~ GATHERING ~

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

Natalie Perkins

INTROIT

“Gethsemane”
Michael Quattrone, soloist

HYMN

“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today”
(Andrew Lloyd Weber; Tim Rice)

Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!
Mortal tongues and angels say: Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!
Sing, glad heavens, and earth reply: Alleluia!

Let the Victor’s people sing, Alleluia!
Where, O death, is now your sting? Alleluia!
Dying once, Christ lives to save, Alleluia!
Where your victory, O grave? Alleluia!

Love’s redeeming work is done, Alleluia!
Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids Christ rise, Alleluia!
God has opened paradise, Alleluia!

~ REFLECTING ~

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CALL TO PRAYER

Amanda Hambrick Ashcraft

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

“Alleluia”
Middle Church Choir

LORD’S PRAYER

“The Lord’s Prayer”
Robert Hughes, tenor

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
Benjamin Perry

ANTHEM
“Easter Medley” (Trad.; Holland Davis; arr. John Del Cueto/Dionne McClain-Freeney)
Middle Church Choir, Jerriese Johnson Gospel Choir, and alum

SCRIPTURE
Mark 16.1–6
Jacqui Lewis

SERMON
“A Saturday Kind of Sunday
Jacqui Lewis

~ RESPONDING ~

INVITATION TO JOIN THE MOVEMENT
Allen Singleton

OFFERTORY/OFFERING
“Hallelujah”
from Handel’s Messiah: A Soulful Celebration (Handel, arr. M. Warren)
Middle Church Choir, Jerriese Johnson Gospel Choir, and Middle Church Band
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DEDICATION PRAYER AND BENEDICTION
Jacqui Lewis

HYMN
“Hosanna” (Glenn Burleigh)
Middle Church Choir, Jerriese Johnson Gospel Choir, and Middle Church Band

Hosanna, Hosanna!
Hosanna to the Kings of Kings.
Hosanna, Hosanna!
Hosanna to the Kings of Kings.
You are worthy, worthy to be praised.

POSTLUDE
“Toccata” (Charles Marie Widor)
Allison Sniffin, organist

PARTICIPATING IN THE CELEBRATION •
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THIS WEEK: GO PREACH IT!

- Before there were buildings with stained glass windows, there was a church. The church was the people and the first preacher was Mary. What are you called to preach right now and to whom?
- In the midst of this pandemic, what are you rising to?
- How does this moment make you want to use yourself and your resources?

LAST WEEK: KINGDOM OF THE WORLD - VS-. KIN-DOM OF GOD

- Holy Week is the climax in a contest between good and evil; generosity and greed; peace and violence. What lessons are there for you and your community today?
- How are you being the surprising one we’ve been waiting for to heal the world? What is your calling right now?

PRAYER CORNER  Please pray with us this week for these people and concerns.
Friends and family of Rev. Laura Cotrich; Cousin Brenda; Angel Rosado; Fern Siclari and family; Suresh Dianand.
We are praying for you every day.
To make a prayer request, visit middlechurch.org/prayer-pastoral-care

WELCOME TO MIDDLE CHURCH

We are glad you are worshipping with us 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. Sign up for updates or weekly emails at middlechurch.org.

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 by June 30, 2020 in order to fund our ministries and programs. As you know, we originally set a goal to fund 50% of our budget by 2022. But as circumstances have shifted and our ministries have grown tremendously, we are called to reach this goal sooner—by 2021. We have no doubt that we can do this, but only with your help!

As of this printing, we have raised $574,592.81 in gifts and pledges.
That puts us at 66% of our June 30th goal of $875,000!

This year’s offering is critical to our goal. To reach our FY2020 goal by June 30, 2020, can we count on you to give $20, $200, or $2,020 today? No gift is too small! A recurring $2 weekly or monthly contribution is a big help! You can donate online at middlechurch.org/donate or by texting [Amount] to 917-924-4666.

With deep appreciation, thank you for your generosity. We know that COVID-19 has inflicted incredible strain and uncertainty on many families. In this stressful time, please do not hesitate to reach out if you need help.

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

We hope you'll join us for the events listed below. All events are listed in ET.

**EVERY DAY at 3:00 p.m.: Daily Meditation with Anu Gupta**

**Sunday, April 12**
- 9:00 a.m.: Virtual Easter Egg Hunt
- 10:45 a.m.: Bible in the Middle
- 10:45 a.m.: Kids' Sunday Enrichment
- 11:45 a.m.: Easter Sunday Worship Celebration
- 1:00 p.m.: ¡Hablamos!
- 1:00 p.m.: Virtual Chat and Chew
- 7:00 p.m.: Dinner Party

**Monday, April 13**
- 6:30 p.m.: Acting Class
- 7:00 p.m.: Dance Your Way to Freedom

**Tuesday, April 14**
- 10:00 a.m.: Kids' Pajama Storytime
- 3:00 p.m.: Voter Reform Project

**Thursday, April 16**
- 1:00 p.m.: New Adventures
- 3:00 p.m.: This Moment Action
- 5:30 p.m.: Kids’ Dance Party!
- 6:00 p.m.: Writing Group
- All Day: Middle Census Campaign

**Friday, April 17**
- 9:00 p.m.: Revolutionary Parenting in the Time of COVID-19
- All Day: Middle Census Campaign

**Sunday, April 19**
- 10:45 a.m.: Bible in the Middle
- 10:45 a.m.: Kids' Sunday Enrichment
- 11:45 a.m.: Worship Celebration
- 1:00 p.m.: YOUTH Gathering
- 7:00 p.m.: Dinner Party

Visit [middlechurch.org](http://middlechurch.org) for full details and the latest updates.
MIDDLE CHURCH ZOOM COVENANT

- Please take time before the meeting to download the Zoom app and/or familiarize yourself with zoom.us — it's easy and free to do so. If you need help troubleshooting, visit https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us/sections/200305593-Troubleshooting.

- Please visit this page at least 5 minutes before your meeting to ensure you are using the correct link for your intended meeting.

- Upon entering, confirm that you are in the right meeting.

- Please change your display name. Enter your Full Name, pronouns, and your city. i.e. "Amanda Hambrick Ashcraft (she/her, NYC)"

- Upon entering the meeting, please hit video, as we'd love to see you.

- Also, hit mute to avoid any audio issues. Unmute yourself when you’d like to weigh in on the conversation.

- Sometimes, the host of the meeting will mute and unmute everyone as the meeting requires.

- If you have a question related to the conversation but would prefer to just type it in, there is a "Chat" section on the Zoom video where you can type in a question. We'll be checking that chatbox often to ensure we address all member comments before the meeting ends.

- Zoom participants will adhere to demonstrating Revolutionary Love at all times. If a participant’s behavior is deemed inappropriate by the meeting host, they will be removed. Inappropriate behavior includes but is not limited to: harassment, threats, bigotry of any kind, and not identifying themself.

- For additional troubleshooting, see the sidebar.

- We are thrilled you are here and look forward to a wonderful time together.
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.

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