

# SUNDAY WORSHIP CELEBRATION

MAY 18, 2008 • 9:00 AM | 11:15 AM

~ GATHERING ~

PRELUDE Cameron Carpenter

INTROIT *Let Me Hear Of Your Lovingkindness* Mark Rehnstrom

HYMN\* *Holy, Holy, Holy*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING\* Jacqui Lewis

ANTHEM *Psalm 131 (sung in Hebrew)* Leonard Bernstein

O Lord, my heart is not lifted up, my eyes are not raised too high; I do not occupy myself with things too great and too marvelous for me. But I have calmed and quieted my soul, like a weaned child with its mother; my soul is like the weaned child that is within me. O Israel, hope in the Lord from this time on and forevermore.

~ Worshippers May Be Seated ~

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 ~

~ REFLECTING ~

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS (11:15 AM)

SCRIPTURE *Psalm 139*

DANCE *Someone to Watch Over Me* Adrienne Hurd and Lutin Tanner

SERMON *...Someone to Watch Over Me* Jacqui Lewis

~ RESPONDING ~

OFFERING/OFFERTORY *I Talked To God Last Night* David Guion  
Solo: Kevin Burdette

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\* *A Mighty Fortress is Our God*

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](http://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, Kevin Burdette, Beth Hatton, Christin-Marie Hill, Robert Hughes, Joslyn King, Eric Lamp, Tami Petty, Mark Rehnstrom, Kristin Sampson, Junko Watanabe, Branch Woodman.  
Jonathan Dudley, Director

## SUMMER SCHEDULE STARTS NEXT SUNDAY

Today is the last Sunday for the 9 AM celebration until the fall. We will worship at 11:15 AM only beginning Memorial Day weekend. Church school will remain at 10 AM. "Jazz on High" will continue through July as part of our summer schedule and resume in the fall.

## 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
	Congregational Conversation	Sanctuary
	Church School	2nd Floor
	Living the Word and Adult Bible Study	Balcony A
	Rites of Passage	After School Space
	Middle Link Brunch	Social Hall
	Wee Care (under 4)	Downstairs Nursery
	New Member Gathering	Jacqui's Office
11:15 AM	Children's Worship	2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor
	Wee Care (under 4)	Downstairs Nursery
12:15 PM	Congregational Conversation	Sanctuary
1:00 PM	The Bible for Dummies with Dr. Charlie Haynes	Cancelled today
1:30 PM	Middle Link Brunch	Social Hall
3:00 PM	Memorial Service for Kenneth Rash	Sanctuary
6:00 PM	Jazz on High	Sanctuary

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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.

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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](mailto:mcruz@middlechurch.org)

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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

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7TH & 2ND GALLERY, SOCIAL HALL

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May 4 – May 29, 2008

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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](mailto:bmotta@middlechurch.org) or Melinda Cruz [mcruz@middlechurch.org](mailto:mcruz@middlechurch.org). Compassion, Training, Hugs.

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COMMUNION AND VISITATION

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

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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](mailto:myprayercircle@yahoo.com)

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

LEW SOLOFF FESTIVAL IN MAY

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

MAY 25 Lew Soloff, trumpet  
Francois Moutin, bass

JUNE 1 Alex Weis, multi-instrumentalist  
Nate Wooley, trumpet  
Dimitri Ishenko, bass  
Kevin Shea, drums

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"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](mailto:hjuby@middlechurch.org)

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YOUTH AT MIDDLE CHURCH

Tweens (ages 9-12) are invited to join a Rites of Passage program beginning May 18<sup>th</sup> at 10 AM. They will join Middle Church on June 22<sup>nd</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup>. The Purple Choir: Reunited will perform! Please contact Jacqui Lewis if you have any questions.

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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](mailto:hjuby@middlechurch.org)

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SAVE THE DATE

TODAY! Congregational Conversations (following each celebration)

May 22 "A Night of Stories and Culture" Gulf Coast Fundraiser

June 8 Worship Celebration: Recognition of Graduates

June 8 Pride Brunch

June 29 Pride March