

SUNDAY WORSHIP CELEBRATION

JUNE 2, 2019 • 9:30 & 11:45 AM • PRIDE MONTH

~ GATHERING ~

PRELUDE++ “Mood Indigo” (Duke Ellington)
“Blues Prelude” from *Blues in the Cathedral* (Mons Leidvin Takle)

INTROIT “Psalm 23” (Bobby McFerrin)

INVITATION TO WORSHIP* Parron Edwards-Stimola

God invites us to wake from our slumbers.

Get up! There is much to be done for God today.

God encourages us to proclaim God’s goodness and love.

Speak out! There are so many people who are hurting and lone, who need the hear the message of God.

God inspires us to be bold in our action and confident in faith.

Let’s go! Holy One, be with us as we step boldly out to show and share the truth that love transforms. AMEN.

HYMN*++ “Holy, Holy, Holy”

~ REFLECTING ~

ANNOUNCEMENTS++ Christina Fleming

MOMENT OF SILENCE/PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE LORD’S PRAYER/CONGREGATIONAL AMEN* Amanda Hambrick Ashcraft

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 “My Soul’s Been Anchored in the Lord” (arr. Moses Hogan)
Nedra Neal, soloist

SCRIPTURE Psalm 27.7–14 Jess Dale

SERMON “Glitter Family” Graham Bridgeman

~ RESPONDING ~

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

OFFERTORY/OFFERING Allison Sniffin

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DOXOLOGY/DEDICATION PRAYER* Derrick Harkins (9:30)
Jorge Fontanez (11:45)

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

“Only in Sleep” (Eriks Ešenvalds)
Ann Wazelle, soloist

HYMN* “This Is My Song”

BENEDICTION* Graham Bridgeman

POSTLUDE “Rejoicing Always” (Colin Curtis)

*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, organ/piano

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

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 pew card to receive our newsletter or weekly emails. To join our movement, see staff after worship. Learn more at middlechurch.org. **Please silence your mobile phone and leave food or drink outside. Please do not walk across the front of the sanctuary while worship is in progress. For the safety of all, no animals are permitted in the building. Thank you for your cooperation.**

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TODAY AT MIDDLE CHURCH

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

• **CELEBRATION! WORSHIP** — 9:30–10:30 AM • *Sanctuary* — **SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER / PRIDE MONTH • “Glitter Family” Graham Bridgeman, preacher** • Psalm 27.7–14 • Middle Church Choir • Communion. — *Worship*

• **BUTTERFLY MEAL PREPARATION** — 9:30–10:30 AM • *Social Hall* — Help prepare sandwiches for distribution to the hungry in local parks. — *Doing Group*

• **JOIN THE MOVEMENT**— 10:30–10:45 AM • *Sanctuary* — Learn about Middle membership.

• **COMMUNITY HOUR** — 10:35–11:35 AM • *Social Hall* — 9:30 worshippers and those arriving for 11:45 worship share coffee and conversation. — *Community*

• **KIDS IN THE MIDDLE (GRADES K–5)** — 10:35–11:40 AM • *3rd Floor Studio* — Explore the Bible with the arts—singing, acting, drawing—and brunch. — *Children & Youth Education*

• **BIBLE IN THE MIDDLE (ADULT)** — 10:35–11:40 AM • *4th Floor Studio* — Join Kelly Smith for the Theology of the Poor People’s Campaign. — *Adult Education*

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• **COMMUNITY HOUR** — 12:45–1:30 PM • *Social Hall* — Coffee and conversation.

• **BUTTERFLY MEAL DISTRIBUTION** — 12:45–2:00 PM • *Meet at Social Hall* — Help to distribute bag lunches for the hungry in local parks. — *Doing Group*

• **FREEDOM SCHOOL: VILLAGE CHORUS FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH** — *on hiatus*

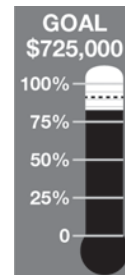
• **JERRIESE JOHNSON GOSPEL CHOIR CONCERT** — 2:30–4:00 PM • *Sanctuary* — The Jerriese Johnson Gospel Choir presents its annual June concert. Suggested Admission \$20 — pay what you can or donate generously. Proceeds support racial and LGBTQIA+ justice at Middle Church. Reserve your spot at <http://bit.ly/JJGC19>. Cake reception follows. — *Arts*

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DEAR MIDDLE FAMILY— We are at 91% of the program year, and have raised 83.7% of our \$725,000 offering goal. That’s \$607,022, with \$117,978 to go. We can do it, and we must. Why? Because \$725,000 does not cover our costs. It is just 32% of our \$2.3 million budget. Our program revenue covers another 14%—renting the building, running our conference, and so forth. Our partner, the Collegiate Church of New York, funds the rest, and her contributions are decreasing year by year, requiring us to fund 50% of our ministry by 2022. We need to achieve new goals in giving if we want to maintain our worship, education, programming, and activism. **Please make 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.*

John H; Jean Gilfillan; Pete, Taina, Jose, Mariah Ramos, Ramos family and friends; Phyllistine, Jorryn, Elise, Nancy Morelli, Sandy Stone, Sierra Goodale, Mary Lou Driscoll, Mary Efremov, Eva, Yolanda, George, Tim, Ansel Pitcairn, Will Daly, Luz Ahmed, Michella, Mardea, Donna Johnson, Jackie Bailey and family, Middle Staff and Clergy, Amy, Rosemarie, Anita Parker, Nathaniel; All the people affected by this week’s natural disasters, an end to the attempts to stomp on women’s rights, Justice in our government and all over the world; Robin, Umi, Keith, Elaine, Cousin Jim, Mike, Mom and Pop, Aunt Gin, Bertram and Jason; Jill, Bill, Laurie, Jessica; Comfort, Joy, Peace, Love, Connection; To keep and hold on to my mom’s apt. we need prayers!!

THIS WEEK AT MIDDLE CHURCH

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

MONDAY, JUNE 3

• **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, JUNE 4 – NO PROGRAMMING

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5

• **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*

• **QUEER BLACK MEN SMALL GROUP** — 7:00–9:00 PM • *3rd Floor Studio* — Through spiritual lenses, examine issues that affect queer black male lives, and all our lives. — *Small Group*

THURSDAY, JUNE 6

• **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: Michael.** — *Arts*

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

FRIDAY, JUNE 7

• **SHABBAT SERVICES** — 6:30–8:30 PM • *Social Hall* — TheShulofNewYork.org — *Worship*

SATURDAY, JUNE 8 – NO PROGRAMMING

SUNDAY, JUNE 9

• **IN-THE-MIDDLE CHOIR REHEARSAL** — 8:45–9:25 AM • *Sanctuary* — Attend rehearsal and sing in worship TODAY. Contact Tami at tpetty@middlechurch.org. — *Arts*

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

• **CELEBRATION! WORSHIP** — 9:30–10:30 AM • *Sanctuary* — **DAY OF PENTECOST • Jacqui Lewis, preacher** • Acts 2 • In-the-Middle Choir • *Wear attire that represents your culture OR wear red to represent the flame of the Spirit.* — *Worship*

• **BUTTERFLY MEAL PREPARATION** — 9:30–10:30 AM • *Social Hall* — Help prepare sandwiches for distribution to the hungry in local parks. — *Doing Group*

• **JOIN THE MOVEMENT**— 10:30–10:45 AM • *Sanctuary* — Learn about Middle membership.

• **PENTECOST POTLUCK COMMUNITY HOUR** — 10:35–11:35 AM • *Social Hall* — A festive celebration of diversity! Middle will provide a vegan/gluten-free pasta. Bring potluck to share in disposable dishware in categories by **last name: A–I** Entrees. **J–Q** Vege/Side dishes (No dairy or meat). **R–Z** Desserts. Due to allergies, no food containing NUTS. — *Community*

• **KIDS IN THE MIDDLE (GRADES K–5)** — 10:35–11:40 AM • *3rd Floor Studio* — Explore the Bible with the arts—singing, acting, drawing—and brunch. — *Children & Youth Education*

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

• **BIBLE IN THE MIDDLE (ADULT)** — 10:35–11:40 AM • *4th Floor Studio* — Bible study exploring queering Christianity for Pride Month. — *Adult Education*

• **IN-THE-MIDDLE CHOIR REHEARSAL** — 11:05–11:35 AM • *Community Room* — Attend rehearsal and sing in worship TODAY. Contact Tami at tpetty@middlechurch.org. — *Arts*

• **CELEBRATION! WORSHIP** — 11:45 AM–12:45 PM • *Sanctuary* — **DAY OF PENTECOST • Jacqui Lewis, preacher** • Acts 2 • In-the-Middle Choir • Baptism • *Wear attire that represents your culture OR wear red to represent the flame of the Spirit.* — *Worship*

• **JOIN THE MOVEMENT** — 12:45–1:15 PM • *Sanctuary* — Learn about Middle membership.

• **PENTECOST POTLUCK COMMUNITY HOUR** — 12:45–1:45 PM • *Social Hall* — A special meal and conversations. *See details in 10:35 AM listing.* — *Community*

• **BUTTERFLY MEAL DISTRIBUTION** — 12:45–2:00 PM • *Meet at Social Hall* — Help to distribute bag lunches for the hungry in local parks. — *Doing Group*

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

• **FAMILY ROOM (ALL AGES)** — 2:00–4:00 PM • *3rd Floor Studio* — A space for kids.

• **THE THEOLOGY OF HOWARD THURMAN** — 2:00–4:00 PM • *Sanctuary* — Explore the life and theology of Howard Thurman, a minister and theologian who pastored one of the earliest known multiracial churches and played a key role in the civil rights movement. Led by Jacqui Lewis and Matlin Gilman. — *Adult Education*

Holy, Holy, Holy

Reginald Heber, 1826; alt.

1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, God the Al - might - y!
 2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Saints a - dore you tru - ly,
 3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, God the Al - might - y!

Ear - ly in the morn - ing we praise your maj - es - ty.
 Cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
 All your works shall praise your name in earth and sky and sea.

Ho - ly, ho - ly ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y!
 Cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim bow be - fore you on - ly,
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y!

God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
 From the be - gin - ning, God e - ter - nal - ly,
 God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

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Tune: NICAEA 11.12.12.10. John B. Dykes, 1861

THIS WEEK: GLITTER FAMILY

- Visit middlechurch.org/Pride for all the ways to celebrate Pride and to commemorate 50 years since the Stonewall Riots that were a huge catalyst for social change

LAST WEEK: RE-MEMBERING THE FUTURE

- Where in your memory is someone who taught you about what God intends for humanity? What did you learn? What lesson do you take forward to the future and the soon-coming Reign of God.

CALLING ALL MEMBERS!

Sometime between now and June 30, someone on Middle staff or our care team will reach out to you and love on you. We want to know how you and yours are doing, and deepen our connection with you. Expect an email, text, or phone call soon!

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.

THIS IS MY SONG

FINLANDIA

Verses 1 and 2: Lloyd Stone, 1912–1993

Jean Sibelius, 1865–1957

Verse 3: Susan Briehl

Arr. by Marty Haugen

1. This is my song, O God of all the na - tions,
 2. My coun - try's skies are blu - er than the o - cean,
 3. Teach us to sing, O God of all cre - a - tion,

a song of peace for lands a - far and mine.
 and sun - light beams on clo - ver - leaf and pine;
 a song of hope for o - cean, sky, and pine.

This is my home, the coun - try where my heart is;
 but oth - er lands have sun - light, too, and clo - ver,
 Teach us to walk the way that ends di - vi - sion,

here are my hopes, my dreams, my ho - ly shrine.
 and skies are ev - 'ry - where as blue as mine.
 till ev - 'ry land and na - tion love en - twines.

But oth - er hearts in oth - er lands are beat - ing
 So hear my song, O God of all the na - tions,
 Then will all peo - ples see your glo - rious vi - sion:

with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.
 a song of peace for their land and for mine.
 the world at peace, be - lov - ed and di - vine.

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