

SUNDAY WORSHIP CELEBRATION

OCTOBER 6, 2019 • 9:30 & 11:45 AM • LATINX HERITAGE MONTH

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

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++ “Overture” from *La forza del destino* (Giuseppe Verdi)

INTROIT “Set Down Servant” (arr. Robert Shaw)
Robert Hughes and Alvin Crawford, soloists

WELCOME / INVITATION TO WORSHIP++ Monique Fortuné

HYMN*++ “God of Justice, God of Mercy”

~ REFLECTING ~

ANNOUNCEMENTS++ Amanda Hambrick Ashcraft

**MOMENT OF SILENCE/PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
LORD’S PRAYER/CONGREGATIONAL AMEN*** Chad Tanaka Pack

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 “Breathe” from *In the Heights* (Lin-Manuel Miranda)
Alexandria Calendaria Rivera, soloist

SCRIPTURE Habakkuk 1.1–4; 2.1–4 Vanessa Lindley

SERMON “In Plain Sight” Jacqui Lewis

~ RESPONDING ~

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

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 “Va, pensiero” from *Nabucco* (Giuseppe Verdi)

Inspired by Psalm 137 and the Hebrew people captive in Babylon, this text reminds us that we are 400 years from the first Africans landing—enslaved—in America.

Translation: *Go, thoughts, on golden wings; Go, settle upon the slopes and hills, where warm and soft and fragrant are the breezes of our sweet native land! Greet the banks of the Jordan, the towers of Zion ... Oh my country so beautiful and lost! Or so dear yet unhappy! Or harp of the prophetic seers, why do you hang silent from the willows? Rekindle the memories within our hearts, tell us about the time that have gone by Or similar to the fate of Solomon, give a sound of lament; or let the Lord inspire a concert That may give to endure our suffering.*

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DOXOLOGY/DEDICATION PRAYER* Amanda Hambrick Ashcraft
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* “I Want Jesus to Walk with Me”

BENEDICTION* Jacqui Lewis

POSTLUDE “God of Grace and God of Glory” (John Hughes, arr. Anna Laura Page)

PARTICIPATING IN THE CELEBRATION • Allison Sniffin, organ • Dionne McClain-Freeney—Music Director, piano

Middle Church Choir • Tami Petty, D.M.A.—Music Director — Ann Wazelle, Beth Hatton, Marie Mascari, Nedra Neal, Guadalupe Peraza, Ann McMahon Quintero, Robert Hughes, Branch Woodman, Eric Lamp, Mark Rehnstrom, Wesley Rowell, Alvin Crawford

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* — **LATINX HERITAGE / WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY • “In Plain Sight” Jacqui Lewis, preacher** • Habakkuk 1.1–4; 2.1–4 • Middle Church Choir • Communion.
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- **FREEDOM SCHOOL: VILLAGE CHORUS FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH** — 1:00–2:15 PM • *5th Fl Parlor* — For info, contact John at jdelcueto@middlechurch.org. — *Arts*
- **VIRTUAL CHAT & CHEW** — 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 — Meet Marte in the Social Hall at 1:15 PM to walk together to the Bhakti Center.
- **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.

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— 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. **September 30th was the end of our first quarter, and we raised 87% — \$191,360 — of our \$218,750 quarterly goal.**

Our next benchmark is to have gifts and pledges totaling \$437,500 by December 31st.

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. Thank you for your generosity.

—*In gratitude, Jacqui, Darren, and Middle Consistory* **Donate at middlechurch.org/donate.**

PRAYER CORNER *Please pray with us this week for these people and concerns.*
Phyllistine, Jorryn, Victor, Sandy Stone, Sierra Goodale, Donna Johnson, Sandy Robertson, Chip, Ydalia, Mardea, Nathaniel Whiteside, Tim, Una, Ken, Middle Staff & Clergy, Homeless, unemployed & underemployed; Natalya Budnyatsky, the Hopson family; The people of the Bahamas, Some sanity & accountability in our government, Peace & prosperity worldwide, caring for our planet; Robin, Elaine, Aunt Gin, Umi, Dad, Keith, India, Cousin Jim, J&H, Roz; Gerry Wong, Kevin’s Job Hunt, Serenity & Progress; Jake; For all my amazing jobs and all the abundance you bestow upon me and guide me to use my gifts to serve much appreciation.

THIS WEEK AT MIDDLE CHURCH

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

MONDAY, OCTOBER 7

- **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 8

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

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9 — NO PROGRAMMING

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10

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

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11 — NO PROGRAMMING

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12

- **SECOND AVENUE STREET FAIR 2019: FALL INTO LOVE** — 12:00–5:00 PM • *Second Avenue between 6th and 14th Streets* – Join us for an all-day party filled with art, justice, and music right outside Middle’s doors. Children and families can enjoy fall-themed activities like a bounce-house, tie-dye T-shirt making, pumpkin painting, bubble station, art projects, and more! Hear live music on the Middle Church stage featuring celebrated East Village musicians, including the Jerriese Johnson Gospel Choir, and Village Chorus for Children & Youth. Voter registration and election information will be available on our block. For more information, contact Marte at msamuelstuen@middlechurch.org.

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- **YOUTH IN THE MIDDLE (GRADES 6–12)** — 10:45–11:30 AM • *3rd Fl Youth Room* — Honest conversations, service-learning projects, and creative responses to connect faith and justice.
- **BIBLE IN THE MIDDLE (ADULT)** — 10:45–11:30 AM • *4th Fl Studio* — Lively weekly conversations exploring scripture for deeper meaning in our lives.
- **REVOLUTIONARY PARENTING** — 10:45–11:30 AM • *5th Fl Parlor* — Conversations and community at the intersection of parenting, faith, and the belief that we can raise a just, liberated, and ethical generation.
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God of Justice, God of Mercy

Jane Parker Huber, 1983
Rowland Hugh Prichard, 1855

1 God of jus - tice, God of mer - cy, Make us
2 So the vi - sion you have plant - ed In each

1 mer - ci - ful and just! Help us see all the
2 hu - man mind and heart Now be - comes the

1 your cre - a - tion As from you a sa - cred trust.
2 spark of ac - tion Call - ing us to do our part.

1 And when peo - ple cry in an - guish For their
2 Keep that vi - sion clear be - fore us: Men and

1 own or oth - ers' pain, Show us ways to
2 wom - en, girls and boys, Val - ued in re -

1 make a dif - ference. O dear God, make us hu - mane!
2 sponse and wit - ness, Shar - ing chal - leng - es and joys.

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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.

I WANT JESUS TO WALK WITH ME

1. I want Je - sus to walk with me,
2. In my tri - als, Lord, walk with me,

I want Je - sus to walk with me,
In my tri - als, Lord, walk with me,

All a - long my pil - grim jour - ney,
When the shades of life are fall - ing,

Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.
Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.

Negro spiritual; arr. by Nolan Williams, Jr., b.1969. © 2000, GIA Publications, Inc.

THIS WEEK: IN PLAIN SIGHT

- How did today's sermon and music inspire you for the week ahead? How can you be a part of God's vision?

LAST WEEK: WAGING PEACE

- Young people have lead the way to peace for generations. Remind yourself of your younger you; what were 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?

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