moderator of MCC, "I have been blessed to know and work with Harry Knox for many years. I am so impressed by his sincere conviction of the power of the inclusive gospel of Jesus Christ, by his charisma and his pastoral and organizational skills, and by his ability to meet and love and lead so many kinds of people. He has been a wonderful colleague and friend, both at the White House and at the Human Rights Campaign, always challenging homophobia, whether in Uganda or California. Nothing pleases me more than welcoming him into the ranks of MCC clergy and for him to be the candidate for senior pastor of Resurrection MCC. Harry is a genuine, humble, history-maker, who loves our movement, our people, our God, and our great cause."

Knox holds a Master of Divinity from Lancaster Theological Seminary and received extraordinary clergy credentials through the Office of Moderator of Metropolitan Community Churches. He will participate in MCC's upcoming REVM clergy program and will celebrate the Rite of Ordination in Washington, DC, on November 13, 2010.

Rev. Knox will be the preacher for Sunday services on October 17 and 24, 2010, and a congregational vote is scheduled following morning worship services on the 24th. If his selection is ratified by the congregation, Rev. Knox will begin his new ministry in Houston fulltime on January 1, 2011.

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

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

SILENT AUCTION ITEMS NEEDED

The Resurrection MCC Board is requesting donations for their First Annual Silent Auction and Masquerade Ball to be held October 30, 2010. Proceeds from the sale of these items will benefit the General Fund of the Church. Donations may be dropped off in the Activities Building every Sunday between 9 – 11 am. If you have any questions please contact Tricia Phillips at Masquerade@ResurrectionMCC.org. Below are items we would like you to consider donating. Thank you in advance for making our Silent Auction and Masquerade Ball a great success!

- Watches (His/Hers)
- Weekend Hotel Stay
- Crystal
- Dinner Gift Cards
- Electronics
- Theater/Ballet Tickets
- Gift Cards
- Jewelry
- Dinner for 8 w/new Pastor

EQUALITY MINISTRY MEETING

 Monday | November 1
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

DIALOGUE: RACISM IN A “POST-RACIAL AMERICA”

Saturdays | Oct. 30 & Nov. 6, 9 - 5pm | Gathering Place



“[People] hate each other because they fear each other, and they fear each other because they don’t know each other, and they don’t know each other because they are often separated from each other.”

– Dr. Martin Luther King

IMANI VIDA DRUM CIRCLE



3 - 4:30 pm
Gathering Place

Saturday
November 6

Gaining popularity across the country, some drum circles celebrate heritage, customs, and ethnic traditions, but all are outlets for people expressing a primal urge that drives their spirit, as they drum amidst camaraderie and fun. Drumming is not only fun, it induces deep relaxation, lowers blood pressure, and reduces the stress which contributes to nearly all disease and life-threatening illnesses. Drumming puts the mind, body and spirit in a place of rest and strengthens wellness! The drum circle is open to ALL, and requires no prior experience with drumming. Join us! If you want more information, contact Denise Junious, DrumCircle@ResurrectionMCC.org, or visit www.meetup.com/DrummingCircle

Imani Vida Drum Circle meets on the first Saturdays of each month

This amazing offering from the Center for the Healing of Racism teams facilitators from different heritages create a safe, respectful environment where participants can explore the issues of racism and its repercussions. Information is provided by the facilitators on such topics as defining prejudice and racism, where racism originates, how racism is perpetuated, the forms of racism, and positive means for overcoming racism and healing its wounds. Participants are then encouraged to dialogue within guidelines that promote real listening and understanding. Dialogue: Racism was developed to encourage the sharing of thoughts, feelings, experiences, and perspectives among a diverse group of people, and is conducted in an intensive 2-day format comprising a 16-hour workshop held over two 8-hour Saturdays. Open to all; this Foundations offering is especially relevant for persons engaged in a **Serving** Path, as well as for those on the **Exploring** and **Deepening** Paths in their Journey of Faith! For questions and to RSVP, contact the Center for the Healing of Racism at 713-520-8226 or www.centerhealingracism.org

SEASON OF SERVICE

Sign-Ups & Spiritual Renewal

Sunday | November 7 | 12:30 - 2 pm | Activities Building

No Experience Required!

Come and see all the ways you can get involved in ministry and then step out and try it on for three months! Join Rev. Janice, Rev. Kristen and Ministry Team Leads for sign-ups, ministry updates, and a time of spiritual renewal as we commit our time and talents to God's people this Fall!

All new and returning volunteers are invited to sign-up and share their gifts...

- Children & Youth Teachers & Assistants, Nursery Angels
- Welcome Team, Ushers, Concierge, Inspirations
- Communion Servers, Prayer Ministers, Scripture Readers
- Landscape and Facilities

Lunch will be provided so please RSVP to Connections@ResurrectionMCC.org.

IT GETS BETTER AT RESURRECTION MCC

- Wednesday, November 3, 6 - 7 pm
- Sunday, November 7, 2 - 3 pm
- Wednesday, November 10, 6 - 7 pm

Share your story of how life has gotten better and provide countless young adults with the inspiration and hope that you wish you had while growing up. We'll video record your story and upload it to YouTube for posting on www.itgetsbetterproject.com

FRIDAY NIGHT “FRIENDS BY THE FIRE”

Friday, November 12
7 - 9 pm, Outside



Join us for our first ever “Friends by the Fire,” sponsored by our Landscape and Facilities Team. Bring a chair and blanket and join us as we share stories, laughs, and “s’mores”. Hot chocolate will be provided.

RSVP to Joy@ResurrectionMCC.org (gotta make sure we have enough marshmallows!) All are welcome. See you there!

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
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Canned Meats, Vegetables, Fruit,
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Flowers in the Sanctuary

Welcome Rev. Harry and Mike!
~ Resurrection MCC Board of Directors
Arrangement by Beverly Barkalow

General Fund Financial Report

		Week	Year
Tithes & Offerings			
10/17/10 9:00 am	150	\$2,491.66	\$146,631.85
10/17/10 11:00 am	406	\$6,260.51	\$259,349.31
09/13/10 6:30 pm	51	40.00	\$3,289.71
Special Services			\$1,388.75
Special Anniversary Offerings			\$19,491.60
Online Giving		\$2,483.67	\$66,777.92
Other Contributions		\$2,090.00	\$50,958.92
Total	607	\$13,365.84	\$547,888.06
Other General Fund Income			
Fundraising		\$966.99	\$17,336.41
Miscellaneous		\$451.76	\$52,158.91
Total Received		\$14,784.59	\$617,383.38
Total Imagine Capital Campaign		\$1,741.34	\$71,510.40

Week Ending October 17, 2010

Stewardship Thought for the Week

God's gift to you is your talent,
and what you do with that talent
is your gift to God.

~ Sheilah Bolin



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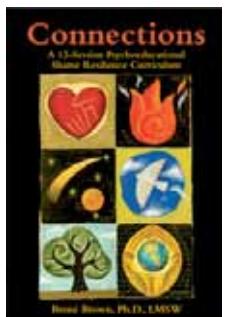
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This Week @ ResurrectionMCC.org

SUNDAY	OCTOBER 24	
9:00 am Sunday Worship / Rev. Harry Knox		
9:30 am Masquerade Ball Committee Meeting	Activities Building	
10:15 am Fisher's Net Prayer Ministry	Chapel	
10:30 am Children's Choir Rehearsal	Activities Building	
10:45 am Youth Ministries Program	Activities Building	
11:00 am Sunday Worship / Rev. Harry Knox		
12:30 pm Semi-Annual Congregation Meeting (SACM)	Sanctuary	
After SACM Semi-Annual Congregation Meeting Reception	Activities Bldg.	
1:30 pm HeavenSound Handbells Rehearsal	Sanctuary	
MONDAY	OCTOBER 25	
8:30 am Nonprofit Consulting	Gathering Place	
6:00 pm Board of Directors Meeting	Gathering Place	
TUESDAY	OCTOBER 26	
8:30 am Nonprofit Consulting	Gathering Place	
7:00 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary	
WEDNESDAY	OCTOBER 27	
8:30 am Nonprofit Consulting	Gathering Place	
6:00 pm The Chalice: Community Gathering	Gathering Place	
7:00 pm The Chalice: Braving the Book: Bible 101	Activities Building	
7:00 pm The Chalice: Just My Type	Chapel	
THURSDAY	OCTOBER 28	
8:30 am Nonprofit Consulting	Gathering Place	
FRIDAY	OFFICE CLOSED	OCTOBER 29
No Events Scheduled		
SATURDAY	OFFICE CLOSED	OCTOBER 30
9:00 am Dialogue: Racism in a "Post-Racial America"	Gathering Place	
7:00 pm Masquerade Ball	Activities Building	
SUNDAY	OCTOBER 31	
9:00 am Sunday Worship / Rev. Kristen Klein-Cechettini		
10:15 am Fisher's Net Prayer Ministry	Chapel	
10:30 am Children's Choir Rehearsal	Activities Building	
10:45 am Youth Ministries Program	Activities Building	
11:00 am Sunday Worship / Rev. Kristen Klein-Cechettini		
After Service Children's Halloween Resurrection	Gathering Place	
1:30 pm HeavenSound Handbells Rehearsal	Sanctuary	