

# SUNDAY WORSHIP CELEBRATION

MAY 6, 2007 • 9:00 | 11:15 AM

**MUSIC FOR MEDITATION** Stephan Thimme

## ~GATHERING ~

**INTROIT** *Beloved, Let Us Love One Another* Mark Rehnstrom

**HYMN\*** *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING\*** Morine Bowen  
*~Worshippers May Be Seated~*

**ANTHEM\*** *Greater Love Hath No Man* John Ireland

Many waters cannot quench love, neither can the floods drown it. Love is strong as death. Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. Who, his own self bore our sins in his own body on the tree that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness. You are washed, you are sanctified, you are justified, in the name of the Lord Jesus: you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, that you should show forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. I beseech you, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies, a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.

## WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

**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** John 13:31-35

**SERMON** "What's Your Sign?" Morine Bowen

## ~RESPONDING ~

**OFFERING/ OFFERTORY** *Draw Us In the Spirit's Tether* Harold W. Friedell

## 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.

**COMMUNION** *I'm Gonna Sit At The Welcome Table* Spiritual, arr. Hogan

**HYMN\*** *When True Healing Has Begun* Dr. James A. Forbes

## BENEDICTION\*

## POSTLUDE

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

## 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, Charles Brown, Beth Hatton, Joslyn King, Eric Lamp, Nedra Neal, Mark Rehnstrom, Kristin Sampson, Pamela Warrick-Smith, Junko Watanabe

Directed by Jonathan Dudley.

## 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	Church School	Basement	Ages 5-10
	Bible Study: Charlie Haynes	3rd floor	
10:00 AM	New Members Meeting	BalconyA	
	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
1:00 PM	Brunch Seminar at Pangea Restaurant		
3:00 PM	Spirituality and Sexuality	Church Parlor	John Seidl

### **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.

### **7<sup>th</sup> AND 2<sup>nd</sup> GALLERY**

Russia Spain  
An Exhibition of Photographs by  
**PHYLLIS HOFFZIMER**  
April 29th to May 31st, 2007

### **"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](mailto:mcruz@middlechurch.org)

### **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](mailto:mbowen@middlechurch.org)

### **Street Fair Volunteers Needed**

Meeting on Monday, May 7 at 6:30 PM.

## IMPORTANT EVENTS

<b>TODAY</b>	New Members Meeting	10:00am
<b>TODAY</b>	Brunch Seminar at Pangea Restaurant 178 2nd Ave.	1:00pm
<b>TODAY</b>	Spirituality and Sexuality	3:00pm
May 7	Street Fair Volunteers Meeting	6:30pm
May 8 and 15	Leadership Class	6:30pm
May 12	Middle Church Street Fair	11:00-6:00pm
May 13	New Members Meeting	10:00am
	Stephan Ministry Supervision	1:00pm
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 21	Step By Step Worship	3rd Floor
May 27	New Members Meeting	1:00pm
	Stephen Ministry Leadership In-Service Training	1:00pm
	Stephen Ministry Supervision	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	LGBTI Pride Day Mary	
July 1	Volunteer Sunday Worship Celebration BBQ at Jacqui's, 1-3pm	11:15am