

SUNDAY WORSHIP CELEBRATION

JANUARY 26, 2020 • 9:30 & 11:45 AM • CELEBRATING LUNAR NEW YEAR

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

Please respect this sacred time by not moving during prayers, preaching, and choral singing.

++ 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++ “The Lord Is My Light” (L. Bouknight)

INTROIT “Wish for Wings” (Michio Yamagami & Kunihiko Murai; Taro Kijima, arr. & English lyrics)

INVITATION TO WORSHIP and **HYMN*** Ken Medema

~ REFLECTING ~

MESSAGE FOR ALL AGES Julia Shu
“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 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 “You Raise Me Up” (Brendan Graham & Rolf Lovland; Kaede Helck, arr. & Japanese lyrics)

SCRIPTURE Matthew 4.12–23 Su Yon Pak

SERMON “Mending Filial Piety” Su Yon Pak

~ RESPONDING ~

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

OFFERTORY/OFFERING Ken Medema

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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 Dionne McClain-Freeney

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

Rising Sun • Kaede Z. Helck—Director, Miyuki Habiro, Tina C. Owens, Ailah Inaba, Naoto Sawaki.

Guest Musician Ken Medema is an American musician and singer-songwriter who has been performing in the United States, Canada, and Europe for more than forty years. Some of his best known songs began as live improvisations.

Guest Preacher Dr. Su Yon Pak is the Senior Director and Associate Professor of Integrative and Field-based Education at Union Theological Seminary. Her life and research passions include: food justice, criminal justice, the elderly and spirituality, women’s leadership, and integrative and critical pedagogies.

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* — **CELEBRATING LUNAR NEW YEAR “Mending Filial Piety” Dr. Su Yon Pak, guest preacher** • Special music from Ken Medema and Rising Sun.
- **JOIN THE MOVEMENT**— 10:30–10:45 AM • *Sanctuary* — Learn about Middle membership.
- **COMMUNITY HOUR** — 10:35–11:40 AM • *Social Hall* — 9:30 worshippers and those arriving for 11:45 worship share coffee and conversation.
- **CENSUS 2020 INFORMATION** — 10:45–11:30 AM • *Social Hall* — Census data decides Congressional districts and more. Join us for an informational session and to make sure all communities are counted in 2020. Employment opportunity information will be available.
- **VOTER REFORM PROJECT** — *Attend the Census 2020 Information session*
- **KIDS IN THE MIDDLE (GRADES K–5)** — 10:45–11:30 AM • *3rd Fl Studio* — Explore the Bible with the arts—singing, acting, drawing—and brunch.
- **BIBLE IN THE MIDDLE (ADULT)** — 10:45–11:30 AM • *4th Fl Studio* — Lively weekly conversations exploring scripture for deeper meaning in our lives.
- **YOUTH IN THE MIDDLE (GRADES 6–12)** — 10:45–11:30 AM • *3rd Fl Youth Room* — Grades 6–12 are invited to a conversation about art, activism, and global solidarity.
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- **SING, PLAY, MOVE: AN INTEGRATED MUSICAL EXPERIENCE (AGES 3–5)** — 1:00–1:45 PM • *4th Fl Studio* — Kids are invited to join this interactive musical experience with their Parents/guardians. For more info, contact John at jdelcueto@middlechurch.org.
- **FREEDOM SCHOOL: VILLAGE CHORUS FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH** — *on hiatus.*
- **YOUNG ADULTS SMALL GROUP** — 1:00–2:00 PM • *Conference Room* — Join 20- and 30-somethings for a pizza party and phone banking for our upcoming Revolutionary Love Conference in D.C.!
- **EXPLORING CALL** — 1:00–2:15 PM • *5th Fl Parlor* — A small group for those in seminary, considering seminary, out of seminary, or otherwise considering vocational ministry.
- **SPIRITUAL SOUNDS OF THE EAST VILLAGE** — 4:00–6:00 PM • *Most Holy Redeemer-Nativity, 173 East 3rd Street bet. Avenues A and B* — Join the Jerriese Johnson Gospel Choir at this annual evening of interfaith music and sharing presented by Local Faith Communities of the East Village. FREE—Open to all!

VIDEOS AND PODCASTS — Worship music and sermon videos: [youtube.com/MiddleChurch](https://www.youtube.com/MiddleChurch). Re-watch the Worship Celebration livestream: [facebook.com/MiddleCollegiateChurch](https://www.facebook.com/MiddleCollegiateChurch). Middle Church Celebrations podcast: middlechurch.org/podcasts.

DEAR MIDDLE FAMILY— This year we must give \$875,000 by June 30, 2020 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 raised \$459,413.46 in gifts and pledges. This puts us at 52.5% of our June 30th goal of \$875,000!

We met our mid-year fundraising goal and we want to ensure we are on track to reach our FY2020 goal by June 30, 2020. In honor of marching into 2020 as a team, can we count on you to give \$20, \$200, \$2,020 or \$20,200 today? Or set up a recurring \$2 weekly or monthly contribution! You can donate in worship, in a dip jar, online at middlechurch.org/donate, or through text message. Thank you, Middle Family!

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

THIS WEEK AT MIDDLE CHURCH

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

MONDAY, JANUARY 27

- **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, JANUARY 28 — NO PROGRAMMING

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THURSDAY, JANUARY 30

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

FRIDAY, JANUARY 31 — NO PROGRAMMING

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1 — NO PROGRAMMING

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2

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- **VIRTUAL CHAT & CHEW** — 1:00–2:00 PM • **ZOOM** —Join our digital team for a ZOOM virtual meet-up. **Register at <http://bit.ly/mcc-monthly-online>.**
- **RACIAL JUSTICE SMALL GROUP: HOW TO BE AN ANTIRACIST BOOK STUDY** — 1:00–2:30 PM • *4th Fl Classroom* — Thelma Boyiri and Marion Wise will lead us in a four-week book study on Ibram X. Kendi’s *How to Be an Antiracist*. The book study will meet on Sundays, February 2, February 16, March 1, and March 15. Please note: This in-person book study will not be offered via Zoom. **For more information, contact Amanda at ahashcraft@middlechurch.org.**

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

Jake, Joan; Elaine, Robin and her sister, Hannah and her dad, H and I, Mom and Dad, Aunt Gin, Umi, Cousin Jim, India, Keith; Pete Taina, Jose, Mariah Ramos, Puerto Rico and it’s People; King, LD, M.S. and family, Zia and family, Joslows; Pastor Jacqui (President of Collegiate) also Rev. Damaris (VP of Collegiate) and the shift in leadership this will create in multiple churches, for the Heart & Soul ministry, for Reparations and Recovery for our Nation, for SLO, the Agency I will be adopting from (A Son) in 2–3 months!

MIDDLE LITERARY MAGAZINE NEEDS YOU!

Submit your writing and/or art to our 9th annual Literary Magazine! The theme is “Practicing Ethical Politics.” Poetry, fiction, essay, art, photos, children’s work—even a video clip—are all welcome! **Send your submissions to editor Carol Wierzbicki at litmag@middlechurch.org by February 9.**

Finding Leads to Losing

(Ken Medema)

Finding leads to losing, losing lets you find
 Living leads to dying and life leads death behind
 Losing leads to finding, that's all that I can say
 No one will find life another way

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THIS WEEK: MENDING FILIAL PIETY

- How did the sermon and music inspire you for the week ahead?

LAST WEEK: BENDING AND REPAIRING

- Bend the arc toward justice by following The King Center in Atlanta @TheKingCenter, The Equal Justice Initiative @eji_org, Ruby Sales @RubyNSales.
- Get a copy of *A Testament of Hope*. Spend this year reading the lesser known writings of The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Start with his sermon, "Beyond Vietnam." Listen for your call to bend the arc and repair the breach.

CHINESE NEW YEAR RED ENVELOPES

A favorite Chinese tradition, on New Year's Day children are given festive red envelopes with money inside. Children of all ages quickly learn the words for red envelope: *hong pao* in Mandarin, *lai see* in Cantonese. **Thanks to our beloved Gloria Moy, our Red Envelope tradition at Middle Church gives money to the world's children by supporting works of justice or by intervening in times of disaster.** We've helped with the devastating effects of a nuclear disaster and a tsunami. This year we will be "repairers of the breach, and restorers of streets to live in" (Isaiah 58) as we support Puerto Rico. Why? Because we are one family, no matter our language, no matter our skin tone. Please help us raise money to support the Collegiate Church Medical Brigade to Puerto Rico, which will send Spanish-speaking care and medical professionals to address the trauma in Puerto Rico. \$1,000 covers airfare, lodging, and food for one professional. **Middle Church has \$3,000 to donate; help us send two more to the Collegiate Church Medical Brigade by raising \$2,000.**

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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.

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