



Resurrection

Metropolitan Community Church

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Invocation / Invocación

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Poetry words from Mark Nepo

Prelude / Preludio

Kedric Brown

Moving Forward

Words and Music by Israel Houghton & Ricardo Sanchez

Our Community Gathers / Nuestra Comunidad Se Reúne

Rev. Dr. Michael Diaz

Announcements / Anuncios

Joy Jolley

+ **Exchange of Peace / Saludo de Paz**

Rev. Dr. Michael Diaz

+ **Opening Song / Apertura Canción**

I Will Follow

Where you go, I'll go. Where you stay, I'll stay.
When you move, I'll move. I will follow!

All your ways are good. All your ways are sure.
I will trust in You alone. Higher than my sight,
High above my life. I will trust in You alone

Where You go, I'll go. Where You stay, I'll stay.
When You move, I'll move. I will follow You!
Who You love, I'll love. How You serve I'll serve
If this life I lose, I will follow You, yeah, I will follow You, yeah!

Light unto the world, Light unto my life,
I will live for You alone. You're the one I seek.
Knowing I will find, All I need in you alone, in you alone!

Where You go, I'll go. Where You stay, I'll stay.
When You move, I'll move. I will follow You!
Who You love, I'll love. How You serve I'll serve
If this life I lose, I will follow You, yeah, I will follow You, yeah!

In You, there's life everlasting
In You, there's freedom for my soul
In You, there's joy, unending joy, And I will follow!

Where You go, I'll go. Where You stay, I'll stay.
When You move, I'll move. I will follow You!
Who You love, I'll love. How You serve I'll serve, If this life I lose, I will follow

Where You go, I'll go. Where You stay, I'll stay.
When You move, I'll move. I will follow You!
Who You love, I'll love. How You serve I'll serve, If this life I lose,
I will follow You, yeah! I will follow You, yeah!
I will follow You, yeah! I will follow You, yeah!

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.

The Season of Lent

Lent, the 40 days which draw us from Ash Wednesday to Holy Week, culminating in celebration of the resurrection of Christ on Easter, is a time when we are invited to leave behind those things which heavy our heart, cloud our vision, and keep us from living into God's promise for our lives. As we make our way with Jesus and each other during this contemplative season we will share readings and reflections from Mark Nepo's book, *Seven Thousand Ways to Listen: Staying Close to What is Sacred* and will gather in conversations in small groups throughout Houston. Please join us! Details in this bulletin.

by Jason Ingram, Reuben Morgan, and Chris Tomlin

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+ You are invited to rise in body or spirit.

Lenten Theme Holy Listening

In this book, *Seven Thousand Ways to Listen: Staying Close to What is Sacred*, Mark Nepo inquires into the endless ways we are asked to listen and he offers ancient and contemporary practices to help us stay close to what is sacred. Experiencing hearing loss himself,

Nepo affirms that listening is one of the most mysterious, luminous, and challenging art forms on Earth: "Whatever difficulty you face, there are time-tried ways you can listen your way through. Because listening is the doorway to everything that matters. It enlivens the heart the way breathing enlivens the lungs. We listen to awaken our heart.

We do this to stay vital and alive." Filled with questions to reflect on and discuss with others and meditations on how to return to what matters throughout the day, this book teaches us how to act wholeheartedly so we can inhabit the gifts we are born with and find the language of our own wisdom.

Kyrie, Eleison Translation

Kyrie, eleison,
Lord, have mercy,
Christe, eleison,
Christ, have mercy.

"Being Lost" in Seven Thousand Ways to Listen: Staying Close to What is Sacred

by Mark Nepo

When in Brazil, my friend David encountered the phrase *E dai* (ay-die-ee), which is Portuguese for "And then?" Regardless of the story told or hardship conveyed, the custom is for the listener to ask after a while, "*E dai?*" with a tone that implies, "And so? What now?" Literally *E* is "and" and *dai* means "from there, from a place near you," as in "What is just beyond where you are?" or "And so, what is your next step?" The phrase *E dai* invokes three successive meanings, often asked by the one who will hear you out: First, "I hear what life has given you." *E dai? And so, what does this matter? What does this mean?* Second, "I see where you are." *E dai? And so, from there, what is in front of you? What is just beyond where you are? And third, E dai? And so, what now? What is your next step?* In a deeply practical way, this custom invites us to locate ourselves in any given situation from the inside out and from the larger frame of reference possible to the immediate circumstance. Before we overreact or react prematurely to whatever situation we find ourselves in, it helps to ask *E dai? What does this mean in the journey of one life in its time on Earth within the larger journey of all life across all time?* Such consideration will affect whether we respond at all or in what way ... For each of us, going back into the fire, letting each other off the hook before we die, and helping each other take the next step – these are acts of love that require courage and compassion. They are profound gestures that change both the giver and receiver. They can change the landscape of a life.

Let us receive these words of contemporary wisdom from one who invites us to listen all the way through the wilderness.
Amen.

Reflective Moment

Kyrie, Eleison

by Composer Steven R. Janco

Cantor: Kyrie, eleison,

ALL: Kyrie, eleison,

Cantor: Christe, eleison,

ALL: Christe, eleison,

Cantor: Kyrie, eleison,

ALL: Kyrie, eleison.

+ Scripture Lesson / Escritura Lección

Daniel Guerrero

Luke 13:1-9

At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did." Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, 'See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?' He replied, 'Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'"

Anthem

Gospel Ensemble

I Won't Go Back

by William McDowell

I don't give a fig...cut it down!

Moment of Reflection

We Offer Ourselves

Holy Listening - Question 2:
What keeps you at Resurrection MCC?

Tweet Your Response Now With Hashtag:
#RMCClistens2

Chad Guidry

Offertory / Ofertorio

There's A Liftin' Of The Hands
by Timothy Johnson

Gospel Ensemble

Communion / Comunion

Rev. Troy Plummer Treash

Communion Songs / Cantos de Comunion

I Am Thine O Lord

I am Thine, O Lord, I have heard Thy voice,
And it told Thy love to me;
But I long to rise in the arms of faith
And be closer drawn to Thee.

*Draw me nearer, nearer, blessed Lord,
To the cross where Thou hast died.
Draw me nearer, nearer, nearer, blessed Lord,
To Thy precious, bleeding side.*

Consecrate me now to Thy service, Lord,
By the pow'r of grace divine;
Let my soul look up with a steadfast hope,
And my will be lost in Thine.

(Chorus)

O the pure delight of a single hour
That before thy Throne I spend,
When I kneel in prayer, and with Thee, my God,
I commune as friend with friend!

(Chorus)

There are depths of love that I cannot know
Till I cross the narrow sea;
There are heights of joy that I may not reach
Till I rest in peace with Thee.

(Chorus)

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Communion

As we gather, break bread, and tell stories of hope through prayer, song and ritual in the practice we call "communion," we bear witness that "Life is stronger than death. People can change with God's help. And God is worthy of our thanks and praise." All are welcome at the table: you do not need to be a member of this or any church to gather as God's children at the table of Life.

A brief blessing is offered with bread and juice, available to all. Gluten-free bread is offered at the far right; Spanish blessing offered at the far left.

Please honor this time of sacred community with singing, quiet meditation or prayer that we might each receive the spiritual nourishment we seek ...

Comunion

Al reunirnos, partir el pan, y contar historias de esperanza a través de la oración, el canto y el ritual en la práctica que llamamos "comunion", damos testimonio de que "la vida es más fuerte que la muerte. Las personas pueden cambiar con la ayuda de Dios. Y Dios es digno de nuestro agradecimiento y alabanza." "Todos están invitados a la mesa: no es necesario ser miembro de esta iglesia o cualquier reunir como hijos de Dios en la mesa de la Vida.

Una breve bendición se ofrece con el pan y el jugo, al alcance de todos. Pan sin gluten se ofrece en el extremo derecho; bendición españoles ofrecen en el extremo izquierdo.

Por favor respetar este tiempo de comunidad sagrada con canto, la meditación o la oración silenciosa para que podamos recibir cada uno el alimento espiritual que buscamos ...

Have Thine Own Way

Have Thine own way, Lord! Have Thine own way.
Thou art the Potter, I am the clay. Mold me and make me after Thy will,
While I am waiting, yielded and still.

Have Thine own way, Lord! Have Thine own way.
Search me and try me, won't you, today? Purer than snow, Lord, wash me just now,
As in Thy presence humbly I bow.

Have Thine own way, Lord! Have Thine own way.
Wounded and weary, help me, I pray! Power, all power, surely is Thine.
Touch me and heal me, Savior divine.

Have Thine own way, Lord! Have Thine own way.
Hold o'er my being absolute sway! Fill with Thy Spirit till all shall see
Christ only, always, living in me.

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Take My Life And Let It Be

Take my life, and let it be, Consecrated, Lord, to Thee.
Take my moments and my days; Let them flow in ceaseless praise.
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands, and let them move, At the impulse of Thy love.
Take my feet, and let them be, Swift and beautiful for Thee.
Swift and beautiful for Thee.

Take my voice, and let me sing, Always let the praises ring.
Take my lips, and let them be, Filled with messages from Thee.
Filled with messages from Thee.

Take my silver and my gold; not a mite would I withhold.
Take my intellect, and use, Ev'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose.
Ev'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose.

Take my will, and make it Thine; It shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is Thine own; It shall be Thy royal throne.
It shall be Thy royal throne.

Take my love, my God, I pour, At Thy feet its treasure store.
Take myself, and I will be, Ever, only, all for Thee.
Ever, only, all for Thee.

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Holy Holy Holy

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty, God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All Thy works shall praise Thy name, in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty, God in three persons, blessed Trinity.
God in three persons, blessed Trinity.

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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.

+ **Prayer of Thanksgiving / Acción de Gracias**

Rev. Troy Plummer Treash

+ **Benediction / Bendición**

Rev. Janice Ladd

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Joel Hammett

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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.

Worship | Sunday, 9 & 11 am
Children & Youth Worship | Sunday, 11 am
Nursery | Sunday, 9 & 11 am

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SEVEN THOUSAND WAYS TO LISTEN: CONVERSATION GROUPS

WEEKLY THROUGH THE SEASON OF LENT
FEBRUARY 14 - MARCH 30

Throughout Lent, our church will be engaging in a sermon series based on Mark Nepo's book, "Seven Thousand Ways to Listen: Staying Close to What is Sacred." The book is an exploration of self and our relationship to others and the world around us. It unpacks the many ways we are called to redefine ourselves and to name what is meaningful as we move through the changes that come from experience and aging and the challenge of surviving loss. As part of the series, we will have a small group component -- "Conversation Groups." These groups meet weekly (for approximately six weeks) in volunteer homes to share a meal, fellowship, and conversation about selections from the book. Days and times to be decided by each group. Register online at www.bit.ly/rmcc-7000

RevMichael@ResurrectionMCC.org

NEWCOMERS WELCOME RECEPTION



TODAY

12:30 pm, Gathering Place

Are you new to Resurrection MCC? If you have begun attending within the past few months, or have returned after hiatus, welcome home! You are cordially invited to attend a reception immediately following the 11 am Worship service with refreshments provided. You'll have the opportunity to meet new folks and some of the ministry leaders and clergy, learn more about Resurrection MCC, and ask any questions you might have.

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THE PROSPEROUS HEART: Creating a Life of "Enough"



WEDNESDAYS

JANUARY 9 - APRIL 3

7 - 8:30 pm, Gathering Place

Author Julia Cameron, creator of the popular Artist's Way process, guides us in this incredible 12-week series for freeing ourselves of limiting ideas, negative patterns, and habitual fears which keep us from experiencing clarity and freedom in our financial lives. Recognizing that prosperity is a spiritual condition rooted in faith in God's care and provision, The Prosperous Heart deepens our awareness of blessing and cultivates our ability to live prosperously no matter our financial situation.

Details and RSVP: www.bit.ly/rmcc-events
RevKristen@ResurrectionMCC.org



LGBT WEALTH MANAGEMENT SEMINAR

MONDAY
MARCH 4

7 pm, Gathering Place

Join us as we discuss wealth management specifically for the LGBT community. Amy Rowe, Financial Advisor, and Geoffrey Sansom, Attorney at Law, will share strategies for financial planning, tax planning, estate planning, retirement planning, as well as gifting and philanthropy. Don't miss this opportunity to discover what you can do from an LGBT perspective to manage and protect your family's wealth! Space is limited.

RSVP on Facebook or LGBTwealth@ResurrectionMCC.org

MORE TO LIFE: BEYOND CANCER SUPPORT GROUP



THURSDAY
MARCH 7
6:30 - 8 pm, Chapel

Living with - and beyond - a cancer diagnosis is many things, including frightening, confusing, and exhausting. Even so, there are those among us who would add spiritually awakening, deepening, and freeing to the list. This monthly connection group is offered by, with, and for persons who have experienced a cancer diagnosis in their lives. Come and share, no matter where you are on the path: recently diagnosed, pre-treatment, post-treatment, somewhere in the middle, or living in remission. We gather to share spiritual and practical encouragement by sharing our stories, our spiritual insights, our ideas and our resources, together bearing witness that cancer is only part of our journey; with God and each other there truly is more to life!

MoreToLife@ResurrectionMCC.org



ALL CHURCH WORK DAY

SATURDAY
MARCH 9
9 am - Noon, Resurrection MCC Campus

Join us in service as we beautify and clean our church home! Activities include both indoor and outdoor projects, carried out in an atmosphere of great fellowship and fun. Lunch will be served, so be sure to let us know if you plan to bless us with your presence as we "clean house with Jesus"!

Joy@ResurrectionMCC.org

FRIDAY NIGHT OUT NORTH



FRIDAY • 6 pm
MARCH 8

Kim Son Cafe

1701 Lake Robbins Dr, The Woodlands, TX
(281) 419-9444
www.kimsoncafe.com

Join your Resurrection friends on the North side of town for a night filled with good food, good friends and good conversation!

FridayNightOUTNorth@ResurrectionMCC.org



\$15

SUNDAY
MARCH 10

8 am • Hermann Square Park
T-Shirts Available TODAY in Inspirations

AIDS Walk Houston is an inspiring and fun event that helps raise much needed funds for area HIV/AIDS service providers. Resurrection MCC is blessed to be a partner with AIDS Foundation Houston, so 70% of the walk funds we raise stay at Resurrection MCC to fund our HIV/AIDS Benevolence Ministry. As a friend of Resurrection MCC, and advocate for people living with HIV/AIDS, please consider joining our AIDS Walk Houston Team or making a donation. Register at www.bit.ly/RMCC-AIDSWalk2013 Mark@ResurrectionMCC.org



Living Your Voice: Showcase Celebration!

SATURDAY
MARCH 16

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

All members and friends of Resurrection MCC are invited to join together with Joyful Singing 102 singers, their family and friends as we celebrate each participant's triumphs and achievements in claiming their voice! Enjoy this festive showcase party during which the singers perform solos and songs together as a group; joy abounds as each singer soars to new heights! This event is free and open to all! St. Andrews Episcopal Church, 1819 Heights Blvd, 77008, Tony@LivingYourVoice.com



FRIENDS BY THE FIRE

FRIDAY
MARCH 22

7 - 9 pm • Outside

Join us for "Friends by the Fire" sponsored by our Landscape and Facilities Team. Bring a chair and join us as we share stories, laughs, and "S'mores." We will have hot dogs to roast, but please bring a soda or bottle of water. Please RSVP to be sure there are plenty of hot dogs. Joy@ResurrectionMCC.org



GENERATION FAITH TEENS BUY YOUR OWN BRUNCH

1 - 3 pm
MARCH 17
Location TBD

Our Generation Faith Teens will "Buy Your Own Brunch" together after church every third Sunday. Our Teen Ministry Facilitators will drive the 13-17 year-olds to and from a nearby restaurant as we share a monthly social brunch with Generation Faith. All Teens are welcome and families may attend (at nearby tables). Signed release forms required.

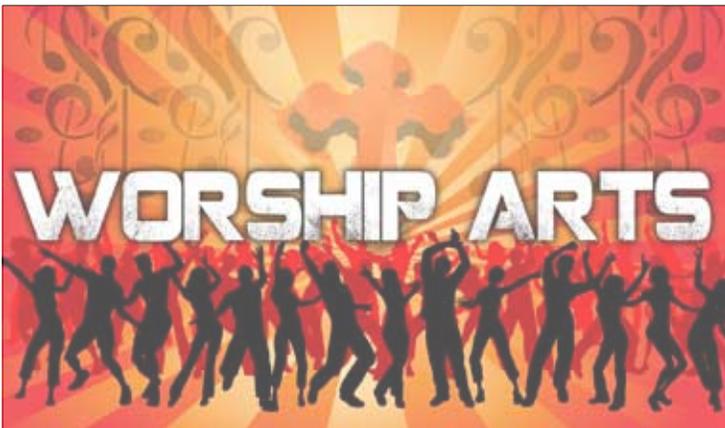
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LIBERATION SEDER

THURSDAY
MARCH 28
7 - 9 pm • Activities Building

A ritual meal in celebration of a God of Life, the seder is a time for the community to gather and eat, pray and sing, and to tell the story of God's steadfast provision for God's peoples. Rich in history, deep in meaning, and beautifully resonant with God's many and diverse peoples, the seder at it's heart is an open table: a place where the family of God gathers to share the blessing of life. Come, be with us at Table this Holy Week as we share in God's story together! Hosted by Landscape & Facilities Team. Joy@ResurrectionMCC.org



WORSHIP ARTS MINISTRY

Resurrection MCC is blessed to have a number of groups to minister at our worship services. All are welcome 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. You will need the ability to match pitch and sing a part separate from the melody. GospelEnsemble@ResurrectionMCC.org

HEAVENSOUND HANDBELLS

Sundays • 12:30 pm

Directed by Rose Wall, there are several open spots in the handbell choir. Some music reading skills are required, but experience in ringing is not required. HeavenSound@ResurrectionMCC.org

PRAISE BANDS

Tuesdays • 6 pm

Co-Directed by Mark C. Brown and Bridgett Vinson, these bands include instrumentalists and vocalists and are by audition and invitation only. These groups primarily present a wide variety of musical styles with a concentration in contemporary. The groups lead congregational singing and present special music. PraiseBands@ResurrectionMCC.org

PRAISE DANCERS

Led by LaWanna White, all age groups and abilities are welcome to take part in this ministry. Come and get your groove on for God! Dance@ResurrectionMCC.org

SANCTUARY CHOIR

Tuesdays • 7 pm

Directed by Reed Hoke, this group sings mostly traditional church choral music with some contemporary music from time to time. Reading music is not required for this group. You will need the ability to match pitch and sing a part separate from the melody. SanctuaryChoir@ResurrectionMCC.org



*Welcome
Reception for our new
Senior Pastor!*

**SUNDAY, MARCH 10
12:30 pm, Gathering Place**

Help welcome Rev. Troy & Walter to their new church home with cake, punch, and a presentation of greeting cards.

Blank greeting cards and collection boxes available at Sanctuary entrances. Or bring your own card next Sunday.

A vertical advertisement for Yoga Connections. It features a silhouette of a person in a yoga pose against a yellow and orange background. The text "YOGA CONNECTIONS" is written in large, white, outlined letters. Below it, "TUESDAYS" is written in the same style. At the bottom, it says "7 - 8 pm | Activities Building", "Please bring a mat and towel.", "Everyone is welcome to join us for these free sessions.", and "RSVP at Facebook.com/ResurrectionMCC or for more info email Yoga@ResurrectionMCC.org". There is a small person icon in the top right corner.

FOOD PANTRY SHOPPING LIST

- Peanut Butter & Jelly
- Canned Meats
(chicken, tuna, vienna sausages, spam)
- Canned Vegetables
- Canned Fruit
- Canned Soups
- Canned Chili
- Canned Beans
- Spaghetti Noodles & Sauce
- Macaroni & Cheese
- Tuna & Hamburger Helper
- Mashed Potatoes (instant)
- Beans (one pound bags)
- Rice (one pound bags)
- Breakfast Cereal
- Milk
(individual powdered packets or evaporated)
- Cornbread Mix
- Saltine Crackers
- Oatmeal
- Grits
- Jello

Our food pantry provides nourishment to dozens of our neighbors each week. Please pick up some of these nonperishable items on your next grocery trip and place them in the shopping cart (located in the Welcome Area) on Sunday.



Kroger Neighbor to Neighbor

The *Neighbor to Neighbor* program allows Resurrection MCC the opportunity to earn a portion of \$1 million that will be donated annually. The program earning period is July 1, 2012 through April 30, 2013. During the last program period, Resurrection MCC earned over \$1,200!

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

Below are a few frequently asked questions of the program:

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

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

Do I have to enroll each program year?

YES, all organizations and participants must re-enroll for each new enrollment period. The current *Neighbor to Neighbor* Program is effective July 1, 2012 through April 30, 2013.

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

No, once the barcode is scanned with your plus card, you are enrolled for the remainder of the program year, ending on April 30, 2013.

How much can my organization earn?

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

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HOLY LISTENING USING TWITTER



Throughout Lent, we'll experience a sermon series based on Mark Nepo's book, "Seven Thousand Ways to Listen: Staying Close to What is Sacred." As part of our weekly Worship services we'd like to engage in a new way to listen to each other . . . using Twitter.

To participate:

- 1) Sign up for a Twitter account on your computer or smart phone.
- 2) Follow @resurrectionmcc on Twitter.
- 3) Prayerfully consider our weekly questions. We'll include them on Twitter, Facebook, Mobilizer, and printed Sunday bulletin.
- 4) Tweet your answer before the "We Offer Ourselves" portion of Sunday worship and be sure to include the unique hashtag each week.
- 5) Listen with an open heart and mind each week during worship as we listen to the tweets of our faith family.

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RIDERS

Houston, TX

If you are interested in joining Resurrection Riders as they plan this year's calendar of rides, please email Resurrection_Riders@yahoo.com

Resurrection Riders is open to anyone of any riding level. We are also interested in outreach to our community, so please pass our info on to folks outside our walls. Rides include MD Anderson Cancer, trips to Galveston, Ren. Fest, Austin, and Wine Country tours, as well as short, local gatherings. If you are still working on a license, we're happy to talk and encourage you as well. Non-Rider slots are available on some rides. Seat availability varies so please contact us.

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.

Board Member on Duty

Manuel Diaz and Elisa Vega-Burns

Board Minutes Available Upon Request.

General Fund Giving Report			For Week and YTD Ended February 24, 2013
Giving (Tithes and Offerings)	Week Ended	YTD Total	
Total Amount Received	\$15,399.21	\$146,807.80	
Total Amount Anticipated	\$20,769.23	\$155,769.25	
Total Giving Variance		(\$8,961.45)	
Weekly Giving Comparison			
Average Amount Received	\$19,574.37		
Cash Flow Need	19,865.38	(A)	
Ministry Plan Need	\$20,769.23	(B)	
Attendance	Week Ended	YTD Average	
Worship	807	566	
Programming	122	155	
Total Weekly Attendance	929	721	

Cash Flow Need is the minimum amount needed each week to fund our basic ministry obligations: staff, property, operations and debt (i.e., the minimum amount needed to keep the doors open each Sunday)

Ministry Plan Need is the weekly amount needed per the budget approved by the congregation to achieve our 2013 ministry plan goals and strategic growth initiatives (i.e., the amount needed to make ministry happen)

This Week @ ResurrectionMCC.org

Fishers Net Prayer Ministry

Fishers Net offers personal prayers on Sundays at the Prayer Wall after the 11:00 am Worship Service. Please email your prayer request to Prayers@ResurrectionMCC.org. **Philippians 4:6-7** do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

SUNDAY MARCH 3

9:00 am	Sunday Worship	Sanctuary
10:15 am	Fisher's Net - Prayer Time	Chapel
10:45 am	Youth Ministries Program	Activities Building
11:00 am	Sunday Worship	Sanctuary
12:30 pm	Jubilee Theater Meeting	Music Room
12:30 pm	Newcomers Welcome Reception	Gathering Place
1:30 pm	HeavenSound Handbells Rehearsal	Sanctuary

MONDAY MARCH 4

6:30 pm	Facility Committee Meeting	Work Room
6:30 pm	Special Music Rehearsal	Music Room
6:30 pm	Joyful Singing 102: Getting in the Sandbox	Chapel
7:00 pm	LGBT Wealth Management Seminar	Gathering Place

TUESDAY MARCH 5

4:00 pm	Special Music Rehearsal	Music Room
6:00 pm	Praise & Worship Rehearsal	Sanctuary
7:00 pm	Gospel Ensemble Rehearsal	Music Room
7:00 pm	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
7:00 pm	Rainbow of Hope NA Group	Gathering Place
7:00 pm	Yoga	Activities Building

WEDNESDAY MARCH 6

6:30 pm	Joyful Singing 104: Beyond the Showcase	Chapel
7:00 pm	The Prosperous Heart	Gathering Place

THURSDAY MARCH 7

6:30 pm	More to Life: Beyond Cancer Support Group	Chapel
7:00 pm	Couplehood: A New Way to Love	Gathering Place

FRIDAY OFFICE CLOSED MARCH 8

7:00 pm	Friday Night OUT North	Kim Son-Woodlands
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SATURDAY OFFICE CLOSED MARCH 9

9:00 am	"All Church" Work Day	Gathering Place
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SUNDAY MARCH 10

8:00 am	AIDS Walk Houston 2013	
9:00 am	Sunday Worship	Sanctuary
10:15 am	Fisher's Net - Prayer Time	Chapel
10:45 am	Youth Ministries Program	Activities Building
11:00 am	Sunday Worship	Sanctuary
1:30 pm	HeavenSound Handbells Rehearsal	Sanctuary

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. We have moved the dumpsters up front in the parking lot by the apartment complex.



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EN ESPAÑOL
A LAS 11 AM.

Sunday Worship
 now interpreted into
 Spanish at 11 am.