



because He lives...

RESURRECTION SUNDAY SERVICE

Metropolitan Community Church

4610 S Prairie Avenue | Chicago, IL 60653

March 31, 2024 | 10:30am

Reverend Leon Perry III, Senior Pastor



From the Desk of the Pastor

Dear Metropolitan Community Church Love Family and Visitors,

I extend a warm and heartfelt welcome to each and every one of you as we gather together to celebrate Resurrection Sunday.

Today, we come together with hearts full of gratitude and joy, to commemorate the glorious resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. His victory over sin and death is the cornerstone of our faith, filling us with hope and assurance of eternal life.

As we join in worship and fellowship, may we be reminded of the profound love and sacrifice demonstrated on the cross, and may our spirits be lifted by the promise of new life found in Christ's resurrection.

Whether you are a long-time member of our congregation or a first-time visitor, we are delighted to have you with us today. May this service be a time of inspiration, reflection, and renewal for us all.

May God bless you abundantly as we rejoice in the resurrection of our Lord!

In His service,



Rev. Leon Perry, III.,
Senior Pastor



Order of Worship

Resurrection Sunday | Heritage Sunday

Pre-Recorded Songs of Praise & Worship

Video Announcements

Call to Worship

Leader: Celebrate with gladness!

People: We receive the gift of the Resurrection.

Leader: Hallelujah! Jesus has Risen.

People: He has overcome death, that we might know that death does not have the final word.

Leader: We live into the truth of the Resurrection.

People: Death does not have the final word.

Leader: Together we gather! Today we celebrate! We live into hope, even beyond what we can see.

People: We will heal where brokenness has seemed to prevail and love where hate seems to remain.

Leader: Jesus is Risen!

People: Hallelujah, Jesus is Risen!

Welcome

Scripture Readings

John 15:11

11 I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete.

Hebrews 12:12

12 Therefore, strengthen your feeble arms and weak knees.



Order of Worship

Invocation

Congregational Song

"Because He Lives"

God sent His son, they called Him, Jesus;
He came to love, heal and forgive;
He lived and died to buy my pardon,
An empty grave is there to prove my Savior lives!

Because He lives, I can face tomorrow,
Because He lives, all fear is gone,
Because I know He holds the future,
And life is worth the living,
Just because He lives!

How sweet to hold a newborn baby,
And feel the pride and joy he brings;
But greater still the calm assurance:
This child can face uncertain days because He Lives!

Because He lives, I can face tomorrow,
Because He lives, all fear is gone;
Because I know He holds the future,
And life is worth the living,
Just because He lives!

And then one day, I'll cross the river,
I'll fight life's final war with pain;
And then, as death gives way to victory,
I'll see the lights of glory and I'll know He lives!



Order of Worship

Because He lives, I can face tomorrow,
Because He lives, all fear is gone;
Because I know He holds the future,
And life is worth the living,
Just because He lives!

Prayers of Intercession

Sermonic Selection

Sermon

"The Power of The Resurrection"

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

Worship Through Giving

Pastoral Emphasis and Ministry Celebration

Closing Song

"He Lives"

“He lives, he lives, Christ Jesus lives today
He walks with me and talks with me along life’s narrow way
He lives, he lives, salvation to impart
You ask me how I know he lives? He lives within my heart”

Benediction / Threefold Amen



Lily Recognition

Name	In Honor / In Memory
Margaret Allen	In Memory of Ira Allen
Judy Bell	In Memory of My Parents, Gus & June Jones
Faye Buchanan	In Honor of the Harris, Buchanan and Butler Families In Memory of Minnie Harris and Melvin D. Buchanan
Nefertari Cutler	In Honor of My Mother, Dorries Hailey
Sharlene Daniels	In Memory of My Father, William R. Daniels and My Mother, Doris Daniels Smith
Patricia Flakes	In Memory of Bernice H. Williams-Evans, Caroline Payne and Willie Williams
Yvonne Forney	In Memory of Fred & Hazel O'Neal
Karen Hannsberry	In Memory of E. Mildred Henderson and Mitzi Slack Reid In Honor of Theresa Burroughs and Veronica Raggs
Stephanie Harris and Prezel Bennett	In Memory of Loving Parents and Siblings
Sylvia Mandeville	In Memory of Eugene Mandeville, David C. Mandeville, Sr., and Martha G. Dial
Elaine Mann	In Memory of Margaret Mann, William Mann and Patricia Mann
Loretta Moppins	In Memory of Dolores J. Elliott and Martha Hilliard
Chandra Nicks	In Memory of My Loving Parents, Adell & Savana Nicks

Lily Recognition

Name	In Honor / In Memory
Rev. Leon Perry, III	In Memory of Rubin & Dorothy Pace, Leon & Latrice Perry, Nicholas Robinson, Felecia Robinson and Mattie Hoard In Appreciation of Gary & Ronie Bell, Veronica Mosely-Raggs, Lue Martin and James Stewart
Janice Price	In Memory of Willie Lee Green, Francenia Green, Lavola Allen and Freida Anthony Green
Lori Reavley	In Memory of William & Annie Oats
Ruth Simpkins	In Memory of My Mother, Willa Ross, and My Husband, Mason N. Simpkins
Frank Smith	In Memory of Susie Smith
Stewards Ministry	In Appreciation of the Metropolitan Faith Community
Bernard Stinson	In Memory of My Wife, Rochelle Stinson
Helen Wiley	In Memory of Maryann Peterson
Marshall & Marcella Wright	In Honor of Elsie Harrison and Marshall Wright In Memory of Margaret Lexsee, Jean Hart and Martha Hilliard
MaryE Young	In Memory of Claudia Johnson and Lorenzo Young





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Sunday School @ 9am via Facebook Live
Praise, Worship & Word @ 10:30am via YouTube

Wednesday Ministry of Biblical Studies @ 11am via Facebook Live

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REVEREND LEON PERRY, III
SENIOR PASTOR

2024

THE YEAR OF THE OPEN DOOR

"I know thy works: behold, I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it: for thou hast a little strength, and hast kept my word, and hast not denied my name." (Revelation 3:8)