

# SUNDAY WORSHIP CELEBRATION

APRIL 30, 2017 • 9:30 AND 11:15 AM  
REVOLUTIONARY LOVE CONFERENCE SUNDAY

~ GATHERING ~

**PRELUDE++** “Hymn to Freedom” (Oscar Peterson; arr. Mons Leidvin Takle)

**INTROIT** “Going Home: Movement of Voices” (Dionne McClain-Freeney; Allison Sniffin)  
John Del Cueto, soloist

World premiere, commissioned for the New York Philharmonic’s New World Initiative

**WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS++** Jacqui Lewis

**HYMN\*++** “Welcome” (Tituss Burgess)  
Jacqui Lewis, George Winters, and Wesley Rowell, soloists

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING\*** Conference Leadership

~ REFLECTING ~

**MESSAGE FOR ALL AGES** Marte Samuelstuen  
“Siyahamba”—We are marching in the light of God, we are marching in the light of God.

~ *Children go to The Ark*++ ~

**MOMENT OF SILENCE**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/LORD’S PRAYER\***

“Somewhere” (Leonard Bernstein; Stephen Sondheim; arr. William Stickles)

Ever-loving and holy 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/WELCOMING GUESTS++**

**ANTHEM** “Man in the Mirror” (Glen Ballard; Siedah Garrett)  
Ailah Inaba, soloist  
Tina Owens, Samantha Waite, and John Del Cueto, trio  
Adrienne Hurd, Lutin Tanner, Lucien Tanner, and Ellington Tanner, dancers

**SCRIPTURE** Zechariah 8.1–8 Jacqui Lewis and Genesis Be

**SERMON** “A Love Revolution” Jacqui Lewis

~ RESPONDING ~

**INVITATION TO JOIN THE MOVEMENT** Susan Davis and Claudia Slacik  
To become a member Middle Church, see the clergy at the pulpit after worship.

**OFFERTORY/OFFERING** “We Shall Overcome” (Tituss Burgess)  
Lynn Min, soloist

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**DOXOLOGY/DEDICATION PRAYER\*** Conference Leadership  
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\*** “We Who Believe in Freedom” (Bernice Johnson Reagon)  
“Ain’t Gonna Let Nobody Turn Me Round” (Traditional)  
“Can You Feel the Love” (arr. John Del Cueto)  
Choirs and congregation

**BENEDICTION\*** Jacqui Lewis

**POSTLUDE** “Toccata” (David Hegarty)

\*Indicates please stand if you are able

++ You may find a seat—an Usher may assist you—or take a bio break at this time.

**PARTICIPATING IN THE CELEBRATION** • Allison Sniffin, organist.

**Jerriese Johnson Gospel Choir** • John Del Cueto, Director; Jeremy Price, Hammond organ; Dionne McClain-Freeney, piano ; Bernice Brooks, percussion; BAASSIK, bass.

**Middle Church Choir** • Tami L. Petty, D.M.A.–Interim Director of Music — Beth Hatton, Melissa Casey José, Ann Wazelle, Karen Goldfeder, Joslyn King, Robert Hughes, Eric Lamp, Mark Rehnstrom, Charles Brown, Wesley Rowell.

## 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. If you want to join our movement, see a clergy after worship. Complete the pew card or sign the guest book in the narthex to receive our newsletter or eblast. Learn more at [middlechurch.org](http://middlechurch.org). **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 along the left side aisle.**

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## TODAY AT MIDDLE CHURCH

• **FAMILY ROOM (ALL AGES)** — 8:00–11:00 AM • *3rd Floor Studio* — A space for kids.

• **WEE CARE (INFANT–AGE 4)** — 8:30 AM–3:30 PM • *3rd Floor Wee Care Room* — Childcare.

• **CONFERENCE 2017: REVOLUTIONARY LOVE** — Registration 9:00 AM • *Social Hall* — Sessions 9:30 AM–8:00 PM • *Sanctuary* — Our conference concludes. — *Adult Education*

• **BUTTERFLY MEAL PREPARATION** — 9:00–11:00 AM • *Social Hall* —Prepare bag lunches for distribution in local parks. RSVP to Cheryl: [ccochran@middlechurch.org](mailto:ccochran@middlechurch.org). — *Give Help*

• **SPECIAL CONFERENCE WORSHIP CELEBRATION** — 9:30 AM • *Sanctuary* — *Worship*

• **THE BREAKFAST CLUB, THE ARK, VILLAGE CHORUS** — On hiatus

• **CELEBRATION! WORSHIP** — 11:15 AM • *Sanctuary* — **CONFERENCE SUNDAY** • “**A Love Revolution**” Jacqui Lewis, preacher • Zechariah 8.1–8 • JJGC • Middle Church Choir — *Worship*

• **CHAT & CHEW** — 12:30 PM • *Social Hall, 3rd Floor Studio, and 4th Floor Studio* — Food and conversation. — *Community*

• **MIDDLE CARES CARD WRITING MINISTRY** — 12:30 PM • *Social Hall* — Help write cards for Middle Family members who need a touch of care. — *Community*

• **BUTTERFLY MEAL DISTRIBUTION** — 12:30 PM • *Meet at Social Hall* —Help to distribute bag lunches in local parks. RSVP to Cheryl: [ccochran@middlechurch.org](mailto:ccochran@middlechurch.org). — *Give Help*

• **FAMILY ROOM (ALL AGES)** — 12:30–1:30 PM • *3rd Floor Studio* — A space for kids.

• **INTERFAITH PLAY DATE AT TOWN AND VILLAGE SYNAGOGUE** — 1:30–3:30 PM • *Meet on 3rd Floor and walk together to 334 E. 14th Street* —For information, contact Marte: [msamuelstuen@middlechurch.org](mailto:msamuelstuen@middlechurch.org). — *Community*

• **AA/BIG BOOK MEETING** — 7:00–8:00 PM • *4th Floor Studio*. [AA.org](http://AA.org)

**WORSHIP VIDEOS AND PODCASTS** – Worship music and sermon videos are available on the Middle Collegiate Church YouTube channel: [youtube.com/MiddleNYC](http://youtube.com/MiddleNYC). Rewatch the Worship! Celebration livestream on Facebook: [facebook.com/MiddleCollegiateChurch](http://facebook.com/MiddleCollegiateChurch).

**DEAR MIDDLE FAMILY**— YOU are #RevolutionaryLove in action. Together, we are building a movement toward God’s dream for a healed, whole, and just world. Our congregational budget reflects this dream. We have from now until June 30 to raise the remaining funds to meet our \$575,000 goal.

At this writing, we have raised \$456,550.44—79% (and pledged \$54,732.00—10%) of our goal.

**Act today and help us complete the dream by making a love offering commitment.**

**Donate—visit [bit.ly/power-love](http://bit.ly/power-love) • Pledge —visit [bit.ly/RevLovePledge](http://bit.ly/RevLovePledge).**

*In gratitude, Shanta Thake and Middle Consistory*

**PRAYER CORNER** *Please pray with us this week for these people and concerns.*

Rev. Jacqui and family; Jacqui’s mom; Phyllistine; Jorryn; Joey; Eric Reinfeld; Jocelyn Weekes; Mel Williams; Edna Bush; Haydee Santana; Sandy Stone; Sandy Robertson; Donna Johnson; Sierra Goodale; Kenneth and Jacqui Whitmore; Kate Schaeffer; Jahsun; My late mother Diane Lee; Marc; Ricky; Idelisa Alместica; Jason G.; Daniel N.; Zulma; My sis; My dad; My daughter; My family; Peter; Thelma; Luz; Evie; Jody; Robin; Shatika Gregory; Isa; Dr. Karimah; Lynn H.; Judy; Gidom; Uncle Buddy’s family; Pierre and his family; Lee’s family; Bryan’s family; Brian; BB’s job; Bring Back Our Girls; Love and Peace throughout the world; Eddie Joe; Mr. Pearson; Middle staff and clergy; Homeless, unemployed and underemployed; Congo; Namibia; China Sea; Sea of Japan; The Earth; God bless us; Prayer of thanksgiving. Pray for peace. Pray for the senior citizens and the disabled. Pray for love. For the train operators and the conductors. For Middle family. Please guide my path to use my gifts and skills to be a contribution.

# THIS WEEK AT MIDDLE CHURCH

Check [middlechurch.org](http://middlechurch.org) for full details of all events.

MONDAY, MAY 1 — CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

- **MOMENTUM MEALS** — *Social Hall* – Hot meal and food pantry. — 11:00 AM–1:00 PM • Lunch for the community. / 4:00–6:30 PM • Dinner for clients and guests. — *Get Help*
- **ACTING CLASS** — 6:30–8:00 PM • *Community Room* — Build your own show. — *Arts*
- **NAVILLAGE SPIRITUAL WORKSHOP** — 6:30–7:45 PM • *4th Floor Classroom*. [NA.org](http://NA.org)

TUESDAY, MAY 2

- **ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS** — 7:00–8:00 PM • Artists in Recovery – *4th Floor Studio*; Step Meeting – *3rd Floor Studio*. / 8:30–9:30 PM • Closed Discussion – *4th Floor Studio*. [AA.org](http://AA.org)
- **AL-ANON** — 7:30–9:00 PM • *Community Room*. [Al-Anon.org](http://Al-Anon.org)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 3

- **JUST FAITH: A PENTECOST BIBLE STUDY** — 6:30–8:00 PM • *3rd Floor Studio* — Join us for this seven-week series as we explore the Book of Acts. RSVP at [bit.ly/JustFaithBible](http://bit.ly/JustFaithBible)
- **MEDITATION ON THE LOWER EAST SIDE** — 7:00–8:30 PM • *Parlor* – Weekly session.
- **NA/OUR WHOLE LIVES AHEAD OF US** — 7:30–8:45 PM • *4th Floor Studio*. [NA.org](http://NA.org)

THURSDAY, MAY 4

- **CREATIVE WRITING** — 6:30–8:00 PM • *4th Floor Studio* — THIS WEEK: Fifty-one. — *Arts*
- **JJ GOSPEL CHOIR** — 7:30–9:00 PM • *Sanctuary* — Weekly rehearsal. — *Arts*
- **AL-ANON** — 7:30–9:00 PM • *3rd Floor Studio*. [Al-Anon.org](http://Al-Anon.org)

FRIDAY, MAY 5

- **NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS** — 6:30–8:00 PM • It’s About Change – *3rd Floor Studio*. / 8:30–9:30 PM • Finally Found a Home — *4th Floor Studio*. [NA.org](http://NA.org)
- **AA/YOUNG AND WISE GROUP** — 8:00–9:00 PM • *Community Room*. [AA.org](http://AA.org)

SATURDAY, MAY 6

- **SECOND AVENUE STREET FAIR** — 12:00–5:00 PM • *Second Avenue between 14th and 6th* — Support the neighborhood at a day of music, activities and delights! — *Community*
- **NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS** — 6:30–8:00 PM • Meat and Potatoes – *4th Floor Classroom*.
- **ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS** — 7:00–8:00 PM • Beginners – *3rd Floor Studio*; Open Discussion – *4th Floor Studio*. / 8:30–9:30 PM • Closed Discussion – *4th Floor Studio*. [AA.org](http://AA.org)

SUNDAY, MAY 7

- **BUTTERFLY MEAL PREPARATION** — 9:00–11:00 AM • *Social Hall* — Starts today! Prepare bag lunches for distribution to the hungry in local parks. — *Give Help*
- **WEE CARE (INFANT–AGE 4)** — 9:30 AM–2:30 PM • *3rd Floor Wee Care Room* — Childcare.
- **FAMILY ROOM (ALL AGES)** — 9:30–11:00 AM • *3rd Floor Studio* — A space for kids.
- **FAMILY BREAKFAST** — 10:00–11:00 AM • *3rd Floor Studio* — All families with children 18 years and younger are invited to share breakfast. — *Children & Youth Education*
- **CELEBRATION! WORSHIP** — 11:15 AM • *Sanctuary* —“**The Gateway God**” Chad Tanaka Pack, preacher • John 10.1–10 • Middle Church Choir • Communion — *Worship*
- **THE ARK (GRADES K–6)** — On hiatus
- **CHAT & CHEW** — 12:30 PM • *Social Hall* — Food and conversation. — *Community*
- **BUTTERFLY MEAL DISTRIBUTION** — 12:30 PM • *Meet at Social Hall* — Starts today! Help to distribute bag lunches for the hungry in local parks. — *Give Help*
- **FAMILY ROOM (ALL AGES)** — 12:30–2:30 PM • *3rd Floor Studio* — A space for kids.
- **FREEDOM SCHOOL: VILLAGE CHORUS FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH (AGES 6–14)** — 1:00–2:30 PM • *Community Room* — Contact John at [jdelcueto@middlechurch.org](mailto:jdelcueto@middlechurch.org). — *Arts*
- **READING THE BIBLE FROM THE MIDDLE** — 1:30–2:30 PM • *Sanctuary* — Bible study and sermon talkback exploring this Sunday’s text and sermon themes. — *Adult Education*
- **ERASING RACISM** — 1:30–2:30 PM • *4th Floor Studio* — Go deeper and get real about erasing racism, using art and literature to spark the conversation. — *Adult Education*
- **PRAYING DANGEROUSLY** — 1:30–2:30 PM • *4th Floor Classroom* — Discuss the poem “Praying Dangerously” and then pray for one another. — *Adult Education*
- **AA/BIG BOOK MEETING** — 7:00–8:00 PM • *4th Floor Studio*. [AA.org](http://AA.org)

## “Welcome”

(Tituss Burgess)

You're welcome in this house  
Rest inside this house  
We all are flawed, no judgments made.  
That's the beauty of this place

You're welcome if you're gay  
You're welcome if you're straight  
Bi, transgender, or confused –  
this invitation's for you too.

Oh, it's safe here  
Minds can renew here  
Come in and you'll find out.

No one is turned away  
This rule we cannot break  
And just in case you're wondering –  
We're more alike than it may seem

Oh, it's safe here  
Minds can renew here  
Come in and you'll find out.

You are welcome – come as you are, rest here, there is room for all

Oh, it's safe here  
Minds can renew here  
Come in and you'll find out.

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### THIS WEEK: A LOVE REVOLUTION

- When the Love Revolution has done its thing, what do you see?
- Define Revolutionary Love for yourself and your community.
- Join the Revolutionary Love Community at L2O: [L2O.com/org/RevolutionaryLove](http://L2O.com/org/RevolutionaryLove)
- Register now for #RevLove18! [bit.ly/RevLove18](http://bit.ly/RevLove18)

### LAST WEEK: TWO HOMILIES

- What truth set you free?
- How has God's love awakened and surprised you?

### MIDDLE COLLEGIATE CHURCH VISION STATEMENT

Middle Collegiate Church is a celebrating, culturally diverse, inclusive and growing community of faith where all persons are welcomed just as they are as they come through the door. Rooted in Christian tradition as the oldest continuous Protestant Church in North America, Middle Church is called by God to boldly do a new thing on the earth.

As a teaching congregation that celebrates the arts, our ministries include rich and meaningful worship, care, and education that nurture the mind, body, and spirit, social action which embraces the global community, and participation in interfaith dialogue for the purpose of justice and reconciliation. :: [middlechurch.org](http://middlechurch.org)

## “We Shall Overcome”

(Traditional; Tituss Burgess)

We shall overcome,  
We shall overcome,  
We shall overcome someday.  
Oh, deep in my heart I do believe  
We shall overcome someday.

We shall live in peace,  
We shall live in peace,  
We shall live in peace someday.  
Oh, deep in my heart I do believe,  
We shall overcome someday.

## “We Who Believe in Freedom”

We who believe in freedom cannot rest,  
We who believe in freedom cannot rest until it comes.

Ain't gonna let nobody turn me 'round,  
Turn me 'round, turn me 'round,  
Ain't gonna let nobody turn me 'round,  
Keep on walkin', keep on talkin', marchin' up to freedom land.  
Ain't gonna let racism...  
Ain't gonna let injustice...

### WELCOME! SHEET MUSIC AVAILABLE

The music of Tituss Burgess and the Middle Community Chorus, *Welcome* is a collection of progressive gospel music proclaiming radical welcome, revolutionary love, and a call to be the ones we've been waiting for. CDs are available at the Middle Bookstore and at iTunes from Middle Church Music. **Sheet music from *Welcome***, both band and vocal charts, is available for purchase for \$20 each, including “Welcome,” “We Are The Ones,” and “We Shall Overcome.” With each purchase, churches/organizations receive performance permission for concerts and/or worship.

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