

SUNDAY WORSHIP CELEBRATION

APRIL 29, 2007 • 9:00 | 11:15 AM

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION

David Ralph, Guest

Organist

Manhattan Brass

Quintet

~GATHERING~

INTROIT *Hallelujah!*

George Frederic Handel

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jacqui Lewis

HYMN* *God of the Ages*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING*

Chad Tanaka

SPECIAL MUSIC *Uyaiimose*

Pamela Warrick-Smith

~Worshippers May Be Seated~

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*

~Children Leave for Children's Church~

~REFLECTING~

SERMON MOVEMENT ONE *Where is the Healing?* By Bill Wright

Based on excerpts from The New York Times and the New York Post

Randy Minor, Joel Peterson, Chad Tanaka, Peter Teague, Bil Wright
Gail Blache-Gil, music

JERRIESE JOHNSON EAST VILLAGE GOSPEL CHOIR

Annastasia Victory, Director

SCRIPTURE *"The Creation"* by James Weldon Johnson Cheryl Cochran

SERMON MOVEMENT TWO *It's All Good!* Jacqui Lewis

~RESPONDING~

OFFERING/ OFFERTORY *"Walk Together, Children"* arr. Moses Hogan

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*

Fairest Lord Jesus

Hallelujah (from "A Soulful Celebration")

BENEDICTION*

Jacqui Lewis

POSTLUDE

Manhattan Brass Quintet

**Indicates Please Stand If You Are Able.*

Mary Jo Lombardo is painting our worship celebration today.

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.

MIDDLE CHURCH CHOIR

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

UPCOMING NEW ADULT EDUCATION IN APRIL

IN ADDITION TO CHARLIE HAYNES' WEEKLY SUNDAY ADULT EDUCATION COURSE AT 10AM:

LIVING THE WORD, LED BY 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.

TODAY: Week 5 Wrap-Up/Summary

Leadership Class with Jacqui Lewis. Dealing with Difference: Candid Conversaton on the joys and challenges of diversity. Tuesdays, May 8 and May 15, 6:30-8:00p. Supper provided.

SUNDAY CLASSES AND ACTIVITIES FOR ALL AGES

9:00 & 11:15 AM	Wee Care	Nursery	Under 4
9:00 & 11:15 AM	Children's Church	2nd Floor Classroom	Ages 4-7
10:00 AM	Leadership Conf. Registration	3rd Floor	
	Church School	Basement	Ages 5-10
	Bible Study: Charlie Haynes	2nd Floor, Balcony A (Go Thru the Social Hall)	Adult
	Living the Word	Church Parlor	Adult
	Middle Cares Table	Social Hall	
12:30 PM	Order Tapes of Celebration	Media Room	
1:00 PM	Teen Space	Teen Room	Teen
1:00PM	Middle Prays	3rd Floor	
2:00PM	Multiracial/ Multicultural Conference	Sanctuary	

VOLUNTEER AT THE CELEBRATE LIFE MEAL.

We need your hands and your hearts as we welcome those persons living with HIV/AIDS into our community every Monday. You can help with set-up, serving, registration, clean-up, or just making our guest feel welcome. Sign-up sheet is on the community table in the Social Hall for those interested.

7th AND 2nd GALLERY

Russia Spain
An Exhibition of Photographs by
PHYLLIS HOFFZIMER
April 29th to May 31st, 2007
Reception: **TODAY**, 12:30-2pm

"IT TAKES AN EAST VILLAGE" THE MIDDLE CHURCH STREET FAIR MAY 12, 2007

Showcase your artwork or crafts at the Middle Street Fair. Please put your information on the registration sheet on the community table and someone from the committee will contact you.

THE CLOTHING CLOSET and FOOD PANTRY

We will be open on Monday evenings from 4pm-6pm and are in need of volunteers. If interested please put your information on the sign-up sheet on the community table in the Social Hall. Our Food Pantry which feeds 65 people each week, can also use volunteers to distribute food each Wednesday morning at 8:00 a. If you are interested, please email Melinda at mcruz@middlechurch.org

THE POWER OF STORY: DEVELOPING MULTIRACIAL, MULTICULTURAL CONGREGATIONS

During the 11:15 AM celebration we are being joined by clergy and lay leaders from 16 different states, Washington DC, and two countries. They are participating in our leadership conference to learn how to develop and sustain their own multicultural congregations. Please welcome them warmly and do not be shy in talking to them about what it means to you to be part of Middle Church.

MIDDLE PRIDE

Middle Church is committed to justice for LGBTI (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Intersex) persons. We look forward to having another award-winning float this year. See Randy Minor or Rev. Morine Bowen to volunteer to help plan, create, bake, or support the Middle Church Float at the Gay Pride Parade on June 24th!
mbowen@middlechurch.org

**INTERFAITH ASSEMBLY'S 23RD ANNUAL INTERFAITH
CONVOCATION & OVERNIGHT VIGIL:**

May 3, 6:30pm at St. Paul's Chapel (Broadway & Fulton St. in Manhattan). The Convocation and Vigil are an opportunity for people of faith and good will- housed and homeless- to celebrate our victories and recommit ourselves to the work of Building the Blessed City Together.

If you plan to spend the night in the park, we invite you to encourage others to sponsor your witness and pledge financial support for the Assembly's empowerment programs. For more info, please call 212-316-3171 or visit the website, www.iahh.org.

IMPORTANT EVENTS

TODAY	Middle Prays	1:00pm
TODAY (Thru May 1)	Leadership Conference Registration Multiracial/Multicultural Conference	10:00am 2:00pm
TODAY	Gallery Opening	12:30pm
May 5	Housing Forum	11-1pm
May 6	New Members Meeting	10:00am
May 6	Brunch Seminar	1:00pm
May 8 and 15	Leadership Class	6:30 pm
May 12	Middle Church Street Fair	11:00-6:00pm
May 13	New Members Meeting	10:00am
May 20	"A Taste of Middle" Cook-Off	1:00pm
May 20	New Members Join	10:00am
May 20	Junko Watanabe Concert	3:00pm
May 27	New Members Meeting	1:00pm
June 3	Pride Day Brunch and Auction	12:45pm
	Gospel Choir Concert & Reception	3:00-7:00pm
June 15-16	LGBTI Conference "Pride & Passion: Claiming our Faith"	
June 24	Pride Parade	
July TBD	Volunteer Sunday Worship Celebration BBQ at Jacqui's, 1-3pm	11:15am