

SUNDAY WORSHIP CELEBRATION

FEBRUARY 3, 2019 • 9:30 & 11:45 AM • CELEBRATING LUNAR NEW YEAR

~ GATHERING ~

PRELUDE++ “Prelude on LE P’ING (Rise to Greet the Sun)” (Philip Jones; Hu Te-ai)

CALL TO WORSHIP* Psalm 71.1–6 Kaede Helck

In you, O Lord, I take refuge; let me never be put to shame.

**In your righteousness deliver me and rescue me;
incline your ear to me and save me.**

Be to me a rock of refuge, a strong fortress, to save me,
for you are my rock and my fortress.

**Rescue me, O my God, from the hand of the wicked,
from the grasp of the unjust and cruel.**

For you, O Lord, are my hope, my trust, O Lord, from my youth.

**Upon you I have leaned from my birth;
it was you who took me from my mother’s womb.**

I will praise you my whole life long.

HYMN*++ “Guide Me, O My Great Redeemer”

WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS Middle Clergy and Consistory

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE “Just as You Are” (Jacqui Lewis / Mark Rehstrom)
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!

~ REFLECTING ~

ANNOUNCEMENTS++ Jacqui Lewis

DANCE Kashimi Asai

**MOMENT OF SILENCE/PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
LORD’S PRAYER/CONGREGATIONAL AMEN*** Jacqui Lewis

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 “Go Down, Moses” (arr. Robert Sadin)
Tami Petty, soloist

SCRIPTURE Jeremiah 1.4–10 Alice Liang

SERMON “Don’t Forget Where You Come From” Gloria Moy

~ RESPONDING ~

COMMUNION* The People of God
All are welcome to come forward to share the gluten-free bread and white grape juice.

OFFERTORY/OFFERING “Miagete-goran” (Taku Izumi/Rokusuke Ei, arr. Kaede Helck)
Use the red/gold envelope to make a special donation to CAAAV—see back.

Place gift in bag • Donate at middlechurch.org/donate • Text [Amount] to 917-924-4666

INVITATION TO JOIN THE MOVEMENT Shanta Thake
To become a member of Middle Church, see the clergy/staff at the pulpit after worship.

DOXOLOGY/DEDICATION PRAYER* Bertram Johnson
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* “Here I Am, Lord”

BENEDICTION* Jacqui Lewis

POSTLUDE “Rise to Greet the Sun” (Philip Jones)

*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

Middle Church Choir • Tami L. Petty, D.M.A.— Director — Beth Hatton, Ann Wazelle, Melissa Casey José, Joslyn King, Nedra Neal, Linda Childs, Eric Lamp, Branch Woodman, Robert Hughes, Mark Rehstrom, Wesley Rowell, Charles Brown.

Rising Sun • Kaede Z. Helck, Miyuki Habiro, Tina C. Owens, Momoyo Arai

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 staff after worship. Complete the pew card to receive our newsletter or weekly emails. Learn more at middlechurch.org. **Please silence your cell phone and leave food or drink outside. Please do not walk across the front of the sanctuary while worship is in progress. Thank you for your cooperation.**

FOR BEST T-COIL ACCESS TO THE HEARING LOOP, sit by the side, front, and back aisles.

By entering the Sanctuary, you grant Middle Collegiate Church unrestricted right to use and publish, transmit, or telecast photographs or likenesses that might be taken of you this day for use in communications related to the church. You agree that all such material will be the sole property of Middle Collegiate Church. If you are uncomfortable, you are welcome to worship in the Sanctuary balcony.

TODAY AT MIDDLE CHURCH

• **WEE CARE (INFANT–AGE 4)** — 9:15 AM–1:15 PM • *3rd Floor Nursery* — Childcare.

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• **BIBLE IN THE MIDDLE (ADULT)** — 10:35–11:40 AM • *4th Floor Studio* — Lively weekly conversations exploring scripture for deeper meaning in our lives. — *Adult Education*

• **NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION—PART 2** — 10:35–11:30 AM • *5th Floor Parlor* — Join Middle clergy for a two-part orientation between the worship celebrations. **New members will be welcomed at both worship celebrations today.** — *Adult Education*

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• **FREEDOM SCHOOL: VILLAGE CHORUS FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH** — 1:00–2:15 PM • *Community Room* — For info, contact John at jdelcueto@middlechurch.org. — *Arts*

• **LEADERSHIP LAB: RACE MATTERS** — 1:30–4:30 PM • *3rd Floor Studio* — Explore the ways 21st-century leadership must be informed by systemic racism in the United States. \$15 participant fee. **Register to reserve your spot at bit.ly/RaceMattersLab.** — *Adult Education*

• **THE SOUNDS OF BLACKNESS**— 2:30–3:30 PM • *Sanctuary* — An afternoon of spirituals, gospel music, and contemporary music from the African-American tradition. Suggested donation \$20 supports the great diversity of music at Middle Church. — *Arts*

VIDEOS AND PODCASTS — Worship music and sermon videos: youtube.com/MiddleNYC. Re-watch the Worship Celebration livestream: facebook.com/MiddleCollegiateChurch. Middle Church Celebrations podcast: bit.ly/middlechurchcelebrations.

DEAR MIDDLE FAMILY— As of this printing, you have given \$303,682 and we have covenants and recurring donations for \$90,630 more toward our FY19 goal of \$725,000 – that’s AMAZING! We can only reach our goal with your sustained support. **Please consider making a donation in worship today. Visit www.middlechurch.org/donate to make a recurring or one-time gift!** —*In gratitude, Darren Johnston and Middle Consistory*

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

Elaine, Rachel, Big Mike, Ralph’s family and friends, Sierra, Ravi, Abdulmalik, Robin; Yay for end to government shutdown, relief to government employees, Peace love and prosperity worldwide; Helen Rodriguez, Cuascut Family, Patruno family, Lopez Family, Jarred Velez, Shayna Cuascut, Marybell and Frankie, Tonya Torres, Montanez family, Delvis Lopez, Rodriguez family, Pete, Taina, Jose, Mariah Ramos, Ramos family and friends

THIS WEEK AT MIDDLE CHURCH

Check middlechurch.org for full details of all events, including AA, NA, and Alanon.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 4

• **MOMENTUM MEALS** — *Social Hall* — Lunch 11:30 AM–1:00 PM / Dinner 5:30–6:30 PM • Free, nutritious meal for clients and the community. — *Get Help*

• **ACTING CLASS** — 6:00–7:30 PM • *3rd Floor Studio* —Work on scenes, monologues, dance, and music to build your own show. — *Arts*

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 5 – NO PROGRAMMING

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 6

• **JAM SESSION** — 6:45–8:15 PM • *Social Hall* — Let’s play together and share your music. Bring your uke, banjo, guitar, anything unplugged with strings. All levels welcome! — *Arts*

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 7

• **CREATIVE WRITING** — 6:30–8:00 PM • *4th Floor Studio* — A supportive place to work on an idea you’ve always wanted to write. **THIS WEEK: Continuing.** — *Arts*

• **JERIESE JOHNSON GOSPEL CHOIR** — 7:00–9:00 PM • *Community Room* — Weekly rehearsal. For more information, contact John at jdelcueto@middlechurch.org. — *Arts*

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 8 – NO PROGRAMMING

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 9 – NO PROGRAMMING

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 10

• **IN-THE-MIDDLE CHOIR REHEARSAL** — 8:45–9:15 AM • *Sanctuary* — Attend rehearsal and sing in worship TODAY. Contact tpetty@middlechurch.org. — *Arts*

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• **YOUTH IN THE MIDDLE (GRADES 6–12)** — 10:35–11:40 AM • *3rd Floor Youth Room (306)* — This Month: African American Heritage. — *Youth Education*

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LEADERSHIP LAB: RACE MATTERS — FEB. 3, 10, 24 • 1:30–4:30 PM

One of the strongest lines in our vision statement is this: *We aim to heal the soul and the world by dismantling racist, classist, sexist, and homophobic systems of oppression.* This is an ambitious calling, and we need leaders—**artists, teachers, mentors, activists, consistory members, team leaders, young adults and seniors**—prepared to address racism if we are going to lead the way. Faculty includes Jacqui Lewis, John Janka, Amanda Hambrick Ashcraft, and Bertram Johnson. This is Part 1 of a series, and, as a starting place, will share the ways 21st-century leadership must be informed by the structural and systemic racism that is the legacy of chattel slavery in these United States.

A \$15 participant fee covers the cost of a book and other supplies provided during the three sessions. **Register to reserve your spot at bit.ly/RaceMattersLab.**

Here I Am, Lord

Verses



1. I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my
 2. I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my
 3. I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the

peo - ple cry. All who dwell in dark and sin
 peo - ple's pain. I have wept for love of them.
 poor and lame. I will set a feast for them.

My hand will save. I, who made the
 They turn a - way. I will break their
 My hand will save. Fin-est bread I

stars of night, I will make their dark-ness bright.
 hearts of stone, Give them hearts for love a - lone.
 will pro - vide Till their hearts be sat - is - fied.

Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?
 I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?
 I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

Refrain



Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you
 call-ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you
 lead me. I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

Text: Isaiah 6; Dan Schutte, b.1947
 Tune: HERE I AM, LORD, 77 7 4 D with refrain: Dan Schutte, b.1947; arr. by Michael Pope, SJ, and John Weissrock
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THIS WEEK: DON'T FORGET WHERE YOU COME FROM

- Red/gold envelope donations will support CAAAV, a pan-Asian community-based org that works to build the power of low-income Asian immigrants and refugees in NYC. CAAAV develops leadership in Asian communities to impact the policies and institutions that affect their lives and to participate in the movement for racial and economic justice.

LAST WEEK: 400 YEARS: A REFLECTION ON LIBERTY

- August 2019 marks the 400th anniversary of the arrival of the first Africans sold into bondage in an English colony in the "New" World. Visit www.400yearsofinequality.org to learn more about some of the efforts of remembrance and resistance to this legacy.

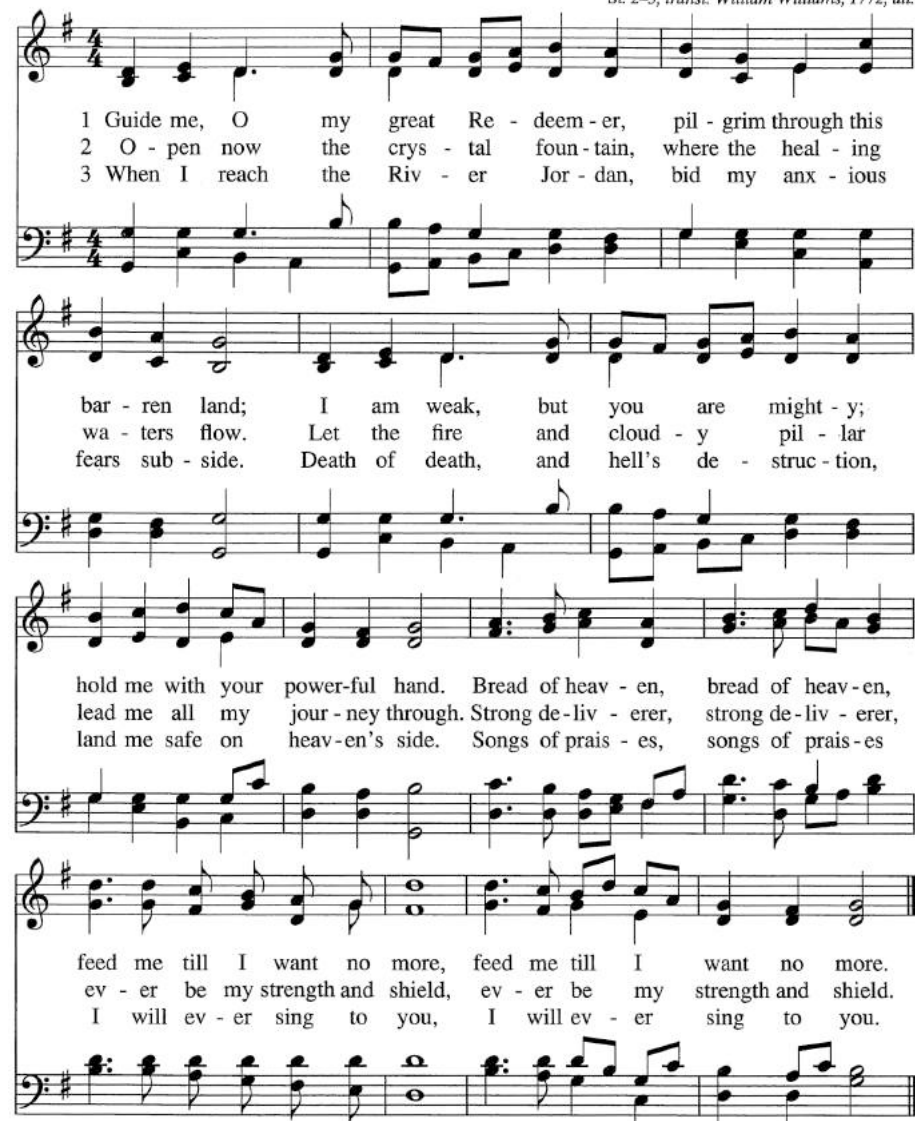
MIDDLE COLLEGIATE CHURCH VISION STATEMENT

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.

Guide Me, O My Great Redeemer

William Williams, 1745
 St. 1, transl. Peter Williams, 1771; alt.
 St. 2-3, transl. William Williams, 1772; alt.



1 Guide me, O my great Re - deem - er, pil - grim through this
 2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain, where the heal - ing
 3 When I reach the Riv - er Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious

bar - ren land; I am weak, but you are might - y;
 wa - ters flow. Let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar
 fears sub - side. Death of death, and hell's de - struc - tion,

hold me with your power-ful hand. Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en,
 lead me all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - erer, strong de - liv - erer,
 land me safe on heav-en's side. Songs of prais - es, songs of prais - es

feed me till I want no more, feed me till I want no more.
 ev - er be my strength and shield, ev - er be my strength and shield.
 I will ev - er sing to you, I will ev - er sing to you.

Tune: CWM RHONDDA 8.7.8.7.8.7.7.
 John Hughes, 1907 Alternate setting: ZION
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