Today at Middle Church

• WEE CARE (INFANT-AGE 4) — 9:15 AM–1:15 PM • 3rd Fl Nursery

WORSHIP CELEBRATION — 9:30–10:30 AM • Sanctuary — FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT / IN CELEBRATION OF DEACONS • Deacon Beth Ellis, preacher • Matthew 4.1–11 • Middle Church Choir • Communities.

JOIN THE MOVEMENT — 10:30–10:45 AM • Sanctuary — Learn about Middle membership.

COMMUNITY HOUR — 10:35–11:40 AM • Social Hall — 9:30-10:45 AM • Family Worship and Share Coffee and Conversation.

COALITION OF IMMOKALEE WORKERS INFO SESSION — 8:30 AM • Social Hall — Representatives of the Coalition of Immokalee Workers will be present, to describe their work and promote participation in the March 12 Follow the Money March in New York City.

KIDS IN THE MIDDLE GRADES K–5 — 10:45–11:45 AM • 3rd Fl Sanctuary — Explore the Bible with the arts—singing, acting, drawing—and brunch.

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

WORSHIP CELEBRATION — 11:45 AM–12:45 PM • Sanctuary — FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT / IN CELEBRATION OF DEACONS • Deacon Bila Boyer, preacher • Matthew 4.1–11 • Middle Church Choir • Communities.

JOIN THE MOVEMENT — 10:30–10:45 AM • Sanctuary — Learn about Middle membership.

COMMUNITY HOUR — 12:45–1:50 PM • Social Hall — Coffee and conversation.


FREEDOM SCHOOL: VILLAGE CHORUS FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH — 1:00–2:15 PM • Community Room — For info, contact John at jplecueto@middlechurch.org.

RACIAL JUSTICE SMALL GROUP: HOW TO BE AN ANTRISTRIC BIBLE STUDY BOOK — Part 3 — 9:00–10:45 AM • 4th Fl Sanctuary — Alexis Boyini and Marion Wise lead a four-week study on Irsham K. Kendi’s How to be an Antiracist, meets Sundays, March 1 and 15.

COMMUNICATIONS — 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 — Amanda Hambrick Ashcraft

To become a member of Middle Church, see the clergy/stat at the pulpit after worship.

OFFERTORY/OFFERING — "Wayfaring Stranger" Samahila Chaba, soloist Place gift in bag • Donate at middlechurch.org/donate • Text [Amount] to 917-924-4666

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.

PRAISE PRAYER* • Please pray with us this week for these people and concerns: Francisco Velez and family; Elanie, Robin and her sis, Mom and Dad, Uma, Antu, Gin, and H; Jen Peterson; Tama, Joe, Marie Ramos, Rams Family and friends, PhyllisJoy, Jorynn, Sierra Goulden, Sandy Stone, Nadyel, Maria Mendoza and family, Mary Lou Chop, Dorothy, Unemployed, unemployed & homeless, Middle Staff and Clergy, folks struggling with Suresh Dianand; Virginia Jinks; Our Spiritual Leaders and our political leaders—that they will be led in the spirit towards Justice; That we pick the right person in 2020.

VIDEOS AND PODCASTS — Worship music and sermon videos: youtube.com/MiddleChurch. Re-watch the Worship Celebration livestream: facebook.com/MiddleChurchMiddleCollege. Middle Church Podcasts: 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 are committed to funding our 50% of budget by 2020, this year’s goal is an important part of getting us there. As of this printing, we have raised $483,925.29 in gifts and pledges. That puts us at 56.45% of our June 30th goal of $875,000.

To reach our FY2020 goal by June 30, 2020, we can 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 clip, online at middlechurch.org/donate, or through text message — In gratitude, Jacqui, Darwin, and Constance. Donate at middlechurch.org/donate.

THIS WEEK AT MIDDLE CHURCH

Check middlechurch.org for full details of all events, including AA, NA, and Al-Anon.

MONDAY, MARCH 2

• 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 — 6:00–8:00 PM • 4th Fl Studio — Work on scenes, monologues, dance, and music to build your own show.

ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE — 6:10–8:00 PM • 4th Fl Studio — Improve Middle’s eco-friendly practices. More info, contact Rev. Amanda at ahackworth@middlechurch.org

TUESDAY, MARCH 3

• LEADING FROM WITHIN: LENTEN BIBLE STUDY — 7:00–8:30 PM • Zoom Meeting https://zoom.us/j/51922945 • Meeting ID: 519-224-954 — Join us for a weekly gathering during Lent. Explore stories of renewal and encouragement from the Bible, literature, and other texts. Attend one session or all—we are all welcome! Facilitated by Chad Tanaka Pack.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4

• UKULELIES TUTORIAL SESSION — 6:45–8:30 PM • 4th Fl Parker — Ukulele beginners gather for monthly fun and instruction.

• HEART & SOUL: LOVE MEDICINE LAB: BUILDING AFFIRMING ROOTS TOGETHER — 7:00–8:00 PM • Social Hall — Join Sacred Walker, founder and CEO of Kuumba Health for talk, ritual, theater, movement, and sound to encourage embodiment of the Divine.

THURSDAY, MARCH 5

• 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: Food!

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

FRIDAY, MARCH 6

• SHABBAT SERVICES — 6:10–8:30 PM • Social Hall — TheShabbosNewYork.org • Worship
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When Peace, Like a River
(Its Well with My Soul)

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

JOIN A SPECIAL WOMEN’S CHOIR FOR MARCH 29

Love to sing but afraid to commit? Always wanted to sing with other women? A special choir is forming to celebrate women during the worship celebrations on Sunday, March 29. Rehearsals will take place following both worship services on Sundays, March 8, 15, and 22. For more information or to sign up, contact Dionne at dmcclain-freeney@middlechurch.org

This Week: Love in the Wilderness

This Week: Beth’s Title TK

Last Week: Glory!

• Have you experienced God’s Glory lately? How? Where?
• Glory is like a significant, female neighbor. Now, have you felt that? What did she want you to do?

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.