

SUNDAY WORSHIP CELEBRATION

JANUARY 7, 2006 • 9:00 | 11:15 AM

ARTS MINISTRY SUNDAY

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION

Lydon/Mandel Quintet

~ GATHERING ~

PRELUDE

The Old Year Now Has Passed Away J.S. Bach

INTROIT

In the Beginning

Ralph Vaughan Williams

HYMN*

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You

New Century Hymnal

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING*

Gordon Dragt

~Worshippers may be seated~

ANTHEM

Let There Be Light!

Gilbert Martin

BAPTISM

Anthony Joseph "AJ" Apruzzese (11:15AM)

Parents: Geoffrey Perry and Gary Apruzzese

WELCOME

Jacqui Lewis

MORNING PRAYER / LORD'S PRAYER

Gordon Dragt

Ever-loving God, Hallowed be your name. Your reign come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for yours is the reign, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

PASSING OF THE PEACE*

~ REFLECTING ~

SCRIPTURE

Luke 3.15-17, 21-22

JERRIESE JOHNSON EAST VILLAGE GOSPEL CHOIR

The Best is Yet to Come

Anastasia Victory, Director

Donald Lawrence

SERMON

God's Pleasure

Jacqui Lewis

Featuring a monologue by Baby Suggs, Holy from Toni Morrison's *Beloved*,
Bill Wright, Actor; Kim Grier, Dancer; Alden Terry, Cellist

~ RESPONDING ~

OFFERING/ OFFERTORY

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

arr. Roderick Williams

COMMUNION

DOXOLOGY HYMN/DEDICATION PRAYER*

From all that dwell below the skies / Let faith and hope with love arise.

Let peace, goodwill on earth be sung / Through every land, by every tongue.

HYMN*

Jesus the Light of the World

New Century Hymnal

BENEDICTION*

Jacqui Lewis

POSTLUDE

*Indicates please stand if you are able.

COURTESY AND SAFETY IN THE SANCTUARY

Please silence your cell phone and leave food or drink outside. Please help us comply with fire safety codes: fold strollers or carts and store them carefully under a pew. Thanks for your cooperation.

MIDDLE CHURCH CHOIR

Gail Blache-Gill, Charles Brown, Matthew Deming, Beth Hatton, Joslyn King, Eric Lamp, Nedra Neal, Mark Rehnstrom, Elisabeth Rodgers, Kristin Sampson, Junko Watanabe, Pamela Warrick Smith. Directed by Jonathan Dudley.

WELCOME TO MIDDLE CHURCH

We are glad you are here today. If you are visiting for the first time, we invite you to return often and make Middle Church a home for you, your family, and friends. Complete the card from the pew in front of you or sign the guest book in the narthex to receive our newsletter or listserv. For more information visit middlechurch.org.

SUNDAY CLASSES FOR ALL AGES

Under 4	9:00 & 11:15 AM	Wee Care	Nursery
Ages 4-7	9:00 & 11:15 AM Space	Children's Church	Performance
Ages 5-10	10:00 AM	Church School	After School Space
Youth	10:00 AM	Youth Bible Study	Teen Room
Adult	10:00 AM	Bible Study: Charlie Haynes	Third Floor
Adult	10:00 AM	The Ethics of Dr. ML King	Church Parlor
Teen	1:00 PM	Teen Space	Teen Room

UPCOMING CELEBRATIONS

Jan. 14	9 11:15 AM	Celebrating Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Dr. Traci West, speaking MLK SoulFood Brunch Sermon Talk-Back at 2PM
Jan. 21	9 11:15 AM	"Smelly Feet, Great Hair!" Dr. Bradford L. Motta, speaking
Jan. 28	9 11:15 AM	Talking with Your Mouth Full Dr. Jacqui Lewis, speaking

7TH & 2ND GALLERY

LARRY ROSENBERG

DRAWINGS ON PAPER

January 7 – February 1, 2007

Opening reception this afternoon this afternoon 12:30 – 2:00 PM

MIDDLE CARES

Today	10:00 AM	Middle Cares Table	Social Hall
Today	1:00 PM	On and Beyond	Balcony A