



# Resurrection

Metropolitan Community Church

February 3, 2019

+ **Opening Song / Canción de Apertura**

*Ubuntu*

Ubuntu, Ubuntu, Sharing our visions and dreams.  
Ubuntu, where justice, Flows like a life giving stream.  
The people together, Joining our hearts and our hands  
To welcome the stranger, And cherish the friend  
And to work for the peace of the land, And so we do life.

One: Just like a mother **ALL: Just like a mother.**  
One: Tenderly holding, **ALL: Tenderly holding,**  
One: This new creation, **ALL: This new creation,**  
One: Making and molding, **ALL: Making and molding,**  
One: A new holy nation, **ALL: A new holy nation,**

**ALL:**

**Marked by the water , And given our name.  
Moved by God's Spirit, Revived by holy flame!**

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One: Dreaming and daring, **ALL: Dreaming and daring,**  
One: To live this communion, **ALL: To live this communion,**  
One: That breaks us and binds us, **ALL: That breaks us and binds us,**  
One: Holds us and heals us, **ALL: Holds us and heals us,**  
One: Frees us and finds us, **ALL: Frees us and finds us,**

**All:**

**God give us courage, To do what we say  
Christ give us strength, For the living of these days!**

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To welcome the stranger, And cherish the friend  
And to work for the peace of the land, And so we do life.  
And so we do life. And so we do life.

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**Our Community Gathers / Nuestra Comunidad Se Reúne**

Rev. Troy Treash

**Announcements / Anuncios**

Shellye Bradford

+ **Passing of the Peace / Paso de la Paz**

Rev. Troy Treash

+ You are invited to rise in body or spirit. / Usted está invitado a levantarse en cuerpo o espíritu.

## 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, as we are. In this Sanctuary we worship, and through worship the courage within us is kindled to inspire courageous living beyond this place.

+ **Gathering Song / Canción de Reunión**

***We Resist***

We resist. we refuse, To let hatred in.  
We rise up, we won't back down.  
We're in this to the end.

We resist. we refuse, To let hatred in.  
We rise up, we won't back down.  
We're in this to the end.

Pray for your enemies. Welcome the stranger.  
Show love to your neighbor.  
We're in the to the end.

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Show love to your neighbor.  
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**Contemporary Word / Lectura Contemporanea**

Trevor Noah (Audio)

***Born a Crime: Stories from a South African Childhood***

by Trevor Noah

Where most children are proof of their parents' love, I was the proof of their criminality. The only time I could be with my father was indoors. If we left the house, he'd have to walk across the street from us. My mom and I used to go to Joubert Park all the time. It's the Central Park of Johannesburg—beautiful gardens, a zoo, a giant chessboard with human-sized pieces that people would play. My mother tells me that once, when I was a toddler, my dad tried to go with us. We were in the park, he was walking a good bit away from us, and I ran after him, screaming, "Daddy! Daddy! Daddy!" People started looking. He panicked and ran away. I thought it was a game and kept chasing him. I couldn't walk with my mother, either; a light-skinned child with a black woman would raise too many questions.

**Special Music / Música Especial**

Laylia Doran, Sandy Solis  
& Andrew Valadez

***You Say***

by Jason Ingram, Lauren Daigle, and Paul Mabury  
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+ **Scripture Lesson / Lectura Bíblica**

Deidre Scott

***Luke 4:21-30***

Then he began to say to them, 'Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.' All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, 'Is not this Joseph's son?' Jesus said, 'Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, "Doctor, cure yourself!" And you will say, "Do here also in your home town the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum." Truly I tell

you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet's home town. But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up for three years and six months, and there was a severe famine over all the land; yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. There were also many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian.' When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. They got up, drove Jesus out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff. But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way.

**Anthem / Selección Musical**

Gospel Ensemble

*More Love*  
by Mark Miller  
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**Sermon / Sermón**

Rev. Troy Treash

*Love Makes a Way: Hometown Blues*

**Sermon Response / Respuesta de Sermón**

Mark C. Brown

**We Offer Ourselves / Nos Ofrecemos**

Adam Garcia

**Invitation to Give / Invitación a Dar**

Eddie Domingue

*If you would like to make an offering to support the ministries of Resurrection MCC, you may place your gift in the plate that will be passed. To give by debit or credit card, please do so at the Giving Kiosk in the Sanctuary or by texting GOTLOVE to 73256.*

**Offertory / Ofrenda**

Gospel Ensemble

*Blessed Assurance*  
by Harold DeCou and Phoebe Palmer Knapp  
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**Prayer of Receiving / Oración de Recepción**

Eddie Domingue

**Love Makes A Way**

We will add to our study of the Gospel of Luke the journey of a mother and son, Patricia and Trevor Noah, through breaking the rules, surviving, and thriving from the twilight of apartheid South Africa to the tumultuous days of freedom in the new democratic South Africa and on to the United States. This family journey lives out our shared gospel journey with the confidence that indeed love does make a way. Join us as we share the compelling, inspiring, and comically sublime story of one man's coming-of-age as we discover that Love Makes A Way.

Hometown Blues  
**February 3**

Speaking the Language  
**February 10**

Filling Up on Blessings  
**February 17**

What's Love Got to Do With It?  
**February 24**

Finding Bedrock  
**March 3**

## 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 unfermented 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 ...

## Comunión

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 "comunión", 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.

## Communion / Comunión

Rev. Johnna Faber

*If you would like to receive Communion, please follow the invitation of the ushers as they welcome each row. If you don't wish to receive Communion, feel free to remain seated. For those that come forward, a server will provide you with bread, grape juice, and a brief blessing. Unfermented juice is served so that all may participate, including those in recovery from alcohol. If you wish to receive a Gluten-free wafer or prefer a blessing in Spanish, please inform the usher so that they may direct you to the appropriate Communion server.*

## Communion Songs / Cantos de Comunión

### **Thank You, Lord**

Traditional  
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### **Oh How He Loves You And Me**

by Kurt Kaiser  
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### **Holy Holy Holy**

by John Bacchus Dykes and Reginald Heber  
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### **How Can We Name a Love**

Words by Brian Wren and Music by Terra Beata, traditional English melody  
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## Prayer of Thanksgiving / Acción de Gracias

Rev. Johnna Faber

## + Closing Song / Canto de Salida

### **Love Divine, All Love Excelling**

Love divine, all loves excelling,  
Joy of heav'n, to earth come down!  
Fix in us Thy humble dwelling;  
All Thy faithful mercies crown.  
Jesus, Thou art all compassion;  
Pure, unbounded love Thou art;  
Visit us with Thy salvation;  
Enter ev'ry trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe Thy loving Spirit  
Into ev'ry troubled breast!  
Let us all in Thee inherit;  
Let us find the promised rest.  
Take away the love of sinning;  
Alpha and Omega be;  
End of faith, as its beginning,  
Set our hearts at liberty.

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## + Benediction / Bendición

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## + Postlude / Postludio

Joel Hammett

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**Worship** | Sunday, 9 & 11 am  
**Servicio en Español** | Domingo, 1:30 pm  
**Nursery** | Sunday, 9 & 11 am  
**Youth & Teens** | Sunday, 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 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, your infants, and your children (1 month - 5 years). The nursery is located in the Activities Building and is open during both of our Worship services. Children, youth, and teens (5 - 18 years) are invited to participate in programming held in our Activities Building during our 11 am service. Sign-in begins at 10:45 am in the Activities Building.

Directions from the Sanctuary to the Activities Building: Go through the Welcome Area, out the two glass doors, turn left and walk down the sidewalk, across the breezeway, and enter the Activities Building. Go around the corner to your right and you'll find us. Feel free to ask an usher for directions.

## 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.

Our **MISSION** is to demonstrate God's unconditional love to all people through Christ-like action.

Our **VISION** is to boldly experience, engage, and embody our faith to transform ourselves and the world into the full expression of Christ's inclusive love.

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.

## Core Values

### INCLUSION

Love is our greatest moral value. Inclusion is a primary focus of our ministry. We believe that all people, as they are and where they are, should be welcomed at God's table.

### COMMUNITY

Our deep desire is to offer a safe and open community for people to worship, learn, share, and grow in their faith. 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

A message of liberation guides our ministry. We believe that when people are invited to experience God through the life and ministry of Christ, lives are transformed.

### JUSTICE

We are committed to uplifting all people and standing with those who suffer under the weight of oppressive systems. We are guided by our commitment to global human rights.

# Creating a Welcoming Space for Everyone

Resurrection MCC is committed to creating a positive environment for our congregation.

Inclusion and Community are two of the fundamental values of Resurrection MCC. Sexual harassment and other forms of violence strike at the heart of both. Harassment, violence, and bigotry create feelings of fear, uneasiness, humiliation, and discomfort. They are expressions of perceived power and superiority by the harasser over another person. Sometimes, even when our actions are not intentionally hurtful, what we say and do can hurt others or make them feel uncomfortable.

Sexual harassment is a form of sexual violence. Sexual harassment and sexual violence is any unwanted attention of a sexual nature, including:

- Remarks about appearance or personal life
- Unwanted flirtations or advances
- Offensive written or visual depictions like graffiti or degrading pictures
- Touching someone without their permission (groping, grabbing, hugging, petting, biting)
- Unwanted sexual demands, pressure, propositions, or requests for sexual activities
- Graphic comments about an individual's body or dress
- Verbal abuse, including sexual insults and name calling
- Rewards for granting sexual favors or the withholding of rewards for refusing to grant sexual favors
- Sexual assault, rape, and sexual violence

Many Resurrection MCC attendees create and build social and sexual relationships with one another. We want to remind you that if you are considering engaging in sexual relationships, consent is essential. Please be sure that all involved have similar expectations and engage in safe sexual practices. Free HIV & STD testing is provided by Fort Bend County Health Services on the first Sunday of each month from 10 am - 2 pm in the Gathering Place. Female and male condoms are available in our restrooms.

Resurrection MCC is proud to host a beautiful and diverse LGBTQ and allied community where vibrant diversity in sexual orientation, gender identity, and gender expression is welcome. It is all our responsibility to ensure that each member of our LGBTQ and ally family feels welcome and affirmed.

Thank you for your help in ensuring that Resurrection MCC is an environment where all worshippers feel safe, comfortable, and celebrated as members of our extended family. If you experience sexual harassment or violence or feel threatened, please contact Sharri McGlaughting, member of our Board of Director, at [Sharri@ResurrectionMCC.org](mailto:Sharri@ResurrectionMCC.org), or you may leave a voicemail at 281-254-8025. Communications will be kept confidential.



## VALENTINE'S PHOTO SHOOT TODAY

After Worship • Gathering Place Meeting Room

Have your photograph taken by Blu Velvet Photography and receive an 8" x 10" copy for just \$25. Individuals, couples, groups, and pets are invited to celebrate this opportunity to make a memory that will last a lifetime. You will also be able to purchase duplicates of different sizes (4 x 6, wallet, etc.).

**Photo Session: TODAY**  
**Photo Pickup: Sundays, February 3 & 10**

*Proceeds will be shared to support the ministries of Resurrection MCC and EXCEL Retreat Ministries.*

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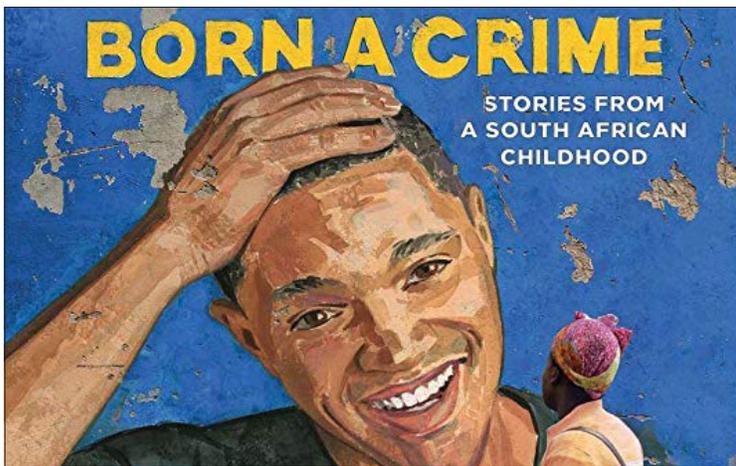


## TODAY

10 am - 1 pm  
Gathering Place

Free testing for HIV, Syphilis, Hepatitis C, Chlamydia, and Gonorrhea. Knowing your status is the best way for you to stay healthy and avoid spreading sexually transmitted illnesses. Testing is provided by Fort Bend County Clinical Health Services.

[www.facebook.com/FortBendClinic](http://www.facebook.com/FortBendClinic)



WEDNESDAYS  
**FEBRUARY 6, 13, 20, 27**  
7 - 8:30 pm • Gathering Place

Stories from a South African Childhood Trevor Noah's unlikely path from apartheid South Africa to the desk of The Daily Show began with a criminal act: his birth. *Born a Crime* is the story of a mischievous young boy who grows into a restless young man as he struggles to find himself in a world where he was never supposed to exist. Trevor illuminates his curious world with an incisive wit & unflinching honesty.

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# La Casa De Todos Valentine's Celebration

SUNDAY  
**FEBRUARY 10**

5 - 8 pm • Activities Building



Come and celebrate the day of friendship and love with La Casa De Todos! It will be a special and unforgettable moment. We'll have live music, funny contests, and many other surprises that will make you feel the friendship in the style of La Casa de Todos!

Hola Amigos, Ven y celebra el día de la amistad y el amor con La Casa De Todos, sera un momento especial e inolvidable para ti, pues tendremos música en vivo, concursos divertidos y muchas otras sorpresas que te harán sentir la amistad al estilo de La Casa De Todos, Los esperamos!

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FRIDAY  
**FEBRUARY 8**  
7 - 9 pm

**PRONTO'S CUCINO**

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Join us for another Friday evening filled with food, fun and friends. To help ensure that we have adequate seating, we ask that you please RSVP and let us know if you will be attending. As always, friends and family (including children) are welcome!

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



SUNDAY  
**FEBRUARY 10**

9 - 10:30 am • Chapel

Learn more about who we are at Resurrection MCC in this introductory class. We'll discuss the mission, vision, and values of Resurrection MCC. Learn more about our history, and discover the many ways people are making an impact in our faith community. At the end of the class, you will be given the opportunity to become a member if you feel God's call on your heart to do so. The class is open to those wishing to become members and those who simply want to learn more about Resurrection MCC. Light breakfast provided.

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# CAMPUS CARE TEAM MEETING

TUESDAY  
**FEBRUARY 12**

6 - 7 pm • Conference Room

The Campus Care Team is responsible for assessing the ever-changing conditions on our campus and grounds. We meet monthly to plan and execute much needed maintenance projects in and around our church home. All are welcome to attend this meeting and see if this ministry is a fit for your Spirit!

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



## THE GOSPEL ENSEMBLES' CONCERT IN CELEBRATION OF BLACK HISTORY MONTH

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 22**

7 pm • Sanctuary

*Reception following concert in Gathering Place*

An evening concert featuring the Resurrection MCC Gospel Ensemble and friends directed by Cassandra White. A love offering will be collected for the General Fund of Resurrection MCC. A fabulous casual reception will be held following the concert. Please come on out and enjoy music and community! Child care will be offered. Please RSVP to [Nursery@ResurrectionMCC.org](mailto:Nursery@ResurrectionMCC.org) no later than Wednesday February 20, 2019 to reserve your child's spot. For more information please email [Cassandra@ResurrectionMCC.org](mailto:Cassandra@ResurrectionMCC.org)

## Volunteer Day at the Houston Food Bank: Facilitated by our Young Adults

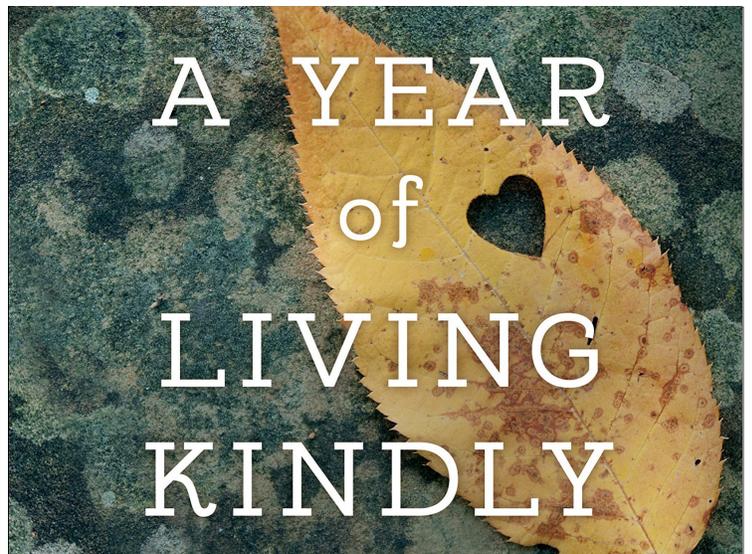


**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 21**

6 - 9 pm • Houston Food Bank  
535 Portwall St, Houston, TX 77029

Join our Justice and Young Adult Ministries at the Houston Food Bank as they practice compassion and service. We will assist in inspecting and sorting food, repacking dry food into family-sized bags, stocking and cleaning the Portwall Pantry and more!

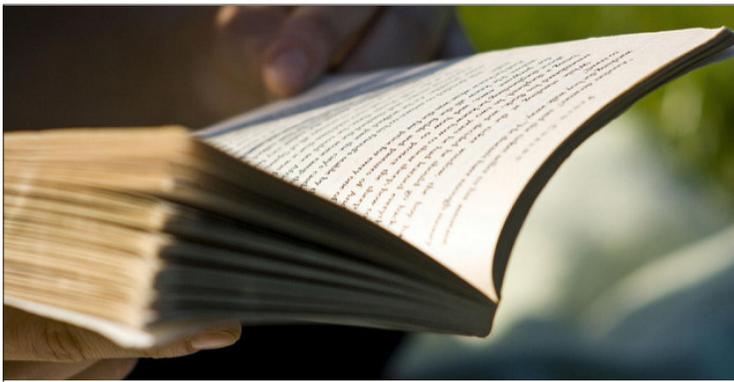
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**2019 DAILY DEVOTIONAL**

Being kind is something most of us do when it's easy and when it suits us. Being kind when we don't feel like it, or when all of our buttons are being pushed, is hard. But that's also when it's most needed; that's when it can defuse anger and even violence, when it can restore civility in our personal and virtual interactions. Kindness has the power to profoundly change our relationships with other people and with ourselves. It can, in fact, change the world.

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# The Bible Read Chronologically

## 2019 DAILY BIBLE READING

A Common Read invites participants to read and discuss the same book in a given period of time. A Common Read can build community in our congregation and our movement by giving diverse people a shared experience, shared language, and a basis for deep, meaningful conversations.

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# COFFEE TALK

## Every Sunday After Worship Gathering Place

Coffee Talk is an opportunity to make friends over coffee, conversation, and breakfast snacks every Sunday in the Gathering Place after Worship! A different kind of communion, to meet new friends and reconnect with those you already know. Please consider bringing and sharing your favorite breakfast finger food at Coffee Talk.

# Passing of the Peace

At the OWLS (Older Wiser Leaders Serving) meeting this month, I enjoyed some good crockpot cooking and visiting with our members. In the conversation, one asked, "Why aren't we doing the passing of the peace anymore? I miss it." It wasn't the first time this month I have been asked that question. One of our worshipers shared, "You're killing me. It is how I first connected with people here, and felt at home." Another shared, "Thank you so much for stopping the passing of the peace, I have never liked it. I would shake hands, but hugging is too much for me."

I shared with OWLS that for a "season" we start and stop a variety of things in our worship service and sometimes rearrange them. It is a part of how we try to listen for new movement of the spirit together with you. I then shared, "You know some of our folks don't care for the passing of the peace, and we are giving them a break." She said, "Really?" And just at the same time one of the other OWLS raised his hand and he nodded acknowledging, "Yes, I'm one of them." We have received more feedback on this worship change than all the others over the past five years!

I was thankful for both the question and for the acknowledgment of difference. We are different. We have different personal space requirements. We have different comfort levels with language, touch, embrace, welcome, noise, scents, and still more differences than can be named in a list. And also our comfort level can shift depending on who we are with, and how we have known them through thick and thin, or just meeting for the first time, or even if someone feels like they have a cold they don't want to share.

At Resurrection, we lift the many ways we embrace families, identities, capacities--from personal pronouns to interpreters to how we are invited to the open table and to how we name God. The passing of the peace is another one of those ways we can celebrate diversity and not try to fit everyone into our own personal space comfort box. It takes effort to let go of the cookie cutter and look for the signs of unique preference of each individual celebrating each difference as good. I think we all need to make the effort. It is faithful.

So as this church season closes and the passing of the peace returns in our services on February 4, I invite you to make the effort to celebrate diversity as we participate in this ancient ritual of the church. If you are an avid hugger, take a step back and see if other people reach forward to you first. If you connect with a handshake, offer your hand only. You are not required to hug. Watch for the signs that someone else's personal space is different from yours and always err on the side of less rather than more.

When I see someone sitting in the middle of a long pew and standing but not circulating during the peace, I don't offer a hug and don't offer my hand unless they do. Often I will flash a peace sign from the aisle and not sidle in to get closer. I remember the stories many have shared of sitting in the balcony or in the back on purpose to be able to feel safe as they brave trying a church again, or just to be in solitude within the multitude. I don't want to overwhelm them. I want them to have the space they need to explore. I also know that once I think I have someone figured out, they tend to surprise me with a shift one way or another from a hug to a handshake or a handshake to a hug, from sitting in the center of all the activity to moving to the separateness of the balcony. People change and we need to walk alongside them and pay attention. This is faithful.

This Sunday we begin a new series using the Gospel of Luke for Love Makes a Way as we study the journey of Trevor Noah and his mother Patricia through faith and difference from apartheid South Africa to democratic South Africa to the US, because indeed, love can make a way where we see no way.

Celebrating diversity,

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# FOOD pantry

Our Food Pantry, operated by Pride Charities, is in need of unexpired food donations every Sunday. Please consider bringing a few items on Sunday and placing them in the wagon located near the Welcome Center. You may make a cash donation by writing your check to "Pride Charities" and placing it in the Sunday offering plate. Financial donations are also accepted online at [www.Pride-Charities.org](http://www.Pride-Charities.org). Your continued generosity provides life-sustaining nourishment to the families we serve. Volunteers are needed to help with food distribution. If you would like to sign up to volunteer once a month, please email [Info@Pride-Charities.org](mailto:Info@Pride-Charities.org).



We are excited to announce that during our flood recovery efforts, we have been updating the two multi-stall restrooms adjacent to the Foyer into all-gender restrooms. Those restrooms are available now.

Our core values of inclusion, community, spiritual transformation, and justice inform us as we seek to create safe and welcoming spaces that are fully accessible to all members of our church family.

With these core values guiding our decision, all-gender restrooms support individuals whose gender is different than assumed at birth, including transgender, non-binary, genderqueer, gender non-conforming, and genders that exist outside of the gender binary of strictly female and male. They are also especially helpful for people with disabilities, the elderly, and anyone else who might require assistance from someone of another gender, including parents who wish to accompany their children to the restroom.

In addition to these two multi-stall restrooms off the Foyer, single-stall restrooms are located adjacent to the Chapel, Foyer, Welcome Area, and Worship Arts Room.

If you have any questions, please contact [RevTroy@ResurrectionMCC.org](mailto:RevTroy@ResurrectionMCC.org).

## LOVE THY NEIGHBOR

Short Sleeve T-Shirt - \$15  
Long Sleeve T-Shirt - \$20  
Hooded Sweatshirt - \$30

LOVE THY NEIGHBOR

- THY HOMELESS NEIGHBOR
- THY JEWISH NEIGHBOR
- THY BLACK NEIGHBOR
- THY GAY NEIGHBOR
- THY UNDOCUMENTED NEIGHBOR
- THY WHITE NEIGHBOR
- THY TRANSGENDER NEIGHBOR
- THY CHRISTIAN NEIGHBOR
- THY HIV+ NEIGHBOR
- THY RACIST NEIGHBOR
- THY ADDICTED NEIGHBOR
- THY ATHEIST NEIGHBOR
- THY IMPRISONED NEIGHBOR
- THY DISABLED NEIGHBOR
- THY MUSLIM NEIGHBOR

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**LA CASA DE TODOS**  
SERVICIO Y ESTUDIO BÍBLICO  
EN ESPAÑOL  
(SPANISH WORSHIP & BIBLE STUDY)

**DOMINGOS**

1:30 - 3 pm • Chapel

¿Te gustaría conocer más sobre la Biblia? ¿Quieres conocer el mensaje de Dios para tu vida? ¿Sabes que Dios te ama, sin importar a quién ames? El propósito será que por medio de clases dinámicas y prácticas podamos llegar al conocimiento de las verdades espirituales de una manera sencilla, para poder entender, practicar y vivir en la conciencia de que Dios nos ama y no rechaza a nadie por su orientación o por ser diferentes. Buscamos llegar a la comunidad TLGBQ+ Latina, para ir formando una comunidad de fe que responda a sus necesidades y en su propio idioma.

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# IN.formation

February 11, February 25  
SECOND AND FOURTH MONDAYS  
Chapel • 7 - 8:30 pm

7 – 7:45 pm • Transgender, Gender Fluid, Gender Expansive  
7 – 7:45 pm • Spouses and Significant Others  
7:45 – 8:30 pm • Combined Group Meeting

IN.formation is a peer support group focused on creating a gender inclusive community for transgender, gender fluid, and gender expansive individuals, spouses and significant others.

For more information, please contact  
IN.formation@ResurrectionMCC.org

# TEXT GIVING



## TEXT GOTLOVE to 73256

## General Fund Giving Report

For YTD Ended January 27, 2018

**Ministry Plan Need** is the weekly amount needed per the budget approved by the congregation to achieve our 2018 ministry plan goals and strategic growth initiatives.

	Anticipated	Actual
General Offerings	\$57,323.16	\$36,692.73
Fundraising	\$5,769.12	\$3,500
Events/Leases	\$12,238.00	\$5,435.00
<b>Total Income</b>	\$75,330.28	\$45,627.73
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Attendance	Week Ended	YTD Average
Worship	314	334
Programming	323	318
Total Weekly Attendance	637	651

## This Week @ ResurrectionMCC.org

*This schedule lists open offerings  
for which all are invited to participate.  
This is not a comprehensive list of all events on campus.*

### SUNDAY FEBRUARY 3

9:00 am	Worship Service	Sanctuary
10:00 am	HIV /STD Testing	Gathering Place
10:15 am	Coffee Talk	Gathering Place
11:00 am	Worship Service	Sanctuary
12:15 pm	Coffee Talk	Gathering Place
12:30 pm	Brunch Buddies	Welcome Area
1:30 pm	La Casa De Todos Servicio (en Español)	Capilla

### MONDAY FEBRUARY 4

6:30 pm	Toastmasters	Gathering Place
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### TUESDAY FEBRUARY 5

6:30 pm	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
7:00 pm	Gospel Ensemble Rehearsal	Worship Arts Room
7:00 pm	Narcotics Anonymous	Chapel

### WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 6

7:00 pm	Overeaters Anonymous	Chapel
8:00 pm	Narcotics Anonymous (en Español)	Chapel
7:00 pm	Born A Crime	Gathering Place

### THURSDAY FEBRUARY 7

7:00 pm	re:MIND	Gathering Place
7:30 pm	Estudio Bíblico (en Español)	Sala de Reuniones

### FRIDAY OFFICE CLOSED FEBRUARY 8

7:00 pm	Friday Night Out	Off Campus
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### SATURDAY OFFICE CLOSED FEBRUARY 9

9:30 am	Overeaters Anonymous	Chapel
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### SUNDAY FEBRUARY 10

9:00 am	Worship Service	Sanctuary
10:15 am	Coffee Talk	Gathering Place
11:00 am	Worship Service	Sanctuary
12:15 pm	Coffee Talk	Gathering Place
12:30 pm	Brunch Buddies	Welcome Area
1:30 pm	La Casa De Todos Servicio (en Español)	Capilla
5:00 pm	Valentine's Celebration with La Casa de Todos	Activities Building



**NEXT WEEK: BERRYHILL BAJA GRILL**

# BRUNCH BUDDIES

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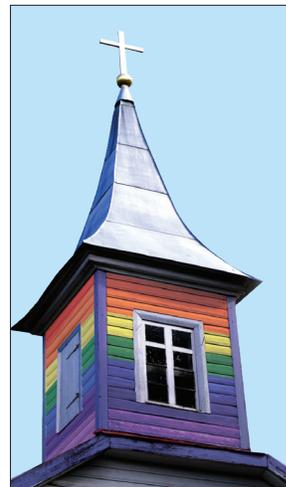
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**TODAY • 12:30 PM**

Join us at a nearby restaurant every Sunday. The restaurant name and address will be printed in this location in the bulletin each week. Whether you're a long-time congregant or a first-time visitor, consider yourself invited to become a Brunch Buddy!

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



## Estudio Bíblico en Español

**Jueves**

7 - 8:30 pm

Sala de Reuniones

Dios nos ama por igual no es sólo un libro, es una invitación para aprender y conversar juntos sobre la orientación sexual en el contexto de nuestras familias e iglesias. Es tiempo de verter luz sobre lo que antes se ha mantenido en oscuridad y secreto. Hay que encender una chispa de entendimiento para ayudar a familias y comunidades a crecer y a vivir juntos reclamando nuestra fe profunda que Dios nos ama, a cada uno por igual. Leerlo y comience un diálogo. Compártalo en su iglesia. Use el recurso, Dios nos ama por igual para reforzar su familia y comunidad cristiana y para tener un mejor entendimiento sobre la orientación sexual.

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