

EASTER SUNDAY WORSHIP CELEBRATION

MARCH 23, 2008 • 9:00 | 11:15 AM

~ GATHERING ~

PRELUDE Cameron Carpenter

INTROIT *A Hymn of Resurrection* Gwyneth Walker
Middle Collegiate Church Choir
Manhattan Brass Quintet
Damien Bassman, timpani
Jonathan Dudley, conductor

HYMN* *Jesus Christ is Risen Today*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING* Jacqui Lewis

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS Jacqui Lewis

~Worshippers May Be Seated~

ANTHEM *Christ and the Whale* Nico Muhly
(first performance-commissioned by Jacqueline J. Lewis)
Thou has gone down, O Christ, into the lower part of the earth and hast broken the eternal bonds that bound the captives, and as Jonas, from the whale after three days, thou hast risen from the tomb. (Orthodox Easter Antiphonz)

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*

MC JJ GOSPEL CHOIR John DelCueto, Director
My Life, My Love, My All (11:15) Kirk Franklin
He Reigns Forever Marshal Carpenter

EASTER PARADE Children and Brass

~Children go to Children's Worship ~ (11:15)

~ REFLECTING ~

SCRIPTURE Isaiah 65:17-25; Luke 24:1-12

SERMON *Looking for Love in All the Wrong Places* 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*

BENEDICTION*

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

**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 www.middlechurch.org

WE ARE FILMING TODAY; IF YOU DO NOT WISH TO BE FILMED, PLEASE SIT IN THE BALCONY OR THE SOCIAL HALL

MIDDLE CHURCH CHOIR

Gail Blache-Gill, Becky Bliss, Charles Brown, Kevin Burdette, Matthew Deming, Beth Hatton, Ann Hazen, Robert Hughes, Eric James, Joslyn King, Eric Lamp, Vaughn Lindquist, Nedra Neal, Tami Petty, Mark Rehstrom, Elisabeth Rodgers, Pamela Warrick-Smith, Junko Watanabe;
Jonathan Dudley, Director

MANHATTAN BRASS QUINTET

Nathan Botts, Trevor Neumann (trumpets), Theodore Primis (horn), Mike Seltzer (trombone), Dave Taylor (bass trombone)

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 guests feel welcome. Sign-up sheet is on the community table in the Social Hall for those interested.

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. You may also email Melinda at mcruz@middlechurch.org Donations are needed for the Middle Church clothing closet. All gently used items and sizes are accepted, but we especially need men's clothing of all sizes, larger women's sizes, work attire, new packages of under garments and socks and winter coats. All items should be clean, unsoiled, and folded neatly. Donations can be dropped at the main office daily.

MIDDLE CHURCH COMMUNITY CHILDREN'S MUSIC

Come join us as we begin a community children's chorus. Learn singing technique, movement through music, music reading and writing, multicultural music and so much more for free! Training is held every other Saturday from 3:30pm-5:00pm. Please call the office for schedule.
Gail Blache-Gill, Coordinator

RECRUITING FRIENDLY, WARM AND WELCOMING PEOPLE

GREETERS NEEDED FOR SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP CELEBRATIONS

If you are interested in greeting, e-mail BradMotta@middlechurch.org or [Melinda Cruz](mailto:MelindaCruz@middlechurch.org) mcruz@middlechurch.org. Compassion, Training, Hugs.

**7TH & 2ND GALLERY, SOCIAL HALL
PHOTOGRAPHS OF NEW ORLEANS BY JACK BROWN**

March 2 – April 3, 2008

SAVE THE DATE

March 28 - Middle Church Jerriese Johnson Gospel Choir Cabaret Fundraiser, 7:00-9:00pm

March 30 - KatrinaRitaVille Express, 7th Street & 2nd Avenue

SUNDAY 'JAZZ ON HIGH' CELEBRATIONS AT 6:00 PM

MARCH 30

Scott Wendholt, Trumpet

David Berkman, Piano

Brad Motta, worship leader

APRIL 6

Damien Bassman & Friends

Damien Bassman, drums

Jacqui Lewis, worship leader

SUNDAY CLASSES AND ACTIVITIES FOR ALL AGES

8:00 AM	Easter Breakfast	Performance Space
9:00 AM	Worship Celebration	Sanctuary
	Wee Care (under 4)	Downstairs Nursery
10:00 AM	Easter Munchies	Performance Space
	Living the Word	Church Parlor
	Church School	2nd Floor
	Middle Link Brunch	Social Hall
	Wee Care (under 4)	Downstairs Nursery
	MiddleCares	Social Hall
11:15 AM	Worship Celebration	Sanctuary
	Children's Hat Parade	Sanctuary
	Children's Worship	2nd Floor
	Wee Care (under 4)	Downstairs Nursery
12:30 PM	Easter Cookies & Punch	Social Hall
	Order Tapes of Celebration	Media Room
6:00 PM	Jazz On High	Sanctuary

GULF COAST MISSION

Middle Church is doing AMAZING things in the Gulf Coast over the next few weeks. We have more than 40 volunteers going on the mission trip from April 6-10 to do rebuilding work and social action around voter registration and the restoration of the wetlands and levees.

Thirty members from our gospel choir are traveling to New Orleans April 10-14 to help rebuild the spirit of individuals in the communities. Come join us for a Cabaret performance to raise funds for our gospel choir trip on Friday, March 28 at 7pm. On Thursday, April 10th, Middle is sponsoring a screening of our documentary, Hope in New Orleans, produced by our own Kate Farrell, at Douglass High School (DHS), which is located in the Ninth Ward, to champion the expansion of Douglass' arts programs.

Participants will include the DHS faculty and student body and community leaders of nonprofits, faith organizations, and the arts/entertainment groups. Finally, on Sunday, March 30th the KatrinaRitaVille Express, a FEMA trailer on tour of the country since the storms in 2005, will be at Middle church. Take a tour and join us for a one-hour program to hear about the ongoing struggles of the communities in the Gulf Coast and be inspired by their will to make their communities better.