Welcome to Middle Church! After worship begins, please wait to be seated. We will begin promptly at 9:00 AM. Please respect this sacred space by coming on time. Our call to worship begins at 9:15 AM. Thank you for coming.

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 community, see staff after worship. Learn more at middlechurch.org. Please silence your phone mobile 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-BACK ACCESS TO THE HEARING LOOP, sit by the front, side, and back aisles. By entering the Sanctuary, you certify that Middle Collegiate Church unrestricted right to use and publish, transmit, or telecast photographs or likenesses that may 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

CELEBRATION WORSHIP — 9:10-10:30 AM • Sanctuary — BLACK HISTORY MONTH "We Build Up the Light" Matthew 5:13-16 • Gospel Choir 
JOIN THE MOVEMENT — 10:30-10:45 AM • Sanctuary — Learn about Middle membership.
COMMUNITY HOUR — 10:35-11:40 AM • Social Hall — Holy worshippers and those arriving for 11:45 worship share coffee and conversation.
KIDS IN THE MIDDLE (KIDS 5-8) — 10:45-11:05 AM • 3rd Fl Studio — Explore the Bible with the arts—singing, acting, drawing— and brunch.
YOUTH IN THE MIDDLE (YOUTH 9-12) — 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 Studio — Conversations and community at the intersection of parenting, faith, and the belief that we can raise a just, loving, justice working, making history, altering-revolution-causing God. Amen.
BIBLE IN THE MIDDLE (ADULT) — 10:45-11:30 AM • 4th Fl Studio — Lively weekly conversations exploring scripture for deeper meaning in our lives.
VOTER REFORM PROJECT — 10:45-11:30 AM • 4th Fl Studio — Voter registration Census 2020, and ending voter suppression. Join the team: votingproject@middlechurch.org.
CELEBRATION WORSHIP — 11:45 AM-12:15 PM • Sanctuary — BLACK HISTORY MONTH "The Economic Resurrection" Vanessa Lindley, preacher, Isaiah 58:7-10 • Gospel Choir 
JOIN THE MOVEMENT — 12:15-1:15 PM • Sanctuary — Learn about Middle membership.
COMMUNITY HOUR — 12:15-1:30 PM • Social Hall — Coffee and conversation.
FREEDOM SCHOOL: VILLAGE CHORUS FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH — 1:00-2:15 PM • 3rd Fl Studio — Community Room — For info, contact middlechurch@yalepilot.org.
JAHMALOS — 1:00-2:30 PM • 4th Fl Studio — Explore our collective voice on the issues facing our Latinx community. ¡Ven como tú eres! (Come as you are!) All levels are welcome. For more information, contact Bianca. • Sanctuary
RACE MATTERS: THE DEVELOPMENT OF RACIAL IDENTITY — 1:30-2:30 PM • Sanctuary — Rev. Jacqui Lewis leads this Leadership Lab, exploring the questions: How is racial identity developed? How do we think about it sociologically, psychologically, and biologically?
MIDDLE CHURCH HOSTS WALKING PRAYERS: 3-4:30 PM • Meet at 500 East 7th Street lobby at 3:30 PM to travel downtown together or meet at 3:30 PM at 929 Front Street (South Street Seaport) — Join the Middle Church Hosts’ Station for “Sahar’s Fire,” a take on the southern tip of the island that Manhattan is home that is both fire and ensnared black people.
FREE — Registration required. To register, visit bit.ly/saharsfire

VIDEOS AND PODCASTS — Worship song and sermon videos: youtube.com/MiddleChurch. Go to the Watch the Worship Celebration livestream: facebook.com/MiddleCollegiateChurch. Middle Church Celebrations podcast: middlechurch.org/podcasts.

DEAR MIDDLE FAMILY— This year we must give $857,000 by July 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 $475,413 in 48 in pledges and gifts. That leaves us at 34.3%.

To reach our FY2020 goal by June 30, 2020, we can count on you to give $200, $200 or $200 today! Or set up a recurring $2 weekly or monthly contribution! You can donate in 4 easy steps: sign in, go to a drop-down menu, select Giving tab, and enter text message.

In gratitude, Jacqui, Darren, and Middle Community Donate at middlechurch.org/donate.
Jesus, the Light of the World

Joyful ye nations rise.
Jesus, the light of the world.
Join the triumph of the skies.
Jesus, the light of the world.

REFRAIN

We’ll walk in the light, beautiful light.
Come where the dewdrops of mercy shine.
Oh, shine all around us by day and by night.
Jesus, the light of the world.

Christ by highest heav’n adored.
Jesus, the light of the world.
Christ, the everlasting Lord.
Jesus, the light of the world.

REFRAIN

Words: George D. Eldredge and Charles Wesley. Music: George C. Eldredge; Rev. Ethel Staples Pearson. © 2008 GIA Publications, Inc. All rights reserved. Reprinted under OneLicense.net A18667

LIFT EVERY VOICE AND SING

Lift ev’ry voice and sing, Till earth and heaven ring,
Ring with the harmonies of liberty.
Let our rejoicing rise High as the list’ring skies,
Let it resound loud as the rolling sea.
Sing a song full of the faith
That the dark past has taught us;
Sing a song full of the hope
That the present has brought us;
Facing the rising sun Of our new day begun,
Let us march on till victory is won.

Stony the road we trod, Bitter the chas’ning rod,
Felt in the days when hope unborn had died;
Yet with a steady beat, Have not our weary feet
Come to the place for which our people sighed?
We have come over a way
That with tears has been watered;
We have come, treading our path
through the blood of the slaughtered;
Out from the gloomy past, Till we now stand at last,
Where the bright gleam of our bright star is cast.

God of our weary years, God of our silent tears,
Thou who hast brought us thus far on the way;
Thou who hast by Thy might, Led us into the light,
Thou who hast brought us thus far on the way;
Lest our hearts, drunk with the wine
Of the world, we forget Thee;
Lest our feet stray from the places,
Our God, where we met Thee,
Lest our hearts, drunk with the wine
Of the world, we forget Thee;
Shadowed beneath Thy hand, May we forever stand,
Of the world, we forget Thee;
Lest our feet stray from the places,
Our God, where we met Thee,
Lest our hearts, drunk with the wine
Of the world, we forget Thee;
Shadowed beneath Thy hand, May we forever stand,
Of the world, we forget Thee;
Lest our feet stray from the places,
Our God, where we met Thee,
Lest our hearts, drunk with the wine
Of the world, we forget Thee;
Shadowed beneath Thy hand, May we forever stand,
Of the world, we forget Thee;
Lest our feet stray from the places,
Our God, where we met Thee,
Lest our hearts, drunk with the wine
Of the world, we forget Thee;
Shadowed beneath Thy hand, May we forever stand,
Of the world, we forget Thee;
Lest our feet stray from the places,
Our God, where we met Thee,
Lest our hearts, drunk with the wine
Of the world, we forget Thee;
Shadowed beneath Thy hand, May we forever stand,
Of the world, we forget Thee;
Lest our feet stray from the places,
Our God, where we met Thee,
Lest our hearts, drunk with the wine
Of the world, we forget Thee;
Shadowed beneath Thy hand, May we forever stand,
Of the world, we forget Thee;
Lest our feet stray from the places,
Our God, where we met Thee,
Lest our hearts, drunk with the wine
Of the world, we forget Thee;
Shadowed beneath Thy hand, May we forever stand,
Of the world, we forget Thee;
Lest our feet stray from the places,
Our God, where we met Thee,
Lest our hearts, drunk with the wine
Of the world, we forget Thee;
Shadowed beneath Thy hand, May we forever stand,
Of the world, we forget Thee;
Lest our feet stray from the places,
Our God, where we met Thee,
Lest our hearts, drunk with the wine
Of the world, we forget Thee;
Shadowed beneath Thy hand, May we forever stand,
Of the world, we forget Thee;
Lest our feet stray from the places,
Our God, where we met Thee,
Lest our hearts, drunk with the wine
Of the world, we forget Thee;
Shadowed beneath Thy hand, May we forever stand,
Of the world, we forget Thee;
Lest our feet stray from the places,
Our God, where we met Thee,
Lest our hearts, drunk with the wine
Of the world, we forget Thee;
Shadowed beneath Thy hand, May we forever stand,
Of the world, we forget Thee;
Lest our feet stray from the places,
Our God, where we met Thee,
Lest our hearts, drunk with the wine
Of the world, we forget Thee;
Shadowed beneath Thy hand, May we forever stand,
Of the world, we forget Thee;
Lest our feet stray from the places,
Our God, where we met Thee,
Lest our hearts, drunk with the wine
Of the world, we forget Thee;
Shadowed beneath Thy hand, May we forever stand,
Of the world, we forget Thee;
Lest our feet stray from the places,
Our God, where we met Thee,
Lest our hearts, drunk with the wine
Of the world, we forget Thee;
Shadowed beneath Thy hand, May we forever stand,
Of the world, we forget Thee;
Lest our feet stray from the places,
Our God, where we met Thee,
Lest our hearts, drunk with the wine
Of the world, we forget Thee;
Shadowed beneath Thy hand, May we forever stand,
Of the world, we forget Thee;
Lest our feet stray from the places,
Our God, where we met Thee,
Lest our hearts, drunk with the wine
Of the world, we forget Thee;
Shadowed beneath Thy hand, May we forever stand,
Of the world, we forget Thee;
Lest our feet stray from the places,
Our God, where we met Thee,
Lest our hearts, drunk with the wine
Of the world, we forget Thee;
Shadowed beneath Thy hand, May we forever stand,
Of the world, we forget Thee;
Lest our feet stray from the places,
Our God, where we met Thee,
Lest our hearts, drunk with the wine
Of the world, we forget Thee;
Shadowed beneath Thy hand, May we forever stand,
Of the world, we forget Thee;
Lest our feet stray from the places,
Our God, where we met Thee,
Lest our hearts, drunk with the wine
Of the world, we forget Thee;
Shadowed beneath Thy hand, May we forever stand,
Of the world, we forget Thee;
Lest our feet stray from the places,
Our God, where we met Thee,
Lest our hearts, drunk with the wine
Of the world, we forget Thee;
Shadowed beneath Thy hand, May we forever stand,
Of the world, we forget Thee;
Lest our feet stray from the places,
Our God, where we met Thee,
Lest our hearts, drunk with the wine
Of the world, we forget Thee;
Shadowed beneath Thy hand, May we forever stand,
Of the world, we forget Thee;
Lest our feet stray from the places,
Our God, where we met Thee,
Lest our hearts, drunk with the wine
Of the world, we forget Thee;
Shadowed beneath Thy hand, May we forever stand,
Of the world, we forget Thee;
Lest our feet stray from the places,
Our God, where we met Thee,
Lest our hearts, drunk with the wine
Of the world, we forget Thee;
Shadowed beneath Thy hand, May we forever stand,
Of the world, we forget Thee;
Lest our feet stray from the places,
Our God, where we met Thee,
Lest our hearts, drunk with the wine
Of the world, we forget Thee;
Shadowed beneath Thy hand, May we forever stand,
Of the world, we forget Thee;
Lest our feet stray from the places,
Our God, where we met Thee,
Lest our hearts, drunk with the wine
Of the world, we forget Thee;
Shadowed beneath Thy hand, May we forever stand,
Of the world, we forget Thee;
Lest our feet stray from the places,
Our God, where we met Thee,
Lest our hearts, drunk with the wine
Of the world, we forget Thee;
Shadowed beneath Thy hand, May we forever stand,
Of the world, we forget Thee;
Lest our feet stray from the places,
Our God, where we met Thee,
Lest our hearts, drunk with the wine
Of the world, we forget Thee;
Shadowed beneath Thy hand, May we forever stand,
Of the world, we forget Thee;