

SUNDAY WORSHIP CELEBRATION

OCTOBER 13, 2019 • 9:30 & 11:45 AM

LATINX/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 “Lead Me to the Rock” (Stephen Hurd)

WELCOME / INVITATION TO WORSHIP++ Edna Benitez

HYMN*++ “When O’er the Hills” (Al despuntar en la loma el día)

~ REFLECTING ~

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS++ Chad Tanaka Pack

MOMENT OF SILENCE/PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Amanda Hambrick Ashcraft
LORD’S PRAYER/CONGREGATIONAL AMEN*
“Solo le pido a Dios” (Leon Greco)

Natalie Maust, Bianca Toscano Michalczak, John Del Cueto, singers
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++

SCRIPTURE Jeremiah 29.1, 4–7 Damaris Whittaker

SERMON “Somos Mas: A call for liberation” Damaris Whittaker

~ RESPONDING ~

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

OFFERTORY/OFFERING “Gloria” (Juan Luis Guerra)
Riqi Velez, soloist

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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* “Over My Head”

BENEDICTION* Damaris Whittaker

POSTLUDE Middle Church Band

PARTICIPATING IN THE CELEBRATION •

Jerriese Johnson Gospel Choir Choir • John Del Cueto—Music Director

Middle Church Band • Dionne McClain-Freeney—Music Director, piano; Jonathan Peretz, drums; Jeremy Price, Hammond organ; BAASSIK, bass; Hajime Yoshida, guitar.

Guest preacher Rev. Dr. Damaris D. Whittaker is senior minister at Fort Washington Collegiate Church. Rev. Whittaker believes she has been called to break down silos and sees intersectionality of faith as a place she can affect change.

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.

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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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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.*

Victor M. Rosado; John McGowan, Ann Morb, Sandra Slazer; Our new Heart and Soul Ministry, Those who are marginalized, For this time w/ President Trump’s Impeachment (That the spirit of truth runs through) Psalms 119, and those who deal w/ the Opioid Crisis (Psalms 110); The people of the Bahamas, Bringing the truth to light, Justice in all arenas, Peace & Prosperity worldwide; Aunt Gin, Robin, Elaine, Dad, Umi, India, J&H, Cousin Jim, Roben, David Lee, Keith, Darly; Jake, All suffering beings everywhere; Phyllistine, Jorryn, Victor, Family of Angelo Morelli, Beatrice Thompson, Sierra Goodale, Sandy Stone, Phillip Travis, Chip, Ydalia, Mardea, Una, Lile, Tim, Homeless, unemployed, underemployed; Babz, Velda – terminal cancer; Pete, Taina, Jose, Mariah Ramos

THIS WEEK AT MIDDLE CHURCH

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

MONDAY, OCTOBER 14

• **CHURCH OFFICE AND BUILDING CLOSED FOR INDIGENOUS PEOPLES’ DAY**

• **MOMENTUM MEALS** — *on hiatus*

• **ACTING CLASS** — *on hiatus*

• **PUB THEOLOGY** — 7:00–8:30 PM • *Shades of Green Pub: 125 East 15th Street* — Share stories, ask questions, and talk honestly about God, life, and everything in between.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15 — NO PROGRAMMING

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16

• **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.

• **JUST ARTS CAFÉ: IGNITE NYC: A PEACE STUDIO SALON EVENT** — 7:00–8:30 PM • *3rd Floor Studio* — Join us for an evening celebrating the launch of a new partnership with The Peace Studio and Middle Church as we work together to advance an innovative peace movement for today’s world that is youth-driven, action-oriented, and exciting! This event will lift up young people and feature special performances from Peace Studio artists Jules Latimer (Juilliard Drama) and Aaron Stokes (Solange Knowles Band/*Marvelous Mrs. Maisel*), words from Rev. Amanda Hambrick Ashcraft and Peace Studio Executive Director Thomas West, a special video greeting from Hawaii, stories from Rwanda and more. Following the performances, scrumptious nibbles and refreshments will be served.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17

• **NEW ADVENTURES** — 2:00–3:30 PM • *4th Fl Studio* — Retired or just between jobs? Share time with friends. Contact Elise at etiralli@middlechurch.org. — *Being Group*

• **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: Gravity.**

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

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• **MIDDLE OUT LOUD** — 1:30–2:15 PM • *Parlor* — Conversation, social activities, and community building that centers the experiences of LGBTQIA+ person.

When o'er the hills Al despuntar en la loma el día

words and music, Heber Romero, Cuba
from *La Liturgia Criolla*
Eng. trans., S T Kimbrough, Jr.
arr. Jorge Lockward

1. When o'er the hills morn - ing light is break - ing,
2. On the ho - ri - zon the sun is blend - ing
3. I want to be like a brook that's flow - ing;
once more your glo - ry is born.
with hues of green cof - fee fields,
O how re - fresh - ing, such grace!
Filled with your joy all the fields are wak - ing
and from the bush there's a bird - song wend - ing
Or like the sound of a soft wind blow - ing -
and grow - ing grass greets the morn.
till it a new life re - veals.
your thoughts through palm groves I'd trace.
A dif - ferent day now is dawn - ing
The air with fra - grance is swell - ing,
I hear the roos - ter that's crow - ing,
and yet, with fear, I am torn;
a sweet a - ro - ma I smell.
the thrill - ing bird - song takes wing!
but you're the same God each morn - ing; as the
My song the heav - ens are tell - ing: "God in -
My voice as - cends and is flow - ing. How I
day dawns, I'm re - born,
deed does all things well!"
sing, God, how I sing!
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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.

OVER MY HEAD

1. O-ver my head I hear mu - sic in the
2. O-ver my head I hear sing - ing in the
3. O-ver my head I see free - dom in the
air. O-ver my head I hear mu - sic in the
air. O-ver my head I hear sing - ing in the
air. O-ver my head I see free - dom in the
air. O-ver my head I hear mu - sic in the
air. O-ver my head I hear sing - ing in the
air. O-ver my head I see free - dom in the
air;
air; There must be a God some - where!
air;

Text: Traditional
Tune: OVER MY HEAD, 11 11 11 7; traditional; arr. by Nolan Williams, Jr., b.1969, © 2000, GIA Publications, Inc.

THIS WEEK: SOMOS MAS: A CALL FOR LIBERATION

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

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