

EASTER WORSHIP CELEBRATION

APRIL 21, 2019 AT 9:30 & 11:45 AM

SELECTIONS FROM *JESUS CHRIST SUPERSTAR*
BY ANDREW LLOYD WEBBER AND TIM RICE

PRELUDE Toccata on “Christ the Lord Is Risen Today”
(Diane Bish)

WELCOME Jacqui Lewis

WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS (9:30) Middle Clergy
“Just as You Are” (Jacqui Lewis / Mark Rehnstrom)
Just as you are as you come through the door, we welcome you /
To love and serve the God we adore, we welcome you /
Ev’ryone an artist, ev’ryone a friend / To all earth’s children, God’s
Love we extend / Just as you are as you come through the door,
we welcome you / We welcome you, we welcome you!

BAPTISM (11:45) Ophelia Grace Janka Deveaux
– Born April 22, 2018
Parents: Gabrielle Deveaux and Joel Janka
Godparents: Liz Baylog, Chereece Steele,
Jhanay Williams, Carl Geiger, Darren Johnston,
Darren Major

HYMN “Jesus Christ Is Risen Today” (Lyra Davidica)
Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!
Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!
Suffer to redeem our loss, Alleluia!

“Heaven on Their Minds” Judas

MESSAGE FOR ALL AGES Marte Samuelstuen
“What’s the Buzz?” Jesus, Mary 1, Village Chorus
for Children and Youth

“Everything’s Alright” Jesus, Mary 2, Judas

ANNOUNCEMENTS Bertram Johnson
WELCOMING GUESTS/PASSING OF THE PEACE ++
“This Jesus Must Die”

SCRIPTURE John 12.12–13 Amanda Hambrick Ashcraft

“Hosanna” Caiaphas, Jesus, Ensemble

“I Don’t Know How to Love Him” Mary 3

“The Last Supper” Jesus, Judas, Ensemble

SCRIPTURE Luke 22.39a, 41 The People

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

“Gethsemane” Jesus

SCRIPTURE Luke 23.8–9 Bertram Johnson

“King Herod’s Song” Herod

SCRIPTURE Luke 24.1–12 Jacqui Lewis

HOMILY “You ARE the Christ!” Jacqui Lewis

OFFERTORY & OFFERING

“Superstar”

DEDICATION PRAYER The People

BENEDICTION Jacqui Lewis

“Hallelujah” from *Handel’s Messiah: A Soulful Celebration*
(arr. Warren, Jackson, and Kibble)

POSTLUDE “Toccata” (Charles-Marie Widor)

PARTICIPATING IN THE CELEBRATION

Solo Performers •

Jesus – Michael Quattrone

Judas – Sophia Ramos

Caiaphas – Jonathan Lucas

Herod – Jacqui Lewis

Mary 1 – Olive Demetrius

Mary 2 – Aly Palmer

Mary 3 – Riqi Velez

Middle Church Choir • Tami L. Petty D.M.A., Director — Beth Hatton, Ann Wazelle, Melissa Casey José, Joslyn King, Nedra Neal, Matthew Deming, Eric Lamp, John Kawa, Robert Hughes, Mark Rehnstrom, Wesley Rowell, Charles Brown

Jerriese Johnson Gospel Choir • John Del Cueto, Director

Village Chorus for Children and Youth • John Del Cueto, Director — Tomoki Harada, Genevieve Jean Charles, Josephine Jean Charles, Brooks Leslie, Dominick Vizioli, Jonah Carter Smith, Caelyn Osbern, Lucien Tanner, Ellington Tanner, Talin Schell, Cerentha Cook, Claire Demas, Soraya Gibson

Organ/Violin • Allison Sniffin

Middle Church Band • Dionne McClain-Freeney, piano; Jeremy Price, Hammond organ; BAASSIK, bass; Bernice Brooks, drums; Hajime Yoshida, electric guitar

Rod Rodgers Dance Company • Kim Grier-Martinez, Artistic Director – Jendaya Dash, Jamal Green, Nami Kagami, Lauren Sion

And the ministers, the people of God.

EASTER AT MIDDLE CHURCH

- **EASTER SUNRISE** — 6:45–7:30 AM • *Sanctuary* — **Danita Branam, homily** • Music from Mark Rehnstrom and Allison Sniffin. — *Worship*
 - **WEE CARE (INFANT-AGE 4)** — 9:15 AM–1:15 PM • *3rd Floor Nursery* — Childcare.
 - **CELEBRATION! WORSHIP** — 9:30–10:45 AM • *Sanctuary* — **EASTER SUNDAY • Selections from *Jesus Christ Superstar* • Jacqui Lewis, homily** • Middle Church Choir • JJ Gospel Choir • Village Chorus for Children and Youth • New Members Welcomed. *Come at 9:30 to avoid the 11:45 crowds!* — *Worship*
 - **NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION—PART 2** — 10:35–11:30 AM • *Parlor* — Join Middle clergy for a two-part orientation between the worship celebrations. **New members will be welcomed at the 9:30 worship celebration TODAY.** — *Adult Education*
 - **EASTER EGG HUNT** — 10:45 AM • *Grade 2 and younger: 3rd Floor Studio; Grade 3 and older: 4th Floor Studio* — Our annual Easter egg hunt. — *Children and Youth*
 - **CELEBRATION! WORSHIP** — 11:45 AM–1:00 PM • *Sanctuary* — **EASTER SUNDAY • Selections from *Jesus Christ Superstar* • Jacqui Lewis, homily** • Middle Church Choir • JJ Gospel Choir • Village Chorus for Children and Youth • Baptism. — *Worship*
 - **EASTER EGG HUNT** — 1:00 PM • *Grade 2 and younger: 3rd Floor Studio; Grade 3 and older: 4th Floor Studio* — Our annual Easter egg hunt. — *Children and Youth*
 - **EASTER SCAVENGER HUNT** — 1:00 PM • *Grade 3 and older: Begins and ends at 4th Floor Studio* — A challenging hunt throughout the building. — *Children and Youth*
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WELCOME TO MIDDLE COLLEGIATE 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. If you want to join our movement, see a clergy after worship. Complete the pew card to receive our newsletter or eblast. Please silence your cell phone and leave food or drink outside. Thank you for your cooperation. **FOR BEST T-COIL ACCESS TO THE HEARING LOOP, sit by the side, front, and back aisles.**

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Middle Collegiate Church is a multicultural, multiethnic, intergenerational movement of Spirit and justice, powered by Revolutionary Love, with room for all. Following in the Way of Jesus' radical love, and inspired by the prophets, Middle Church is called by God to do a bold new thing on the earth. We aim to heal the soul and the world by dismantling racist, classist, sexist, and homophobic systems of oppression.

Because our God is still speaking in many languages, we work in inter-religious partnerships to uproot injustice, eradicate poverty, care for the brokenhearted, and build the Reign of God on earth. This activism is fueled by our faith; our faith is expressed in art; our art is an active prayer connecting us with the Holy Spirit. Middle Church affirms the transformative power of moral imagination, reclaiming and reframing Christianity inside our walls, on the street, and in virtual spaces around the globe.



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