

# SUNDAY WORSHIP CELEBRATION

MAY 25, 2008 • 11:15 AM

~ GATHERING ~

PRELUDE Cameron Carpenter

INTROIT *Gather Us In* Marty Haugen  
Here in this place new light is streaming, now is the darkness vanished away. See in this space our fears and our dreaming, brought here to you in the light of this day...

HYMN\* *Joyful, Joyful We Adore You*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING\* Brad Motta

ANTHEM *I Will Trust In The Lord* Undine Smith Moore

~ Worshippers May Be Seated ~

## WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

MORNING PRAYER/LORD'S PRAYER John Del Cueto  
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 ~

SELECTIONS MIDDLE CHURCH JERRIESE JOHNSON GOSPEL CHOIR  
John Del Cueto, Director  
*My Life is in Your Hands* Kirk Franklin  
*Troubles Don't Last Always* Rev. Timothy Wright

SCRIPTURE Matthew 6:24-34

SERMON *Don't Worry, Be Happy* Brad Motta

~ RESPONDING ~

OFFERING/OFFERTORY *His Eye Is On The Sparrow* Charles Gabriel  
Christin-Marie Hill, soloist

## 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\* *Be Still, My Soul*

## 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, Christin-Marie Hill, Robert Hughes, Joslyn King, Eric Lamp, Vaughn Lindquist, Nedra Neal, Tami Petty, Mark Rehnstrom, Kristin Sampson, Junko Watanabe, Branch Woodman.  
Jonathan Dudley, Director

## SUMMER SCHEDULE

We will worship at 11:15 AM only beginning today. Church school will remain at 10 AM. "Jazz on High" will continue through July as part of our summer schedule and will resume in the fall.

## SUNDAY CLASSES AND ACTIVITIES FOR ALL AGES

10:00 AM	Lectionary Bible Study with Dr. Charlie Haynes	Balcony A
	Church School	2nd Floor
	Living the Word	Church Parlor
	Rites of Passage	After School Space
	Wee Care (under 4)	Downstairs Nursery
11:15 AM	Children's Worship	2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor
	Wee Care (under 4)	Downstairs Nursery
12:30 PM	Middle Link Coffee Fellowship	Social Hall
1:00 PM	The Bible for Dummies with Dr. Charlie Haynes	Balcony A
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 25      Lew Soloff, trumpet  
                 Joe Locke, vibraphone  
                 Francois Moutin, bass

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

JUNE 8      Louis Belogenis, tenor sax  
                 Michael Bisio, bass  
                 Warren Smith, 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 until July 1st 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

June 1      Gospel Choir Spring Concert

June 8      Worship Celebration: Recognition of Graduates

June 8      Pride Brunch & Auction

June 21      Film: Queer Street (to be confirmed)

June 29      Pride March