

SUNDAY WORSHIP CELEBRATION

MARCH 30, 2008 9:00 AM • 11:15 AM

~ GATHERING ~

PRELUDE

Cameron Carpenter

INTROIT

With a Voice of Singing

Martin Shaw

HYMN*

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING*

Brad Motta

~ Worshippers May Be Seated ~

ANTHEM

I Know That My Redeemer Liveth (Messiah)
Solo: Tami Petty

G.F. Handel

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

Brad Motta

MORNING PRAYER / LORD'S PRAYER

Heather Juby

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 go to Children's Worship ~

~ REFLECTING ~

SCRIPTURE

John 20: 1-10

SERMON

A CSI Easter

Brad Motta

~ RESPONDING ~

OFFERING/OFFERTORY

In That Great Gettin' Up Mornin'
Solo: Robert Hughes

arr. Jester Hairston

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*

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!

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 www.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, Kevin Burdette, Matthew Deming, Beth Hatton, Ann Hazen, Robert Hughes, Joslyn King, Eric Lamp, Vaughn Lindquist, Tami Petty, Mark Rehnstrom, Elisabeth Rodgers, Junko Watanabe;
Jonathan Dudley, Director

SUNDAY CLASSES AND ACTIVITIES FOR ALL AGES

9:00 AM	Worship Celebration Wee Care (under 4)	Sanctuary Downstairs Nursery
10:00 AM	Lectionary Bible Study By Charlie Haynes Living the Word Church School Middle Link Brunch Wee Care (under 4)	Balcony A Church Parlor 2nd Floor Social Hall Downstairs Nursery
11:15 AM	Worship Celebration Children's Worship Wee Care (under 4)	Sanctuary 2nd Floor Downstairs Nursery
12:30 PM	Middle Link Brunch	Social Hall
1:00 PM	The Bible for Dummies, by Dr. Charlie Haynes	Balcony A
2:00 pm	Laurel School Choir Concert	Sanctuary
4:00 pm	KatrinaRitaville Express	Sanctuary
6:00 PM	Jazz On High	Sanctuary

"OUR IMMIGRANT ANCESTORS:
A CONCERT OF AMERICAN POPULAR SONG"

The Down Town Glee Club, a chorale founded over 80 years ago, will make its debut appearance at Middle Collegiate Church on Tuesday, April 15 @ 7:30 PM. Admission: donation. The program - "Our Immigrant Ancestors: A Concert of American Popular Song" - is part of New York City's annual Immigrant Heritage Week, which runs through April 20th. For information call 516-248-7549.

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.

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. 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 3:00pm-5:00pm. Please call the office for schedule. Gail Blache-Gill, Coordinator

7TH & 2ND GALLERY, SOCIAL HALL PHOTOGRAPHS OF NEW ORLEANS BY JACK BROWN March 2 – April 3, 2008

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 macruz@middlechurch.org. Compassion, Training, Hugs.

STEPHEN MINISTERS

Are you interested in becoming a Stephen Minister? Curious about how a Stephen Minister can help you? Come to an informational session and learn more about this growing ministry of care: Sunday, 4/13, 1:00pm or Wednesday, 4/16, 6:00pm. Contact Heather for more information at hjuby@middlechurch.org

COMMUNION AND VISITATION

Would you like a visit from your Middle family? For more information, please contact Heather Juby at hjuby@middlechurch.org

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

MARCH 30

Scott Wendholt, Trumpet
David Berkman, Piano

APRIL 13

Oikos Jazz Ensemble

APRIL 6

Damien Bassman & Friends
Damien Bassman, drums
Adam Ben-David, piano
Mat Fieldes, bass

APRIL 20

Brenda Bufalino, tap dancer
Jay Clayton, vocalist
Frank Kimbrough, piano

"DROP IN" FOR CARE THIRD SUNDAYS 1:00 PM, 2ND FLOOR

Have a problem you'd like to get off your chest? Need a listening ear? Stephen Ministry is sponsoring a "Drop In" hour. Stephen Ministers along with Stephen Leaders Judith Brown-Leigh and Heather Juby will be available to provide support and helpful resources in your time of need. No appointment necessary but you can make one if you wish. For more information, please contact Heather Juby at hjuby@middlechurch.org

MIDDLE PRAYS IS LOOKING FOR PRAYER VOLUNTEERS

If you are interested, please contact Malia Blake at myprayercircle@yahoo.com

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.

SAVE THE DATE

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

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April 15 - Our Immigrant Ancestors: A Concert of American Popular Song",
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