

SUNDAY WORSHIP CELEBRATION

JUNE 1, 2008 • 11:15 AM

~ GATHERING ~

PRELUDE Cameron Carpenter

INTROIT *Over My Head* arr. Pamela Warrick-Smith
Pamela Warrick-Smith, soloist

HYMN* *Sing Praise To God Who Reigns Above*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING* Adriene Thorne

ANTHEM *My Lord, Thou Art In Every Breath I Take* Kevin Oldham
(1960 – 1993)

My Lord, thou art in every breath I take, and every bite and sup taste firm of thee. With buoyant mercy thou enfoldest me, and holdest up my foot each step I make. Thy touch is all around me when I wake, thy sound I hear, and by thy light I see the world is fresh with thy divinity, and all thy creatures flourish for thy sake. For I have looked upon a little child and seen forgiveness, and have seen the day with eastern fire cleanse the foul night away; so cleansest thou this house I have defiled. And if I should be merciful, I know it is thy mercy, Lord, in overflow.

~ 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*

~ Children Go To Children's Worship ~

~ REFLECTING ~

SELECTION MIDDLE CHURCH JERRIESE JOHNSON GOSPEL CHOIR
Like A Tree John Del Cueto, Director
Margaret Douroux

SCRIPTURE Psalm 46 Adriene Thorne

SERMON *We Shall Not Be Moved* Jacqui Lewis

~ RESPONDING ~

OFFERING / OFFERTORY *My Soul's Been Anchored In The Lord* arr. Hogan

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.

COMMUNION *My Lord, Thy Table Now Is Set* Hal H. Hopson

HYMN* *Glorious Things Of You Are Spoken*

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

Charles Brown, Kevin Burdette, Beth Hatton, Christin-Marie Hill, Robert Hughes, Eric James, Jostyn King, Eric Lamp, Nedra Neal, Tami Petty, Kristin Sampson, Pamela Warrick-Smith, Junko Watanabe, Branch Woodman. Jonathan Dudley, Director

SUMMER SCHEDULE

We will worship at 11:15 AM only. 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 – Dr. Jacqui Lewis	After School Space
	Wee Care (under 4)	Downstairs Nursery
11:15 AM	Children's Worship	2 nd 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
1:00 PM	Coming Out: The Bible and Sex - Dr. Jacqui Lewis	3 rd Floor
3:00 PM	Jerriese Johnson Gospel Choir Concert	Sanctuary
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 3:00PM–5:00PM. Please call the office for schedule. Gail Blache-Gill, Coordinator

7TH & 2ND GALLERY, SOCIAL HALL

ART GALLERY SHOW BY MIDDLE ARTS CENTER AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

June 1-July 3, 2008

Opening Tuesday, June 3, 2008 5:30PM – 7:00PM

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

JUNE 1 Alex Weiss, multi-instrumentalist
Nate Wooley, trumpet
Dimitri Ishenko, bass
Dave Mason, drums

JUNE 8 Louis Belogenis, tenor sax
Michael Bisio, bass
Warren Smith, drums

"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. 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. The Purple Choir: Reunited will perform! 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 until July 1st for a new class to begin this fall. For more information or an application, contact Heather Juby at hjuby@middlechurch.org

SAVE THE DATE

June 8 Worship Celebration: Recognition of Graduates

June 8 Pride Brunch & Auction

June 21 Support LGBT Homeless Young Adults During Pride Month
On Saturday, June 21st at 7pm, we will be featuring a documentary, "Queer Streets", about the lives of LGBT homeless youth in New York City. Help support this population of young people by attending this event with a suggested admission of \$10 or a one-week unlimited ride Metrocard for the youth. If you cannot attend the screening, your generosity of a donated metro card would still be greatly appreciated. Contact Jeff Mummert for additional details at [917-403-0113](tel:917-403-0113) or jeff@mummert.com.

June 29 Pride March