

SUNDAY WORSHIP CELEBRATION

SEPTEMBER 29, 2019 • 9:30 & 11:45 AM • HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

Welcome home to Middle Church! After worship begins, please wait to be seated.

++ Indicates you may find a seat—an Usher may assist you—or take a bio break.

* Indicates please stand if you are able.

~ GATHERING ~

PRELUDE++ Middle Church Band

INTROIT “Only You Are Holy” (Donnie McClurkin)

WELCOME / INVITATION TO WORSHIP++ *See insert.* Jorge Fontanez

WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS Middle Clergy and Consistory
“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.

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

HYMN*++ “Si tú puedes, cántalo”

~ REFLECTING ~

MESSAGE FOR ALL AGES Edna Benitez and Ellington Tanner
“Siyahamba”—We are marching in the light of God, we are marching in the light of God.

ANNOUNCEMENTS++ Amanda Hambrick Ashcraft

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

“Yesterday” (John Lennon and Paul McCartney)

Caelyn Osbern, Lymarie Monzón, singers; Gigi Kriegsmann, ukulele

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 “Let There Be Peace” (Sweet Honey in the Rock)

SCRIPTURE Isaiah 11.1–9 Youth from Puerto Rico Trip

SERMON “Waging Peace” Jacqui Lewis

~ RESPONDING ~

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

OFFERTORY/OFFERING “We Shall Overcome” The Peace Studio
Place gift in bag • Donate at middlechurch.org/donate • Text [Amount] to 917-924-4666

DOXOLOGY/DEDICATION PRAYER* Katrina Monzón

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* “Down by the Riverside”

BENEDICTION* Jacqui Lewis

POSTLUDE Middle Church Band

PARTICIPATING IN THE CELEBRATION •

Middle Church Band • Dionne McClain-Freeney–Music Director, piano; BAASSIK, bass; Bernice Brooks, drums; Jeremy Price, Hammond organ.

Gospel Ensemble • John Del Cueto–Music Director — Olive Demetrius, Tina Owens, Lisa Dent, Gina Pemberton, Momoyo Arai, Kashimi Asai, Kaede Zaitzu Helck, Sandra Santana, Natalie Hopson, Rochelle Green.

Guest performers from The Peace Studio • **Julia Warren (voice) and Aaron Stokes (piano).** The mission of The Peace Studio is to advance an innovative peace movement for today’s world through critical dialogue, education, community advocacy, and the arts. thepeacestudio.org

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.**

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 Fl Nursery* — Childcare.

• **CELEBRATION! WORSHIP** — 9:30–10:30 AM • *Sanctuary* — **HISPANIC HERITAGE** • **“Waging Peace” Jacqui Lewis, preacher** • Isaiah 11.1–9 • Team from Service-Learning Trip to Puerto Rico, worship leaders • Welcoming New Members.

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• **BIBLE IN THE MIDDLE (ADULT)** — 10:45–11:30 AM • *4th Fl Studio* — Lively weekly conversations exploring scripture for deeper meaning in our lives.

• **NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION—PART 2** — 10:45–11:30 AM • *Parlor* — Join Middle clergy for a two-part orientation between the worship celebrations. **New members will be welcomed at both worship celebrations TODAY!**

• **VOTER REFORM PROJECT** — 10:45–11:30 AM • *Conference Room* — Voter registration and ending voter suppression. To join the team, contact votingproject@middlechurch.org.

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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*

• **PUERTO RICO TALK-BACK (ALL AGES)** — 1:30–3:00 PM • *Sanctuary* — Learn about Middle’s commitment to Puerto Rico service-learning trips from our youth team participants.

VIDEOS AND PODCASTS — Worship music and sermon videos: youtube.com/MiddleChurch.

Re-watch the Worship Celebration livestream: facebook.com/MiddleCollegiateChurch.

Middle Church Celebrations podcast: middlechurch.org/podcasts.

DEAR MIDDLE FAMILY— Our new fiscal year began July 1. This year we must give \$875,000 in order to fund our ministries and programs. As you know, we are committed to funding 50% of our budget by 2022, and this year’s goal is an important part of getting there.

As of this printing, we have donations and pledges for \$180,785.09 which is 20.7% of our offering goal. THAT’S AMAZING!

Your participation and investment in this work, whether through an annual pledge or weekly or monthly recurring gifts, is critical to powering this movement, making sure we can meet our goal to reclaim and reframe Christianity toward LOVE. Period.

Donate NOW at middlechurch.org/donate.

—In gratitude, Jacqui, Darren, and Middle Consistory

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

The people of Bahamas, Care for the climate, Peace and Prosperity all over the world; Jill and Hannah, Ravi, Robin and Roben, Aunt Gin, Cousin Jim, India, Dad, Umi and her Mosque, Darly.

THIS WEEK AT MIDDLE CHURCH

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

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

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

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

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1

• **REPARATIONS COLLECTIVE FALL CONVERSATION** — 7:00–8:30 PM • *Parlor* — Led by Jacqui Lewis and Adam Fitzgerald. Part 3 of 4. Participants must attend at least 3 of 4 sessions.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2

• **UKULELIACS: TUTORIAL SESSION** — 6:45–8:30 PM • *Parlor* — Ukulele beginners gather for monthly fun and instruction. — *Small Group*

• **HEART & SOUL** — 7:00–8:00 PM • *3rd Floor Studio* — A monthly hour of physical activity—a different style each month—to nurture your body and spirit. — *Small Group*

• **JUSTICE COMMITTEE MEETING** — 7:00–8:30 PM • *4th Floor Classroom* — For more information and to RSVP, contact Amanda at ahashcraft@middlechurch.org. — *Small Group*

• **QUEER BLACK MEN SMALL GROUP** — 7:00–8:30 PM • *4th Floor Studio* — Through spiritual lenses, examine issues that affect queer black male lives, and all our lives. — *Small Group*

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3

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

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

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4

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

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5 — NO PROGRAMMING

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6

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• **VIRTUAL MEMBERS GATHERING** — 1:00–2:00 PM • *ZOOM* —Contact digital minister Natalie at nperkins@middlechurch.org for ZOOM virtual meet-up registration.

• **INTERFAITH PLAY DATE AT THE BHAKTI CENTER (GRADES PRE-K–5)** — 1:30–3:00 PM — For more information, contact Marte at msamuelstuen@middlechurch.org

• **BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS** — 2:00–3:00 PM — *Sanctuary steps on Second Ave.* — Bring your furry, feathered, and scaly friends to the church steps to receive a prayer for your pet.

Si tú puedes, cántalo

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Refrain

Si tú pue - des, cán - ta - lo, cán - ta - lo,
 Ev - 'ry - bod - y, sing it out, sing it out,
 cán - ta - lo. Si tú pue - des, cán - ta - lo,
 sing it out. Ev - 'ry - bod - y, sing it out,
 cán - ta - lo, cán - ta - lo al Se - ñor. ñor.
 sing it out, sing it out . . . to the Lord. Lord.

Verses

1 When the first new light of the ris - ing sun comes to
 2 When your heart is heav - y may you dis - co - ver new
 3 May you pause to lis - ten e - nough to hear you are
 wake the col - ors of dawn, as you stand in beau - ty may
 hope in ev - 'ry child, and may you be filled with the
 not a - lone in your song, and may you learn to fol - low the
Refrain
 you be shown you're a part of that an - cient song.
 un - ex - pect - ed joy in the mir - a - cle of their smiles.
 mel - o - dy of our God's cre - a - tive love.

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THIS WEEK: WAGING PEACE

- Young people have lead the way to peace for generations. Remind yourself of your younger you; what we're you passionate about fixing in the world?
- How does your inner young person want to do right now to heal the world?
- What are three things you can do to make peace in your circle of relationships?
- Attend the Puerto Rico Talk Back today at 1:30 PM to learn more about their summer trip to Puerto Rico from our Youth Service-Learning team.
- To support the work of The Peace Studio, visit thepeacestudio.org

LAST WEEK: IN THIS HERE PLACE WE FLESH

- How was your week changed by the music, scripture, and reflection on your flesh and God's Love?

MIDDLE COLLEGIATE CHURCH IS ON LENAPE LAND ON TURTLE ISLAND.

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, xenophobic, 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.

Down by the Riverside

(Traditional)

1. Gonna lay down my burden,
 Down by the riverside,
 Down by the riverside,
 Down by the riverside.
 Gonna lay down my burden,
 Down by the riverside,
 I ain't gonna study war no more.

CHORUS: I ain't gonna study war no more,
 study war no more,
 ain't gonna study war no more.
 I ain't gonna study war no more,
 study war no more,
 ain't gonna study war no more.

2. Gonna lay down my sword and shield
 Down by the riverside ...

CHORUS

3. Gonna all live as neighbors
 Down by the riverside ...

CHORUS

HEART & SOUL — NEW!

Wednesday, October 2 (1st Wednesdays) • 7:00–8:00 PM

We understand the benefits of rooting ourselves in spiritual practices like prayer, song, protest – and even movement. Heart & Soul gathers on the first Wednesday of each month for an hour of physical activity, featuring a different style each month from Zumba to Yoga to Hip-Hop. No need to RSVP, just come, move with us, and invite friends!

MIDDLE COLLEGIATE CHURCH

Rev. Jacqueline J. Lewis, Ph.D. – *Senior Minister in Charge*
 Rev. Amanda Hambrick Ashcraft – *Exec. Minister for Justice, Operations, & Movement Building*
 Rev. Chad Tanaka Pack – *Interim Exec. Minister for Care & Membership*
 Natalie Perkins – *Digital Minister*

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INVITATION TO WORSHIP/ LLAMADA DE ADORACIÓN

Desde el norte hasta el sur y desde el este hasta el oeste

We come as one people to worship.

Dios nos creó y nos dio aliento de vida

Blessed be God who calls us to serve!

El Espíritu de Justicia nos guía

Blessed be God who liberates us into new life.

Porque somos un pueblo jubiloso

We celebrate the presence of God within us.

Porque somos un pueblo trabajador

We celebrate the presence of God among us.

¡Dios camina con su pueblo!

Alleluia and Amen!

VOLUNTEER & SERVE

BUTTERFLY MEAL PROGRAM — **Sundays from Easter until Thanksgiving** — Volunteers are needed to prepare, assemble, and/or distribute bag lunches at Sara Roosevelt Park for food insecure and hungry. For information, contact Gloria at gmoy@middlechurch.org

COMMUNITY HOUR FOOD SERVICE — **Sundays • 10:45–11:30 AM and 12:45–1:30 PM** — Help prepare and/or serve food to our Middle family. We also need volunteers to help prepare coffee every Sunday at 8:45 AM. For information, contact Elise at etiralli@middlechurch.org

THE MOMENTUM PROJECT — **Mondays • 11:00 AM–6:00 PM** — The Momentum Project fosters health and wellness by providing nutritious communal meals and supportive services to any person in need, especially those living with HIV/AIDS or other chronic illness. Every Monday, Middle Church hosts Momentum for lunch, dinner, and a food pantry. Volunteers are needed for a variety of tasks. For more information, contact 718-292-7718. Ask for Sherifa, Yizel, or Tim.

OFFICE ADMINISTRATION — **Weekdays as scheduled** — Help prepare bulletins, newsletters, and other projects during the week. For information, contact Ellen at ematlach@middlechurch.org

ONE-TIME EVENTS — Volunteer at Middle's special events such as Children's Multicultural Book Fair, Revolutionary Love Conference, Second Avenue Street Fair, teaching classes of all ages, and other special events. For information, contact Elise at etiralli@middlechurch.org

SANCTUARY GUILD — Assist in organizing the sanctuary on a weekday or before and after worship celebrations. Help prepare Communion for first Sundays. For information, contact Ellen at ematlach@middlechurch.org

SOCIAL MEDIA AMBASSADORS — Welcome online viewers as a digital usher during streaming services, lend a hand amplifying Middle's news during big events, or share your story with Middle's online community as a digital ambassador! For information, contact Natalie at nperkins@middlechurch.org

USHERS & GREETERS — **Sundays and as needed** — Help welcome all congregants and visitors who come through the doors of Middle Church for worship celebrations and other events. For information, contact Chad at ctanakapack@middlechurch.org

MY 2019–2020 PLEDGE TO MIDDLE CHURCH

I/We commit to give \$_____:

- Weekly
- Monthly
- Quarterly
- By June 30, 2020

I/We will fulfill my pledge:

- Online
- In Worship (Cash/Check)
- Via Text
- Direct Deposit

I/We would like more information about:

- Including Middle Church in my will
- Giving Stocks

PLEASE PRINT.

Name _____

Email _____

Phone _____

Dear Middle Family,

Over the next four years, Middle is committed to taking increased responsibility for how our movement is funded. By 2022, we will be funding 50% or more of our overall budget.

That's why this year, we are leaning into God's promise of radical abundance with an offering goal of \$875,000. You are a stakeholder, and your partnership—your vision, time, talent, and your donations—will help make it happen.

Your pledge at this time will help us anticipate our budget and programming for the year ahead. Thank you so much!

Whatever you give, know that you are part of Middle Church, a movement for love and justice that will heal our souls and the world. We believe in the transformative power of #RevolutionaryLove to transform our world as, together, we live into God's Reign. We believe God is calling us to move in the world with LOVE.Period.

Welcome home!

Jacqui, the Consistory, and Team Middle



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