

# SUNDAY WORSHIP CELEBRATION

MARCH 11, 2007 • 9:00 | 11:15 AM

## MUSIC FOR MEDITATION

Leon Edwards

### ~ GATHERING ~

**INTROIT** *O Day of Peace*

C. H. H. Parry

**HYMN\*** *Holy, Holy, Holy*

New Century Hymnal

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING\*

Danita Branam

*~Worshippers May Be Seated~*

**ANTHEM** *My Soul Doth Magnify the Lord (Magnificat)*  
Nedra Neal with Women's Choir

Gwyneth Walker

## WELCOME

### MORNING PRAYER/LORD'S PRAYER

Jacqui Lewis

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\*

### CHILDREN LEAVE FOR CHILDREN'S CHURCH

### ~ REFLECTING ~

**SCRIPTURE** Genesis 15:1-6; 18:11-15; 16:11-16

### JERRIESE JOHNSON EAST VILLAGE GOSPEL CHOIR

Annastasia Victory, Director

**SERMON** *Sarah Laughed*

Jacqui Lewis/Danita Branam

**DANCE** *Sarah and Hagar*

Choreographer Theresa

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Corinne Curtis, Lauren Jaynes, Marin Leggat, Naoko Matsumoto, Lutin Tanner,  
Dancers Viola: Lisa Whitfield

### ~ RESPONDING ~

**OFFERING/ OFFERTORY** *Angel*

Sarah McLaclan

Solo: Elisabeth Rodgers Piano: Russell Suggs

### 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\*** *Let There Be Peace on Earth The United Methodist Hymnal*

### BENEDICTION\*

### POSTLUDE

*\*Indicates Please Stand If You Are Able.*

INTERESTED IN BECOMING A MEMBER? NEXT NEW MEMBER GATHERING APRIL 22ND

## 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](http://middlechurch.org).

## 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. For the additional comfort of parents with restless young ones, the worship celebration can also be heard real time in our social hall.

## MIDDLE CHURCH CHOIR

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

## UPCOMING NEW ADULT EDUCATION IN MARCH

<b>Today</b>	Word for Word, Fantasy, or Truth Morine Bowen, Leader	Church Parlor
<b>Today</b>	Still Standing Screening and New Orleans-Style Lunch 1:00p.m.	Social Hall
<b>March 18</b>	The Bible with Flavor: Jacqui Lewis, Leader	Church Parlor
<b>March 25</b>	Reading for Insight: Brad Motta, Leader	Church Parlor
<b>March 4,11</b>	Lenten Leadership Class: Dealing with Difference Jacqui Lewis <b>Joins Still Standing today at 1:00 p.m.</b>	Social Hall
<b>March 18, 25</b>	Lenten Leadership Series: Dealing with Difference Jacqui Lewis 1:00-2:00p.m.	Second Floor

## SAVE THESE DATES

<b>March 12</b>	Manhattan Brass 7:00p.m.	Sanctuary
<b>March 17</b>	Stephen Ministry Retreat 10:00a.m.	Church Parlor
<b>April 15</b>	Middle Cares Dessert Party/Mtg 1:00p.m.	4th Floor
<b>May 20</b>	Junko Watanabe Concert 3:00p.m.	Sanctuary

## SUNDAY CLASSES AND ACTIVITIES FOR ALL AGES

9:00 & 11:15 AM	Under 4	Wee Care	Nursery
9:00 & 11:15 AM	Performance Space	Children's Church Ages 4-7	
10:00 AM	Church School	After School Space	Ages 5-10
10:00 AM	Bible Study: Charlie Haynes	Third Floor	Adult
10:00 AM	Living the Word	Parlor	Adult
10:00 AM	Middle Cares Table	Social Hall	
12:30 PM	Order Tapes of Celebration	Media Room	
12:45 PM	Gulf Coast Training	Third Floor	
1:00 PM	Teen Space	Teen Room	Teen
1:00 PM	Still Standing Screening	Social Hall	
	New Orleans-Style Lunch		
1:00 PM	Lenten Leadership Class	Social Hall	Adult