



Resurrection

Metropolitan Community Church

May 1, 2011

Our Community Gathers

Rev. Harry Knox
Rev. Janice Ladd

Prelude

Joel Hammett

Jesus Shall Reign
arr. Kerrick

+ Call to Worship

Rev. Michael Diaz

One: An empty tomb...

All: a risen Christ!

One: Angels rejoicing...

All: a risen Christ!

One: This new day dawning...

All: a risen Christ!

One: Love is alive...

All: a risen Christ!

One: Opening locked doors...

All: a risen Christ!

One: Speaking peace to fear...

All: a risen Christ!

One: Breathing Holy Spirit...

All: a risen Christ!

One: Transforming doubt...

All: a risen Christ!

One: Resurrection People, let us worship!...

All: a risen Christ!

One: Alleluia and amen!

+ Hymn

Rejoice, Give Thanks and Sing!

Rejoice, give thanks and sing; your Sovereign God adore!
For Christ has robbed death's sting and triumphs evermore!
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Our Savior Jesus reigns, the God of truth and love!
The Lamb who purged our stains is crowned with power above.
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Christ Jesus cannot fail to rule both earth and heaven!
The keys of death and hell are to the Savior given.
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

+ 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.

We Prepare

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

We Participate

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

Abba God

When Jesus was in the Garden of Gethsemane, he called out to his Heavenly Parent with the Aramaic word "Abba!" This term is strictly translated "Father" yet it carries with it such a depth of affection and intimacy that it communicates not merely the fact of Jesus' relationship with his parent but, more fully, the love and affection and intimacy of which that relationship is formed. In our choice to use this term- "Abba" - in our translations of the Bible texts, it is our hope that we, too, would come to experience not only the truth that we are God's children but more fully that we might know the intimate joy of this relationship as it is formed in love and affection.

Epistle Reading

Ron Drumm (9 am)
Jules Gauvin (11 am)

1 Peter 1:3-9

Blessed be the God and Heavenly Parent of our Lord Jesus Christ! By God's great mercy we have been given a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith--being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire--may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen Christ, you love him; and even though you do not see Christ now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

Response

*To God be the glory
To God be the glory
To God be the glory
For the things He has done*

+ Gospel Reading

Joel Palomares (9 am)
Marcial Renteria (11 am)

John 20:19-31

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jewish authorities, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, Jesus showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As my Abba God has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told Thomas, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." A week later Jesus' disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Anthem

Gospel Ensemble

Holy Ghost Power
by Percy Gray Jr.

Spiritual Encouragement

Rev. Elder Troy D. Perry

+ **Response**

*To God be the glory
To God be the glory
To God be the glory
For the things He has done*

+ **Offering**

Joy Jolley

In Prayer:

Holy One, blessed are You who formed our very lives from the riches of Your creation!
Through our tithes and in the offering of our lives to Your service may we bring forth blessing in Your name!
Let all that we give and all that we are bring Your love to new life through the promise of the Risen Christ in us and in whose name we pray – amen.

In Song:

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures here below;
Praise God for all that love has done;
Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One!

Offertory

Jules Czarsnik

No Greater Love
by Rachel Lampa

Communion

Rev. Elder Nancy Wilson

Communion Songs

Sing Alleluia to the Lord

Sing alleluia to the Lord! Sing alleluia to the Lord!
Sing alleluia, sing alleluia; sing alleluia to the Lord!
Therefore we celebrate the feast. Therefore we celebrate the feast.
Sing alleluia, sing alleluia; therefore we celebrate the feast.

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**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.

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.

Going Forth

Siyahamba is a South African hymn that became popular in North American churches in the 1990s. The title means "We Are Marching" or "We are Walking" in the Zulu language. "Siyahamba" originated in South Africa and is said to have been composed c. 1950 by Andries van Tonder in Afrikaans and was subsequently translated into Zulu by Thabo Mkize in 1978. In the years which followed this song was associated with the South African movement to bring freedom from the institutionalized racism of Apartheid.

Jesus, Remember Me

Jesus, remember me when you come into your glory.
Jesus, remember me when you come into your glory.

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We Exalt Thee

For thou, O Lord art high above all the earth. Thou art exalted far above all gods.
For thou, O Lord art high above all the earth. Thou art exalted far above all gods.
We exalt thee, we exalt thee, we exalt thee, O Lord.
We exalt thee, we exalt thee, we exalt thee, O Lord.

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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 on 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.

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+ **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Rev. Elder Nancy Wilson

+ **Going Forth in Song**

Siyahamb' Ekukhanyen' Kwenkhos' – We Are Marching in the Light of God

Siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos, siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos.
Siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos, siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos.
Siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos, siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos!
We are marching in the light of God, we are marching in the light of God.
We are marching in the light of God, we are marching in the light of God.
We are marching in the light of God, we are marching in the light of God!

+ **Benediction**

Rev. Harry Knox

Executive Team

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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?

LIFE DEVELOPMENT OFFERINGS

7:00 - 8:30 pm | Activities Building



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.



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.

Fishers Net Prayer Ministry



A Dialogue With God

by Ron Reeser

"Like a magnet, you are attracting thoughts, people, events, lifestyles - everything that you are living. And so, as you see things as they are, you attract more of the same; but as you see things as you would like them to be, you attract them as you would like them to be. This is why the better it gets, the better it gets; or the worse it gets, the worse it gets - people tend to look mostly at what-is."

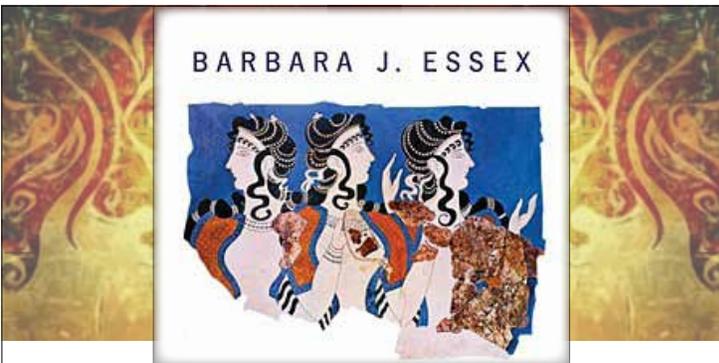
-Esther and Jerry Hicks, The Teachings of Abraham.

What is it you are praying today? What are you asking God? Are you in a rut and can only envision your life no farther than your hand, or are you envisioning life to the fullest, holy and abundantly rich in Christ?

Dearest Creator, Sustainer, God, please open my eyes to your vision. Open my heart and soul to your guidance. When I feel there is no way out, remind me, as it written in Hebrews, that you will never leave or forsake me, and that life in and with you is wonderfully abundant, to be shared in union with you and others. Thank you for my healing. Thank you for my recovery. Thank you for your Grace. 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 ~*



Souljourners

SUNDAY, MAY 8
9:30 – 10:30 am
Activities Building

Facilitated by Rev. Mona, the group will discuss
"Bad Girls of the Bible: Exploring Women of
Questionable Virtue" by Barbara J. Essex



GUEST PREACHER THIS SUNDAY, 9 & 11 AM

Rev. Elder Troy D. Perry
MCC Founder & LGBT Rights Activist

Rev. Perry began his vocation in Florida at the age of 13 and was licensed as a Baptist minister at 15. During this period, he became aware of his sexual orientation and felt -- as many gays did in rural America -- that he must certainly be the only one in the world who felt that way.

In 1959 he married his pastor's daughter, and a year later he, his wife and newborn son moved to Illinois where Rev. Perry planned to attend Midwest Bible College. While studying at Midwest, Rev. Perry worked for a plastics company that transferred him to Southern California to open a new plant. Rev. Perry, with his wife and two sons, made the move in 1962.

Once in California Rev. Perry was assigned to pastor the Church of God of Prophecy in Santa Ana. It was there that Rev. Perry experienced an "uneasy" coming out and came to terms with his gayness. He and his wife separated after five years of marriage and later were divorced.

"The Lord was dealing with me. My previous church taught that you couldn't be both Christian and gay. Then one day it was as though God said, 'Don't tell me what I can do. I love you, Troy, and I don't have any stepsons or stepdaughters. Reread my Word.' And reread God's word I did."

It was following a close friend's arrest that Rev. Perry realized that "God cares," precipitating the birth of MCC in Los Angeles, and ultimately leading to the birth of the Metropolitan Community Churches movement, which has grown to 250 congregations in 26 countries.

On June 28, 1970, Rev. Perry, with two friends, Mr. Morris Kight and Rev. Bob Humphries, founded Christopher Street West to hold an annual Pride Parade. It is the oldest gay pride parade in the world. Today there are Pride Parades held

all over the world, which are the direct result of this action. Millions of people worldwide attend these events each year.

Rev. Perry was invited to the White House in 1977 by the administration of President Jimmy Carter to discuss gay and lesbian civil rights, and was appointed by U.S. President Bill Clinton as an official delegate to White House Conference on Hate Crimes and the White House Conference on AIDS.

Rev. Perry has been an international leader in the quest for marriage equality for gays and lesbians. In 1969, he performed the first public same-sex wedding in the U.S., and in 1970 he filed the first-ever lawsuit seeking legal recognition for same-gender marriages.

In 2003, he and his spouse, Philip Ray De Blicke, were married under Canadian law. In 2004, they filed suit against the State of California seeking the state's recognition of their Canadian marriage. The California Superior Court ruled in their favor; the case continues to be on appeal.

In 2005, Rev. Perry retired as Moderator of Metropolitan Community Churches. In his retirement, he maintains an active speaking schedule, lecturing on the history of the gay rights movement, HIV issues, and marriage equality. He also regularly preaches in both MCC congregations and other faith communities.

While Rev. Perry realizes the oppression still facing LGBT persons, he stands at the vanguard of the movement, telling his flock and the rest of the world, "We're Not Afraid Anymore."

Book Signing with Special Guests
Rev. Elder Nancy Wilson
Rev. Elder Troy D. Perry

TODAY
After 9 & 11 Worship Services
Gathering Place



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

TODAY, 3:00 pm

*A reception will follow in the
Activities Building with hors d'oeuvres*



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? Mark@ResurrectionMCC.org

MONEY ENOUGH:



EVERYDAY PRACTICES FOR LIVING FAITHFULLY IN THE GLOBAL ECONOMY

Saturday
May 7

10 - 11:30 am | Gathering Place

As we strive to live with compassion, generosity, and faithfulness in all areas of our lives, our money management practices can bring some of our greatest challenges! What does it mean for us to be "good stewards" as well as "cheerful givers?" The Money Enough series provides guidance and support over 9 monthly sessions as we learn how living the fluid life of Christ calls us to be stewards of our own resources and of the earth.

With this series we will explore everyday practices for living faithfully in the global economy. Together with faith we will learn to have money enough! Attend one, some or all of this monthly series open to all. This offering can provide **Grounding** for all Paths in the Journey of Faith!

**ONE LUCKY ATTENDEE
WILL WIN A
\$100 GIFT CERTIFICATE to Baba Yega**

SEASON OF SERVICE

Sign-Ups & Spiritual Renewal

MAY 15 | 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. Michael for sign-ups, ministry updates, and a time of spiritual renewal as we commit our time and talents to God's people.

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 & Facilities*
- *Music Ministries, Choirs, Dance, Handbells*

Please RSVP to Rev. Michael at RevMichael@ResurrectionMCC.org or 713-861-9149 x105.

SAFE SCHOOLS ACTION TEAM



Monday

MAY 16

6:30 pm, Gathering Place

We are convening to help make our schools safer for children, teachers, and administrators. We'll discuss ways we can support LGBTQ teachers and administrators, and how we can encourage Safe Schools policies in local districts and schools.

If you want to join the team and help end bullying and violence towards our school teachers and children, email Mark@ResurrectionMCC.org.



"SECOND SUNDAY" FRIEND-RAISER BRUNCH

SUNDAY
MAY 15

Activities Building, 12:30 pm

ENJOY BURGERS AND HOT DOGS!

Proceeds benefit

"Keep Rev. Harry's Mind Off of the Gutters!"

GUESS WHO'S Coming to Brunch?

— HOST HOMES WANTED —

In June, our Fundraising Committee will be sponsoring this event that will feature a delicious brunch and the unique opportunity to meet & eat with others that you may or may not have already met. That's right, ticket holders will be sent to one of several different homes, where gracious hosts will provide brunch shrouded in the mystery and surprise of not knowing who the other attendees will be!

Tentatively scheduled for June 4, the event is in the planning stages and volunteers are needed to open their homes and serve as hosts. Hosts will be asked to provide and prepare brunch for 8 to 12 guests. If you are interested in serving as a host for this event please contact Gemma Burns at Brunch@ResurrectionMCC.org. All donations made by hosts are considered in kind charitable giving for tax purposes.

SAVE THE DATE

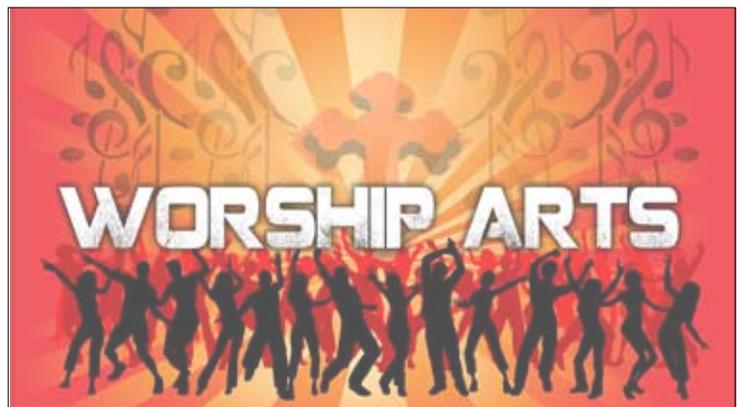


**SUNDAY, JUNE 12
SANCTUARY**

Marvin's desire is to affect change and provide a place of joy where hopelessness has prevailed. He "sings because he is happy and he sings because he is free"

At this free concert, a love offering will be received. 100% of funds benefit our rain gutter replacement fund.

Learn more about Marvin and listen to his Music:
www.marvinmatthews.com



Resurrection MCC is so blessed to have a number of groups to minister at our worship services. Auditions are not required, but a desire to worship and share is. Feel free to visit any rehearsals to see which group might be the right place for you to serve.

GOSPEL ENSEMBLE Tuesdays • 7 pm

Directed by Cassandra White, this group sings music in the African-American Gospel tradition, traditional Spirituals and contemporary music of all types. Reading music is not required for this group, but the ability to match pitch and sing a part separate from the melody is.

SANCTUARY CHOIR Tuesdays • 7 pm

Directed by Cassandra White, this group sings mostly traditional church choral music with some contemporary music added from time to time. Reading music is not required for this group, but the ability to match pitch and sing a part separate from the melody is.

HEAVENSOUND HANDBELLS Sundays • 1:30 pm

Currently there are several open spots in the handbell choir. Interested people need to have some music reading skills. Experience in ringing is not required. The director, Jim Winslett, will teach anyone the techniques of ringing.

If you have interest in any of these groups, please email our interim Director of Worship, Cassandra White, Cassandra@ResurrectionMCC.org

Children's Choir Rehearsal



Sundays

Activities Building
Room 104

10:30 am - 11:00 am

3rd - 7th grades welcome

Please email questions to ChildrensChoir@ResurrectionMCC.org.

Clothes Closet

We are now accepting new and lightly used adult clothing, belts, shoes, and outerwear, to provide to those in need in our community.

Please email us if you are interested in volunteering for this ministry, to make an appointment to receive clothes, or for any other questions.

Clothes@ResurrectionMCC.org

Before making a donation, please wash clothes as we do not have laundry facilities on site. Clothes may be dropped off outside Activities Building Room #110 on Sundays.

We Can Do It!



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

Board Members on Duty

Dejuana Jernigan and Eddie Domingue

Board Minutes Available Upon Request.

CARE FOR OUR ENVIRONMENT

by recycling newspapers, magazines, catalogs and junk mail in the containers in our parking lot.

We now have three collection bins as this program grows. We receive cash based on the weight collected.



FOOD PANTRY

Open by Appointment:
713-861-9149 x103

Nonperishables Needed:
Canned Meats, Vegetables, Fruit,
Juice, Soup, Pasta, Rice, Beans

Please place donations in the shopping cart located in the Welcome Area.



Flowers in the Sanctuary

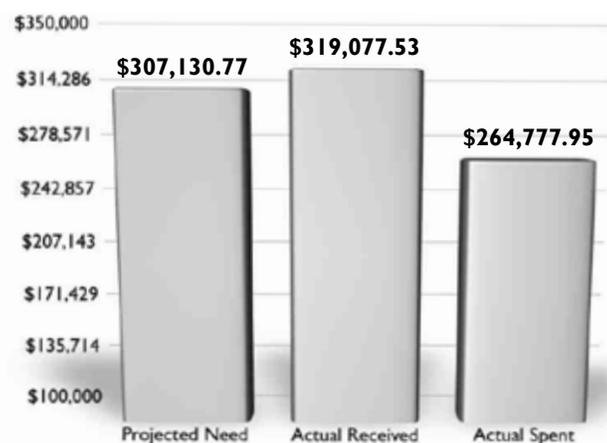
In honor of Rev. Harry's installation.

~ "Bubbles" and Dan Lindquist

General Fund Financial Report

Week Ending April 24, 2011

		Week	Year
Tithes & Offerings			
04/24/11 9:00 am	239	\$16,463.74	\$60,595.84
04/24/11 11:00 am	652	\$7,125.34	\$110,207.81
04/20/11 Wednesday	73	\$16.00	\$817.55
Special Services	209	\$2,571.00	\$4,355.00
Special Offerings		0	\$78.00
Online Giving		\$3,478.50	\$56,540.31
Other Contributions		\$3,126.00	\$71,215.50
Total	1173	\$32,780.58	\$303,810.01
Other General Fund Income			
Fundraising		\$16.00	\$2,247.39
Miscellaneous Income		\$535.00	\$13,020.13
Total Received		\$33,331.58	\$319,077.53



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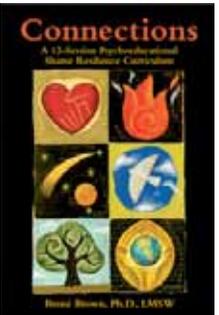
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SUNDAY MAY 1

9:00 am	Sunday Worship / Rev. Elder Troy D. Perry	
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	Youth Ministries Program	<i>Activities Building</i>
11:00 am	Sunday Worship / Rev. Elder Troy D. Perry	
12:30 pm	HeavenSound Handbells Rehearsal	<i>Music Room</i>
1:45 pm	Mass Choir Rehearsal	<i>Sanctuary</i>
3:00 pm	Rev. Harry's Installation & Reception	<i>Sanctuary</i>
		<i>Activities Bldg.</i>
6:00 pm	Un-Decorate	<i>Activities Building</i>

MONDAY MAY 2

No Events Scheduled

TUESDAY MAY 3

7:00 pm	Gospel Ensemble Rehearsal	<i>Music Room</i>
7:00 pm	Houston Bar Association Rehearsal	<i>Activities Building</i>
7:00 pm	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	<i>Sanctuary</i>

WEDNESDAY MAY 4

6:00 pm	Pride Team Meeting	<i>Gathering Place</i>
6:00 pm	The Chalice: Community Gathering	<i>Activities Building</i>
7:00 pm	The Chalice: Life Development Offerings	<i>Activities Building</i>

THURSDAY MAY 5

No Events Scheduled

FRIDAY MAY 6

OFFICE CLOSED

No Events Scheduled

SATURDAY MAY 7

OFFICE CLOSED

10:00 am	Money Enough	<i>Gathering Place</i>
1:30 pm	Praise Dancers Rehearsal	<i>Sanctuary</i>

SUNDAY MAY 8

9:00 am	Sunday Worship	
9:30 am	Souljourners	<i>Activities Building</i>
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	Youth Ministries Program	<i>Activities Building</i>
11:00 am	Sunday Worship	
1:30 pm	HeavenSound Handbells Rehearsal	<i>Sanctuary</i>