

PENTECOST SUNDAY
WORSHIP CELEBRATION

MAY 11, 2008 • 9:00 AM | 11:15 AM

~ GATHERING ~

PRELUDE *Nimrod* (Enigma Variations) Edward Elgar
Guest Organist: Dale Bonenberger

INTROIT *If You Love Me* Thomas Tallis
If you love me, keep my commandments, and I will pray the father, and he shall give you another comforter—the spirit of Truth.

ANTHEM *The Day of Pentecost* William Bradley Roberts
Soloist: Vaughn Lindquist

HYMN* *Christians, Lift Up Your Hearts*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING* Jacqui Lewis

~ Worshippers May Be Seated ~

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*

SONGS Middle Church Jerriese Johnson Gospel Choir
I will Bless the Lord At All Times Joe Pace
Sweet Holy Spirit Bishop Larry Trotter

~ Children Go To Children's Worship ~

~ REFLECTING ~

SCRIPTURE Acts 2: 1-21

SERMON "Stuck on You" Brad Motta

~ RESPONDING ~

OFFERING/OFFERTORY *Bring Back the Glory* Bill & Gloria Gaither
Soloist: Branch Woodman

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* *Sweet, Sweet Spirit*

BENEDICTION*

POSTLUDE *Festival Trumpet Tune* David German

*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, Beth Hatton, Robert Hughes, Joslyn King, Eric Lamp, Vaughn Lindquist, Nedra Neal, Tami Petty, Mark Rehnstrom,, Kristin Sampson, Junko Watanbe, Branch Woodman.

NEW MEMBER GATHERING

New member gathering today, and 18th at 10 AM. New members join on May 18th at 11:15 AM worship celebration.

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 with Dr. Charlie Haynes	Balcony A
	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 with Dr. Charlie Haynes	Balcony A
6:00 PM	Jazz on High	Sanctuary

VOLUNTEER FOR THE BUTTERFLY PROGRAM

It's Spring...and Butterflies are emerging from their winter hibernation, longing to be free. Won't you help to free someone; from hunger, lack of nourishment, and feeling unloved? Become a Middle Butterfly!! Join the Preparation Team at 9 AM in the Afterschool (basement) or the Distribution Team at 12:45 PM (Social Hall closet) to deliver throughout Tompkins Square Park. The more Butterflies, the more flowers we awaken and transform. Leave a note at the office for either Randy Minor or Danita Branam for more details.

THE CLOTHING CLOSET AND FOOD PANTRY

The Middle Church Clothing Closet is open on Monday evenings from 4:00–6:00 PM and is in need of volunteers. If interested in volunteering, please put your information on the sign-up sheet on the community table in the Social Hall. Donations are needed for the 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 undergarments and socks, and winter coats. All items should be clean, unsoiled, and folded neatly. Donations can be dropped at the main office daily.

The Middle Church Food Pantry, which feeds 65 people each week, needs volunteers to distribute food each Wednesday morning at 8:00 AM. If you are interested, please email Melinda Cruz at mcruz@middlechurch.org

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

7TH & 2ND GALLERY, SOCIAL HALL

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WE NEED FRIENDLY, WARM, AND WELCOMING PEOPLE
GREETERS NEEDED FOR SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP CELEBRATIONS

If you are interested in becoming a greeter, contact Brad Motta at bmotta@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 in joining the Middle Prays team, please contact Malia Blake at myprayercircle@yahoo.com

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

LEW SOLOFF FESTIVAL

MAY 11 Lew Soloff, trumpet
Francois Moutin, bass

MAY 18 Lew Soloff, trumpet
Joe Locke, vibraphone
Francois Moutin, bass

MAY 25 Lew Soloff, trumpet
Francois Moutin, bass

"DROP IN" FOR CARE

FIRST AND THIRD SUNDAYS AT 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

YOUTH AT MIDDLE CHURCH

Tweens (ages 9-12) are invited to join a Rites of Passage program beginning May 18th at 10 AM. They will join Middle Church on June 22nd at the 11:15 AM celebration.

Many of our high school students are graduating this June! They will lead worship and be celebrated on June 8th. Please contact Jacqui Lewis if you have any questions.

SEEKING CARING PEOPLE TO BE STEPHEN MINISTERS

Stephen Ministry is a caring ministry. People (like you!) are providing healing and hope to fellow members. Applications are now being accepted for a new class to begin this fall. For more information or an application, contact Heather Juby at hjuby@middlechurch.org

SAVE THE DATE

MAY 18 Congregational Conversations (following each celebration)