

SUNDAY WORSHIP CELEBRATION

~RESPONDING ~

APRIL 13, 2008 9:00 AM • 11:15 AM

~ GATHERING ~

PRELUDE Cameron Carpenter

INTROIT *Come We Who Love The Lord* Alice Parker

HYMN* *Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING Heather Juby

ANTHEM *Let This Mind Be In You* Amy Beach
Solos: Mark Rehnstrom
Gail Blanche-Gill

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS Jacqui Lewis

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 Go To Children's Worship~

SCRIPTURE *Ruth 1:16-17, Luke 10:38-42*

SPECIAL MUSIC *Count On Me* Houston/Winans
Becky Bliss, vocals
Elisabeth Rodgers,
vocals
Deanna Witkowski,
pianist
Theresa Duhon, dancer
Maya Seidel, dancer

~REFLECTING ~

SERMON *What Women Want* Jacqui Lewis

OFFERING/OFFERTORY *I'm So Glad* Pamela Warrick-Smith
Solo: Pamela Warrick-Smith

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* *Here I am, Lord*

BENEDICTION*

POSTLUDE Cameron Carpenter

*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, Charles Brown, Matthew Deming, Beth Hatton, Robert Hughes, Joslyn King, Eric Lamp, Vaughn Lindquist, Nedra Neal, Tami Petty, Mark Rehnstrom, Kristin Sampson, Pamela Warrick-Smith, Junko Watanabe; Jonathan Dudley, Director

SUNDAY CLASSES AND ACTIVITIES FOR ALL AGES

9:00 AM	Worship Celebration	Sanctuary
	Wee Care (under 4)	Downstairs Nursery
10:00 AM	Lectionary Bible Study By Charlie Haynes	Cancelled Today
	Living the Word	Church Parlor
	Church School	2nd Floor
	Middle Link Brunch	Social Hall
	Wee Care (under 4)	Downstairs Nursery
11:15 AM	Worship Celebration	Sanctuary
	Children's Worship	2nd Floor
	Wee Care (under 4)	Downstairs Nursery
12:30 PM	Middle Link Brunch	Social Hall
1:00 PM	The Bible for Dummies, by Dr. Charlie Haynes	Cancelled Today
	Stephen Ministry Supervision	2nd Floor
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
COLORED PHOTOGRAPHS FOR SPRING BY TOM WURL**

April 6 – May 1, 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 mcruz@middlechurch.org. Compassion, Training, Hugs.

COMMUNION AND VISITATION

Would you like a visit from your Middle family? 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

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

APRIL 13

Oikos Jazz Ensemble

APRIL 20

**Brenda Bufalino, tap
dancer**

Jay Clayton, vocalist

Frank Kimbrough, piano

APRIL 27

Andrew Bemkey Trio

May 4

Low Soloff & Friends

"DROP IN" FOR CARE, FIRST & 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

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 at hjuby@middlechurch.org

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. 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.

SAVE THE DATE

April 15 Our Immigrant Ancestors: A Concert of American Popular Song",
7:30pm, Sanctuary

April 20 Seder with the Shul of New York and Rabbi Burt Siegel
Performance by Middle Church Jerriese Johnson Gospel Choir,
7:00pm, Social Hall

April 21 Leadership Summit, 6:30pm, Social Hall

April 27 "The Power of Story: Living into God's Reign" Multicultural
Multiracial Conference, **Register today for \$100!**