

EASTER SUNDAY WORSHIP CELEBRATION

APRIL 8, 2007 • 9:00 | 11:15 AM

Manhattan Brass Quintet (10:45 am)

~ GATHERING ~

INTROIT *Easter Fanfare* John Miller

HYMN* *Christ the Lord is Risen Today* New Century Hymnal

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING* Morine Bowen

~Worshippers May Be Seated~

ANTHEM *Hymn of the World's Creator* Louie J. White
Solo: Mark Rehnstrom

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS Jacqui Lewis

MORNING PRAYER/LORD'S PRAYER Brad Motta

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*

EASTER PARADE Children and Brass

CHILDREN LEAVE FOR CHILDREN'S CHURCH (11:15)

~ REFLECTING ~

SCRIPTURE Isaiah 65.17-25; Luke 24:1-12

JERRIESE JOHNSON EAST VILLAGE GOSPEL CHOIR Annastasia Victory, Dir.

SERMON *Choose Life* Jacqui Lewis

~ RESPONDING ~

OFFERING/ OFFERTORY *Alleluia* Randall Thompson

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.

CLOSING HYMN

The Day of Resurrection

The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad;
The Passover of gladness, the Passover of God!
From death to life eternal, from earth unto the sky,
Our Christ has brought us over with hymns of victory.

Our hearts be free of evil, that we may see aright
The Christ in rays eternal of resurrection light,
And, listening to the accents, may hear so calm and plain
Christ's own "All hail!" and, hearing, may raise the victor strain.

Now let the heavens be joyful, let earth its song begin,
The round world keep high triumph, and all that is therein
Let all things seen and unseen their notes of gladness blend,
For Christ indeed is risen, our Joy that has no end.

BENEDICTION*

POSTLUDE* Hallelujah! (Messiah) G.F. Handel

Indicates Please Stand If You Are Able

MIDDLE CHURCH CHOIR

Marcus Auger, Gail Blache-Gill, Becky Bliss, Charles Brown, Beth Hatton, Eric James, Joslyn King, Eric Lamp, Vaughn Lindquist, Nedra Neal, Tami Petty, Mark Rehnstrom, Kristin Sampson, Steven Vaughan, Pamela Warrick-Smith, Junko Watanabe, Branch Woodman. Directed by Jonathan Dudley.

MANHATTAN BRASS QUINTET

Wayne duMaine, Lew Soloff (trumpets), Ann Ellsworth (horn), Mike Seltzer (trombone), Dave Taylor (bass trombone)

THANK YOU!

What a gifted congregation you are! Last week's Passion Sunday celebration was a wonderful example of the giftedness of our people creating a memorable and moving worship experience. Jonathan Dudley, Theresa Duhon, all the singers and the band were wonderful! Thank you so much for being with us. And thanks to all of you who consistently make worship meaningful. Love, Jacqui

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.

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.

UPCOMING NEW ADULT EDUCATION IN APRIL

LIVING THE WORD, Cheryl Cochran and Keith Slatten-Poss for the Month of April,

Living The Word will present both traditional and contemporary viewpoints in translating key Scripture passages that mention homosexuality. By the end of this series, we hope that participants will be able to have more informed discussions on this issue by hearing from both sides.

Week 1-Genesis and Judges

Week 2 Leviticus

Week 3 Romans and Jude

Week 4 1 Corinthians and 1 Timothy

Week 5 Wrap-Up/Summary

INTERESTED IN BECOMING A MEMBER? NEXT NEW MEMBER GATHERING APRIL 22ND-MAY 6

Joining Middle Church is a welcoming process. We hope you will consider making Middle Church your home. Meet at 1:00p in the parlor on May 6 to get started. If you have any questions, please contact Jacqui Lewis at jlewis@middlechurch.org

SUNDAY CLASSES AND ACTIVITIES FOR ALL AGES TODAY

9:00 & 11:15 AM	Wee Care	Nursery	Under 4
9:00 AM	Children in Worship Today		
10:00 AM	No Church School	Children in Worship Today	
10:00 AM	No Bible Study: Charlie Haynes	Joins Living the Word	Adult
10:00 AM	Living the Word	Parlor	Adult
10:00 AM	Easter Brunch	Social Hall	
10:00 AM	Middle Cares Table	Social Hall	
12:30 AM	Easter Egg Hunt	After School Room	Children
12:30 PM	Order Tapes of Celebration	Media Room	
12:45 PM	Easter Brunch	Social Hall	