

SUNDAY WORSHIP CELEBRATION

SEPTEMBER 16, 2007 9:00 AM • 11:15 AM

~ GATHERING ~

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION Russell Suggs

INTROIT "Cantemos al Creador" Carlos Rosas
Guest Organist, Doug Drak

HYMN *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING Morine A. Bowen

~ Worshippers May Be Seated ~

ANTHEM "Sinner, Please Don't Let This Harvest Pass"
Spiritual arranged by Charles Brown

WELCOME /ANNOUNCEMENTS Jacqui Lewis

MORNING PRAYER/ LORD'S PRAYER Demetria Martinez
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*

SPECIAL MUSIC *Precioso Es Tu Nombre*, by Ricardo Rodriguez
Solo: John Del Cueto

~ Children Go To Children's Worship ~

~ REFLECTING~

SCRIPTURE Luke 13.11-32

SERMON *Con Los Brazos Abiertos/With Open Arms* Jacqui Lewis

~ RESPONDING ~

OFFERING/OFFERTORY "The King of Love My Shepherd Is"
arranged by Edward Bairstow

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Morine A. Bowen

DOXOLOGY HYMN/DEDICATION PRAYER*

From all that dwell below the skies / Let faith and hope with love arise.
Let peace, goodwill on earth the sung/ Through every land, by every tongue..

HYMN *Canto de Esperanza*

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.

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

Charles Brown, Matthew Demming, Beth Hatton, Joslyn King, Eric Lamp, Vaughn Lindquist, Nedra Neal, Tami Petty, Kristin Sampson, Martin Sola, Junko Watanabe.
Mark Rehnstrom, Guest Conductor

SUNDAY CLASSES AND ACTIVITIES FOR ALL AGES

8:30 AM	Middle Church Choir Rehearsal	4th Floor
9:00 AM	Butterfly Lunch Preparation	Downstairs
	Worship Celebration	Sanctuary
10:00 AM	Middle Church Choir Rehearsal	4th Floor
	Living the Word	Church Parlor
	Sunday Brunch	Social Hall
11:15 AM	Worship Celebration	Sanctuary
	Children's Worship	2 nd Floor
12:30 PM	Butterfly Lunch Distribution	
	Tompkins Square Park	
	Sunday Brunch	Social Hall

1:00 PM Power Posse Church Parlor
 4:00 PM All Stars Project-Auditions 4th Floor

7th AND 2nd GALLERY
Uptown Sep 2 - Oct 4
New York Photography by Richard Howe

MIDDLE PRAYS
IS LOOKING FOR PRAYER VOLUNTEERS
 If you are interested, please contact Malia Blake at
myprayercircle@yahoo.com

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 am. If you are interested, please email Melinda at mcruz@middlechurch.org

MIDDLE CHURCH COMMUNITY CHILDREN'S CHOIR
Starting October 6

"It's not just singing"

Wednesday's from 5:00-6:30 pm and

Saturday's from 3:00 -5:00pm

Singing, Sight-singing, theory, movement, melody and rhythm instruments, and lots of fun.

John Coltrane Memorial Concert
September 23 at 6 and 8 pm

A special birthday concert featuring some of John Coltrane's former band members
 \$10 one set/\$15 both sets

IMPORTANT EVENTS

TODAY	Living the Word	10:00am
	Children's Worship	11:15-12:30pm
	Power Posse	1:00pm
	All Stars Project-Auditions	4:00-6:00pm
September 17	Step By Step Worship	7:00pm
September 23	Stephen Ministry Supervision	1:00pm
	Coltrane Memorial Concert	6:00pm & 8:00pm
October 3-9	Gulf Coast Mission Trip	
October 6	Middle Church Community Children's Choir	3:00-5:00pm
October 13	Health Fair/Open House	12:00-4:00pm
October 21	Duke Ellington "Sacred Concert"	9:00 & 11:15am
November 18	Middle Prays	1:00pm

The Food Pantry is running low on food and in need of your assistance. For the month of September we will be collecting your donated items in the narthex and Fellowship hall. The following items are needed:

Rice	Pasta	Canned Veggies
Peanut Butter	Jelly	Canned Salmon
Tuna Canned Meat	Pasta Sauce	Canned Fruit
Juices	Soup	Cereal

Please ensure that all food has not expired. If you have questions please contact Rev. Morine A. Bowen at mbowen@middlechurch.org. Please leave your name on the bag so we could thank you for your donation. Thank you in advance

SOULCARE

A Midweek Respite for your Spirit Wednesday's 7:00 pm

