



Resurrection

Metropolitan Community Church

April 17, 2011

Our Community Gathers

Rev. Harry Knox
Rev. Janice Ladd

Prelude

Anthony White

All Creatures of Our God and King
arr. Mark Hayes

+ Invocation

Annette Beal

+ Hymn

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

Hosanna, loud hosanna, the little children sang;
Through pillared court and temple the lovely anthem rang.
To Jesus, Who had blessed them close folded to His breast,
The children sang their praises, the simplest and the best.

From Olivet they followed mid an exultant crowd,
The victor palm branch waving, and chanting clear and loud.
The Lord of men and angels rode on in lowly state,
Nor scorned that little children should on His bidding wait.

“Hosanna in the highest!” that ancient song we sing,
For Christ is our Redeemer, the Lord of heaven our King.
O may we ever praise Him with heart and life and voice,
And in His blissful presence eternally rejoice!

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.

We Prepare

As the prelude begins, the congregation is invited to be in an attitude of expectation for the worship of God.

Invocation

Our Invocation series this Lent is crafted from the beautiful poem "To You Who Are Kind, Who Walk in the Ways of Peace, I Say" by Jonathan Klate. Celebrating the "repair of the world" or "tikkun olam" that can be brought forth by God's peoples everywhere, Klate's poem is an exclusive in Tikkun magazine online and can be found in full there; information about "tikkun olam" can be found on page 7.

+ Please rise in body or spirit.

We Participate

This season we celebrate Creation and participate in the Living Word through creative accompaniment by music and movement, poetry and painting.

Reading from the Hebrew Scripture with Liturgical Dance

Sharri McGlaughting
Angels In Motion

Isaiah 50:4-9a

The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning God wakens -- wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. The Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; the One who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

Anthem

Gospel Ensemble

I Open My Mouth

arr. by Theola Booker

+ **Gospel Reading**

Jerry Reitz (9 am)
Kedric Brown (11 am)

Matthew 21:1-11

When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with the donkey; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately." This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying, "Tell the daughter of Zion, Look, your King is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey." The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!" When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?" The crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."

Spiritual Encouragement

Rev. Harry Knox

Response

I will enter His Gates with thanksgiving in my heart,
I will enter His Court with praise. I will say,
"This is the day that the Lord has made."
I will rejoice for He has made me glad.
He has made me glad, He has made me glad.
I will rejoice, for he has made me glad.
He has made me glad, He has made me glad.
I will rejoice, for he has made me glad.

One: And to you/ who come to this moment/ by virtue of respect/ for life and one another/ who cannot abide the discomfort of your brother or sister/which might be eased by your kindness/ who humbly become vessels for God’s generous provision/ through the merciful spirit that abides within/and reveals that injustice to any is the concern of all ...
 To you I say Thank you, my friend!
 Let us prepare our offering with joy!
 Let us pray:

All: For You, O God, are the Light of the World!
 You are the promise of mercy, You bathe us in grace!
 Let us be Your hands, Your heart, Your face;
 let our ministry to one another and to anyone in need of compassion, be transparent for the Presence of Christ!
 Let us comfort and companion and care for the lonely, the downcast, the lost through a ministry of presence and pastoral care. Indeed ...
 “The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word.
 Morning by morning God wakens—wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught.”
 So many are weary – let us give that our care might show the love of Jesus!
 So many are hopeless – let us give that our care might show the light of Christ!
 For Jesus, Savior of All, lives within us ...
 Holy God, Promise of the World, bless our gifts to your purposes ..
 Amen.

Offertory

HeavenSound Handbells

Song of Gladness

by Arnold Sherman

Communion

Rev. Michael Diaz

Communion Songs

Come Just as You Are

Come just as you are, Hear the spirit call
 Come just as you are, Come and see
 Come receive, come and live forever.
 Life everlasting and strength for today
 Taste the living water and never thirst again.

Collect

Traditionally, the liturgical "collect" was a dialog between the celebrant and the people wherein the celebrant invites all to pray, then the celebrant concludes the time of prayer by "collecting" the peoples' prayers in a unified petition -referred to as a collect.

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.

Gluten-free wafers are available from the communion server on the far right. Simply say, "Gluten free."

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 Are an Offering

We lift our voices, we lift our hands,
We lift our lives up to you, we are an offering.
Lord, use our voices, Lord, use our hands,
Lord, use our lives, they are yours, we are an offering.
All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be,
We give to you, we give to you.
We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you, we are an offering,
We are an offering.

As the Deer

As the deer panteth for the water, so my soul longeth after thee.
You alone are my heart's desire and I long to worship thee.
You alone are my strength, my shield; To you alone, may my spirit yield.
You alone are my heart's desire, and I long to worship thee.

How Great Thou Art

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder,
consider all the works thy hands have made.
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,
Thy power throughout the universe displayed.
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee,
How great thou art, how great thou art.
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee,
How great thou art, How great thou art!
When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration
and there proclaim; my God, how great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee,
How great thou art, how great thou art.
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee,
How great thou art, How great thou art!

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.

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 of Thanksgiving**

Rev. Michael Diaz

+ **Benediction**

Rev. Harry Knox

Postlude

Joel Hammett

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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 - 17 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 that follows God's call to justice for all people. We build on a rich history of social justice for, and on behalf of, lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer people. Since its founding in 1968, Metropolitan Community Churches have been at the vanguard of civil and human rights movements as an international advocate for vulnerable people in places where religious orthodoxy, sexism, transphobia and homophobia can result in violence and death. MCC has been on the forefront in the struggle towards marriage equality in the US and other countries worldwide and continues to be a powerful voice in the LGBTQ equality movement. MCC's ministry reaches over 43,000 members in over 250 churches in 22 countries worldwide.

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

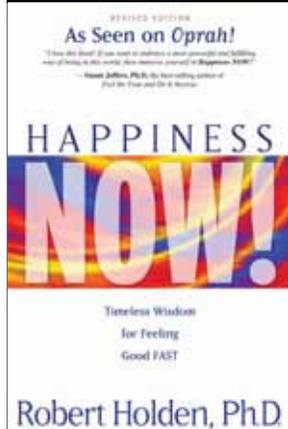
opening . . . receiving . . . offering
Life in Fullness

Where Will You Journey?

CONNECTION GROUPS

7:00 - 8:30 pm | Activities Building
Fasting on the Negative, Feasting on the Positive

6 Weeks - Open to All LENT CONNECTIONS GROUP:



FASTING ON THE NEGATIVE, FEASTING ON THE POSITIVE

WEDNESDAYS

MARCH 16 - APRIL 20
7 PM, ACTIVITIES BLDG.

Join us on Wednesday, **April 20th at 7pm** for the final meeting of our Lent Connection Groups.

We will have a special time to celebrate Communion and experience Jesus' last meal with his disciples and friends as part of Holy Week.

As we prepare our hearts for Easter, we will also be discussing the difference between searching for happiness and choosing to be happy. Are our goals about the future or are they about the here and now? Join us for a special night of our Lent Connection Groups. All are welcome.

For more information
email RevMichael@ResurrectionMCC.org.

Fishers Net Prayer Ministry



A Dialogue With God

by Ron Reeser

"Hello. Can you hear me? Am I getting' through to you? Hello, is it late there? There's laughter on the line. Are you sure you're there alone? Cause I'm trying to explain' somethin's wrong. Ya just don't sound the same..."

I just love the song "Kiss the Rain" by Billie Myers, especially the dance version. The dance version is fast and upbeat, and yet melancholy. Recently while driving to the pace of the music, oops, God spoke through the song. "Hello - are you there - can you hear me - are you listening!?" In that particular moment, I was not. I was too wrapped in forgetting the world around and drowning out my own thoughts. Yes, many times God's voice comes as a whisper. Thank you Lord for also coming through louder than surround sound! How many times do we all just block God out by the environment we create and our chaotic surroundings? Maybe it's time to follow Psalm 46:10 and be still and know that God is God? Let's all turn the radio off, silence the electronic devices and listen. While being still, we might be surprised what we hear.

Oh, Lord, how I need to hear you now. Please empty myself of me. Please empty myself of the world around and fill me with your holy presence so my heart truly hears you. Thank you Lord for your continual voice of assurance. In your many names. Amen

Do you have a prayer request? Send your requests to Prayers@ResurrectionMCC.org. Requests are immediately prayed over by the Fishers Net Prayer Team. If you would like to join the Fishers Net Prayer Family (become a team member) or the Fishers Net Extended Prayer Family (join our email list), please contact us at Prayers@ResurrectionMCC.org and one of our team members will then contact you.

Growing stronger in Christ and realizing our Prayers together.
~ Fishers Net Prayer Ministry ~



Thursday,
April 28
7 pm

Baba Yega
2607 Grant

www.babayega.com
713-522-0042

On Thursday, April 29, restaurants across Houston will unite in the fight against HIV / AIDS. Each restaurant will generously donate 33% of food bills all day long. In 2008 with the help of great Houston restaurants, AIDS Foundation Houston raised over \$80,000 in support for their programs and services such as housing, case management, and food assistance for nearly 5,000 HIV+ men, women, and children.

Friday Night OUT, has generously agreed to change their normal night out (just for April) to THURSDAY, to participate and support this important cause.

We hope you'll join us for delicious food and conversation, while supporting a great cause! Please RSVP to FridayNightOUT@ResurrectionMCC.org or on Facebook

Benefiting AIDS Foundation Houston
www.diningoutforlife.com/houston

Tikkun Olam: Repairing of the World

As we journey together through the Season of Lent this year, we will do so accompanied by a Jewish term, "tikkun olam." This ancient phrase simultaneously calls attention to a world in need of healing and our potential as children of God to realize that healing in and as God's presence in the world. As we commit ourselves to becoming freed or healed of those things which separate us from the reconciling love of God this Lent, all that we are and do is increasingly able to bear God's presence; we increasingly share in the repairing of the world - tikkun olam. In The History of "Tikkun Olam" Jill Jacobs writes: "The term tikkun olam may have originated as early as the second century CE, and its popularity as a religious concept has waxed and waned in the centuries that have followed. The words "tikkun olam" themselves defy easy translation. The Hebrew verb "t-k-n" is generally translated as "to fix," but can also mean "to establish." The word "olam," usually rendered as "world," also signifies eternity, especially in biblical and other very early texts. In some cases, the term refers to the physical world, in others to the societal order, and in still others to the dream of a fully realized divine manifestation. All of these ... make the phrase "tikkun olam" both difficult to understand and also richer in its complexity. It is hard to ignore, though, the tremendous staying power of this word as shorthand for any social change or service work. Enough people - both inside and outside of the Jewish community - find the term tikkun olam extraordinarily

compelling ... In an individual's search for the meaning of his or her own life, it may be more compelling to think of one's every action as contributing to the repair of the cosmos, than to think of the same actions as simply accomplishing a small fix to a much larger problem. By combining the major themes of the four understandings of the term seen in traditional text, we come to a definition of tikkun olam as the process of fixing large societal problems, while maintaining a belief that our actions can have a positive effect on the greater human and divine world." As we walk in the Way of Jesus this season, let us daily come to embody the redemption, reconciliation, and salvation He bears in a world which is daily in need of tikkun olam. For God so loved the world.

ABOUT RABBI JACOBS

Rabbi Jill Jacobs is the Director of Education for the Jewish Funds for Justice (JFSJ), a national public foundation dedicated to mobilizing the resources of American Jews to combat the root causes of domestic social and economic injustice. This entry can be found online at: <http://www.zeek.net/706tohu/ZEEK> logo © 2006 by Zeek Magazine and the author. This article may not be distributed for commercial purposes without the express written permission of Zeek Magazine (zeek@zeek.net). Reprints and other distributions must contain this copyright notice.

FOR GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD...

that God gave Gods only child that whosoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.

~ John 3:16

EASTER WORSHIP

Sunday | April 24, 2011 | 9 & 11 AM

Join us in celebration at Resurrection MCC
where "whosoever" means "whosoever"...

LIVING TIKKUN OLAM:
FOR THE REPAIR OF THE WORLD


Resurrection
Metropolitan Community Church

Children & Youth Program | Signed for the Deaf 11 am
Nursery Available | Handicap Accessible
2025 W.11th @ TC Jester, Houston 77008 | 713.861.9149
www.ResurrectionMCC.org

*"When God's people are in need,
be ready to help them!"*
-- Romans 12:13, New Living Translation

A Message from
The Rev. Nancy L. Wilson
Office of the MCC Moderator



March 18, 2011

Dear MCC Friend:
I'm feeling such a sense of excitement and anticipation today!

Today marks the official launch of a vitally important MCC tradition: our annual MCC Easter Offerings for Global Ministries. Each year at this holy season, local congregations throughout MCC join hearts and hands to receive a special, designated Easter offering to strategically advance MCC's international ministries.

I'm filled with hope today... because in recent years, you and I have witnessed firsthand the truly amazing ways God blesses and uses these annual Easter offerings.

-- We've supported our brothers and sisters across Eastern Europe as they established MCC congregations, made historic advances for religious freedom, and supported the human rights of sexual minorities, women and children, and marginalized ethnic groups -- almost unthinkable just a few short years ago.

-- We've joined hands with MCCers across Central and Latin America as they launched new churches, sponsored life-changing conferences, and trained a new generation of spiritual leaders.

-- These annual Easter offerings have supported MCCers in Southeast Asia whose indigenous ministries are literally saving the lives of persecuted women and LGBT people, challenging injustice and intolerance -- and, yes, planting new, hope-filled MCC congregations!

I'm filled with hope today... because I'm already anticipating how God will use this year's MCC Easter Offerings for Global Ministries to bless the lives of very real people -- our brothers and sisters -- around the world.

I love the Bible verse in Hebrews 11:1 that says, "Faith is the substance of things deeply longed for; it is the **evidence** of things that have not yet appeared." Right now, through the eyes of faith, look with me at what our local congregations will accomplish together through 2011's MCC Easter Offerings for Global Ministries.

Here's How MCC's 2011 Easter Offerings Will Touch Our World:

-- One-third of this year's offerings will be used for the ministries of MCC's brand-new Global Justice Institute and to open MCC's first safe house in Uganda, where LGBT Christians and activists face horrific persecution.

-- **One-third of these offerings will help extend MCC's ministry in Russia by supporting two vital projects.** MCC published the first and only booklet in Russian on homosexuality and the Bible, theology and human rights issues. There was such a demand for this resource that the first printing went quickly; now only two copies are left. MCC's 2011 Easter Offerings for Global Ministries will be used to update and reprint this resource. Also, Russia's first-ever LGBT Christian Conference will take place in

St. Petersburg, Russia, in September. MCC Easter Offerings will supplement grants we have received to insure that our leadership can train and inspire the many new groups and activists Russia.

-- As a follow-up to last year's first-ever REVM in the Philippines, MCC's Asia Pacific Initiative is sending a ministry team there for a month to support churches, leaders and new ministries that are exploding across the Philippines. To date, all funding for these efforts has been raised entirely by donors -- **this year, local churches have the opportunity to support MCC's anchor efforts in Asia through our Easter Offerings campaign.**

Our 2011 denominational goal is to raise a minimum of \$30,000 USD through special, designated local church Easter offerings.

For many people on this earth whose faces we have not yet seen and whose names we do not yet know, your congregation's response will be an answer to their hearts' deepest prayers -- "the substance of things deeply longed for and the evidence of things that have not yet appeared."

Grace and peace,

+ Nancy
Rev. Nancy L. Wilson
Moderator
Metropolitan Community Churches

P.S. As I've thought about this year's MCC Easter Offerings for Global Ministries campaign and prayed for the needs of MCCers around the world, I've been inspired by this verse from God's Word: "When God's people are in need, be ready to help them!" (Romans 12:13, New Living Translation)

**GOOD FRIDAY
WORSHIP SERVICE**

FRIDAY
APRIL 22
7 PM

Offering received for MCC Easter Offerings for Global Ministries.

The poster features a dark blue background with a silhouette of a tree on the left. The text is in white and yellow. The main title is in large, bold, white letters. The date and time are in large, bold, white letters. The offering information is in smaller white text at the bottom.

John 18:4
Then Jesus, knowing all that was to happen to him, came forward and asked them, "Whom are you looking for?"

**We are longing
We are seeking
We are thirsting
for the way, truth, life
poured out
by the One who came
Longing
Seeking
Thirsting
that we might know the Love
which is all of these
for the sake of the world ...**

Join us as we make our way with Jesus to the cross, entering into the deep night through Scripture together, and hearing in the darkness his voice ever with us "For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth" (John 18:37) - the truth of God's love for all and always.

EASTER EGG-STRAVAGANZA

APRIL 24
11 - 12:30
Activities Building

Eggstra Special Activities for children ages 4-12 include: petting zoo, Easter egg hunt, crafts, Easter story and much more!!!!

rsvp: Joel@ResurrectionMCC.org



**EAT,
PRAY,
LOVE ...YOUR BODY!**

WEDNESDAYS | APRIL 27 - MAY 25 (5 sessions)
7 - 8:30 PM | Activities Building

Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you?
(1 Cor 3:16)

For so many of us knowing this is one thing; believing it – living it – is another! With this offering we will explore daily practices – simple, spiritual and practical – that encourage wholeness in our bodies through healing in our relationship with food, with God, and with our sexuality. By growing in our ability to honor the holiness of God's creation in and through our physical selves, we come to know with new and greater depth the abiding love of God in our lives – and to proclaim that love with all that we do and are. Especially for those on the **Seeking** and **Exploring** Paths in their Journey of Faith.

THE SAFE SCHOOL ACTION TEAM wants and needs your input!

The Safe School Action Team is a group of individuals just like you that want to help stop the bullying of our youth.

We are all aware, through media, friends, family or personal experience, just how devastating bullying can be for an individual. This is especially true for those that do not have anyone to talk to for support.

Our youth are using extreme measures to avoid the pain they suffer while enduring verbal abuse and physical assaults at the hands of their peers. We want to first provide them the reassurance that they are precious and do not deserve what is happening to them. Secondly, we seek to provide them with effective resources so they no longer have to resort to escaping through school absenteeism, drugs and suicide. And finally, we advocate for school policies that will protect our children from this deadly abuse.

The team is made up of parents, educators, HATCH volunteers, corporate representatives, and individuals that have a deep desire to help make "it better" for our kids NOW rather than later. We urge you, (regardless of age, profession or sexual orientation), to come and be part of our next meeting, if only to share your experience and tell us how you think you could have been helped in your time of need!

While searching for the best way to serve our youth we have discussed many informative topics such as Equality Texas Lobby Day, school behavior code regarding bullying, GLSEN, HATCH, support group options, volunteer opportunities, and safety surveys to name a few. We are also inviting guest speakers that have expertise in this area so we can hear their suggestions on how our team can tap into existing resources that can offer immediate aid to those in need.

ANYONE interested in joining the Safe School Action Team is welcome. The meetings are a safe space for everyone, including those who may not be "out" in their workplace. ALL ideas and suggestions are valued as we search for a way to make a difference! While we are focusing on our youth, we are also exploring ways to assist educators and administrators who are experiencing similar abuse themselves in their schools.

Our next meeting is Monday, April 18 at 6:30 pm in the Gathering Place. We are blessed to have Deb Murphy, HATCH Youth Specialist, as a guest speaker. If you have any questions, please email Mark@ResurrectionMCC.org. We hope you will join us!

SAFE
SCHOOLS
ACTION TEAM



Monday
APRIL 18
6:30 pm | Chapel



Rev. Elder Nancy Wilson
MCC Moderator, Worldwide
Installation Preacher, 3 pm

Rev. Harry Knox
Senior Pastor

Rev. Elder Troy D. Perry
MCC Founder
Worship Preacher, 9 & 11 am

You are cordially invited to the installation of
REV. HARRY KNOX
as Senior Pastor of Resurrection MCC

Special Guests
REV. ELDER NANCY WILSON
REV. ELDER TROY D. PERRY

Musical Guests
JASON & DEMARCO
RESURRECTION MCC WORSHIP ARTS DEPARTMENT

Sunday, May 1, 2011, 3:00 pm

A reception will follow with hors d'oeuvres.

COMMUNITY LEADERS WELCOME RECEPTION

Saturday, April 30, 7 pm Activities Building

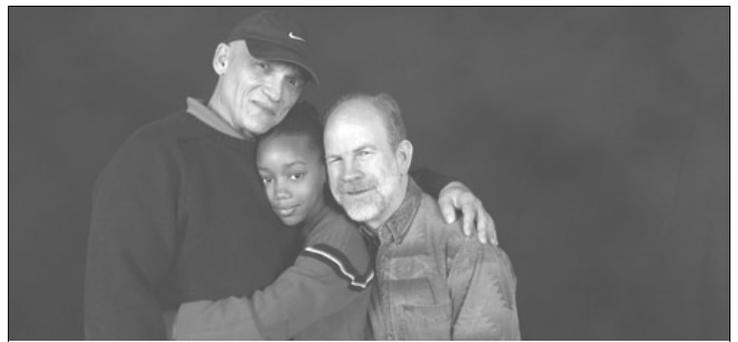
Join local and national leaders as we officially welcome Rev. Harry Knox to Houston and to Resurrection MCC. The evening includes dinner, wine, an opportunity for networking, and a presentation highlighting 39 years of ministry at Resurrection MCC. Special Guests include Rev. Elder Nancy Wilson & Rev. Elder Troy D. Perry.

Tickets are \$100 and available at www.ResurrectionMCC.org
All proceeds benefit
"Get Rev. Harry's Mind Off of the Gutters"

Board Members on Duty

Dejuana Jernigan and Mary Wagner

Board Minutes Available Upon Request.



WHEN "ME" BECOMES "WE": Stepping OUT on the Road to Creating a Family

WEDNESDAYS | APRIL 27 - MAY 25 (5 sessions)
7 - 8:30 PM | Activities Building

One of the most exhilarating – and overwhelming – decisions that many of us will ever make is the decision to create a family. For those of us in the LGBTQ community/ies, this decision is all that – and more! From what it would mean, to what it would take, to how to go about it, to where to get support along the way, creating our families can be beautifully intentional – and at times dauntingly complex! Luckily, guides are available along the way! Contemplating, beginning, in process, or reorienting yourself on the road to creating a family? Join us for this helpful 5-week series providing info and advice for those in and on "the family way"! Especially for those on the **Seeking** and **Exploring** Paths in their Journey of Faith.



PRIDE TEAM INITIAL MEETING

WEDNESDAY, MAY 4
6 - 7 PM, GATHERING PLACE

Join us for the first gathering of our Pride Team as we prepare for the Pride Festival & Parade on Saturday, June 25! We'll be discussing ideas for our parade float, booth at the pride festival, and songs for our pride singers.

Questions or Ideas? Pride@ResurrectionMCC.org

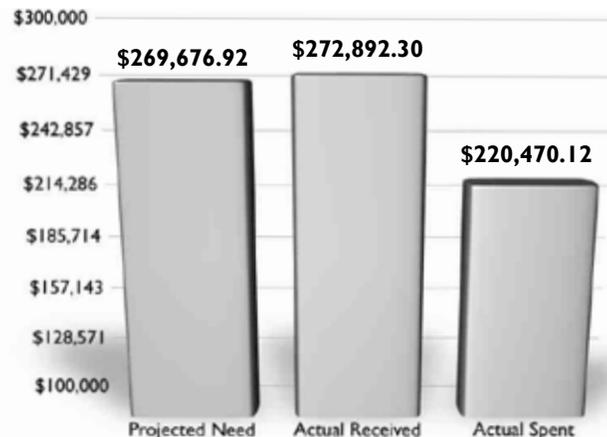
Flowers in the Sanctuary

Consider donating flowers in memory of a loved one or to celebrate a special day. Email the date and message to Sara@ResurrectionMCC.org or call 713-861-9149 x112.

General Fund Financial Report

Week Ending April 10, 2011

		Week	Year
Tithes & Offerings			
04/10/11 9:00 am	132	\$3,831.00	\$40,347.10
04/10/11 11:00 am	336	\$3,592.20	\$97,526.47
04/06/11 Wednesday	64	\$6.00	\$799.55
Special Services	0	100.00	\$1,784.00
Special Offerings		0	\$78.00
Online Giving		\$5,673.50	\$51,363.00
Other Contributions		\$1,510.00	\$67,714.50
Total	532	\$14,649.50	\$259,612.62
Other General Fund Income			
Fundraising		\$60.00	\$2,191.39
Miscellaneous Income		\$75.00	\$11,088.29
Total Received		\$14,784.50	\$272,892.30



Total Imagine Capital Campaign **\$8,362.50** **\$54,795.54**

NIGHT OF INTERCESSORY PRAYER

Friday, April 22

immediately after Good Friday Service till 10 pm, Sanctuary

As a continuation of our Good Friday service and the conclusion of our Lenten journey, the Sanctuary will remain open until 10 pm for prayer, contemplation and intercessory prayer.

Light a candle, write out your prayers and petitions and place within the wailing wall, bow your face before God, draw or sketch your prayers, or just BE with the One who loves you beyond measure: this is a time for you and God.

Prayer Partners needed to pray and/or facilitate the prayer stations!



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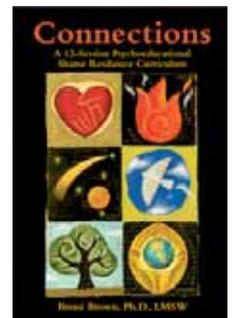
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This Week @ ResurrectionMCC.org

SUNDAY APRIL 17

9:00 am	Sunday Worship / Rev. Harry Knox	
10:15 am	Fisher's Net Prayer Ministry	<i>Chapel</i>
10:15 am	Lay Delegates Meeting	<i>Activities Building</i>
10:30 am	Children's Choir Rehearsal	<i>Activities Building</i>
10:45 am	Youth Ministries Program	<i>Activities Building</i>
11:00 am	Sunday Worship / Rev. Harry Knox	
12:30 pm	Donor Development Team Meeting	<i>Activities Building</i>
1:30 pm	HeavenSound Handbells Rehearsal	<i>Sanctuary</i>

MONDAY APRIL 18

6:00 pm	Fund-Raising Team Meeting	<i>Gathering Place</i>
6:30 pm	Safe School Action Team	<i>Chapel</i>

TUESDAY APRIL 19

7:00 pm	Gospel Ensemble Rehearsal	<i>Music Room</i>
7:00 pm	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	<i>Sanctuary</i>

WEDNESDAY APRIL 20

8:00 am	Nonprofit Consulting	<i>Gathering Place</i>
6:00 pm	The Chalice: Community Gathering	<i>Activities Building</i>
7:00 pm	The Chalice: Connections Groups	<i>Activities Building</i>

THURSDAY APRIL 21

11:00 am	NARPM Meeting	<i>Gathering Place</i>
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FRIDAY OFFICE CLOSED APRIL 22

7:00 pm	Good Friday Service / Rev. Kristen Klein-Cechettini	<i>Sanctuary</i>
8:00 pm	Night of Intercessory Prayer	<i>Sanctuary</i>

SATURDAY OFFICE CLOSED APRIL 23

No Events Scheduled

SUNDAY APRIL 24

9:00 am	Sunday Worship / Rev. Harry Knox	
10:15 am	Fisher's Net Prayer Ministry	<i>Chapel</i>
10:30 am	Children's Choir Rehearsal	<i>Activities Building</i>
10:45 am	Easter Egg-Stravaganza	<i>Activities Building</i>
11:00 am	Sunday Worship / Rev. Harry Knox	
1:30 pm	HeavenSound Handbells Rehearsal	<i>Sanctuary</i>