SUNDAY WORSHIP CELEBRATION
MAY 3, 2020 • 11:45 AM • EASTERTIDE

~ GATHERING ~

INVITATION TO WORSHIP
Natalie Perkins

HYMN
“Great Is the Lord”
Jerriese Johnson Gospel Ensemble

Great is the Lord, my Comforter
You have never failed me yet
Through all my trials, tribulations, You will deliver
You’re the Greatest One, You’re God

Great is the Lord, my Conqueror
You have never left me yet
In all my days, I’ve never seen the righteous forsaken
You’re the Greatest One, You’re God

Great is the Lord, my Warrior
You have never lost one yet
The enemy comes like a flood, but you raise the standard
You’re the Greatest One, You’re God

Great is the Lord!

~ REFLECTING ~

ANNOUNCEMENTS
Amanda Hambrick Ashcraft

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
“Imagine”
Espíritu Aloha • Kaede Helck and Natalie Maust, vocals and ukulele

LORD’S PRAYER/Congregational AMEN
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
ANTHEM “Tsuba wo Kudasai (Wish for Wings)”  
    (Kunihiko Murai; Michio Yamagami; 
    Rising Sun • Ailah Inaba, soloist 
    arr./trans. Taro Kijima)

SCRIPTURE Luke 6.17–21  
    Jocelyn Lieu

SERMON “Making Love Go Viral”  
    Matlin Gilman

~ RESPONDING ~

COMMUNION The People of God

Gather for yourself and your household something to eat and something to drink. 
It can be bread and wine; crackers and grape juice; pancakes and coffee; 
French toast and mimosas; a piece of fruit and water. Everyone can participate, 
from the youngest to the oldest.

Jacqui Lewis will invite us to consecrate those ordinary elements with prayer, 
and the words of institution. And then we will eat together and drink together, 
communing with each other and with the Living God. You are welcome, 
just as you are, to participate in this special ritual of Grace and Love.

COMMUNION HYMN “Lokah Samastah Sukhino Bhavantu”  
    (Sanskrit mantra) 
    Felipe Gonzalez, performer

INVITATION TO JOIN THE MOVEMENT Ivan Anderson

OFFERTORY “You Raise Me Up”  
    (Brendan Graham & Rolf Lovland; 
    Rising Sun 
    arr./Japanese lyrics Kaede Helck.)

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HYMN “Something Inside So Strong”  
    (Labi Siffre; arr. John Del Cueto)

    Jerriese Johnson Gospel Ensemble

    CHORUS
    Something inside so strong
    I know that I can make it
    Though you’re doing me wrong, so wrong
    You thought that my pride was gone, oh no
    There’s something inside so strong
    Oh, something inside so strong
POSTLUDE  “Miagete goran yoru no hoshi o”  (Rokusuke Ei/Taku Izumi; arr. Kaede Helck)
Rising Sun
Look up at the stars in the dark night sky
The little stars, with the feeble lights
They’re singing a little happy song for me and you
Look up at the stars in the dark night sky
The little nameless stars like us
They’re praying for a tiny happiness for me and you
Join hands with me
Let’s chase our dreams together
We’ll have no agony if we stay together

PARTICIPATING IN THE CELEBRATION  •  For all credits, visit YouTube.com/MiddleChurch.

THIS WEEK: MAKING LOVE GO VIRAL
• Jesus made love go viral in tough times by socially distancing periodically. How can we use this time to get clear about how to make love go viral?

LAST WEEK: WHERE LOVE LIVES
• Get educated about the way COVID-19 is ravaging the poor and Black and Brown people.
  Follow the Poor People’s Campaign/William Barber, Ruby Sales, and Traci Blackmon.
• Read and Write: Read Amos, Chapter 5, The Message version, every day for the next week.
  Each day after reading, write a letter demanding a response to COVID-19 that acknowledges the poor, Black and Brown people, the essential workers who are predominantly female and Black.
  • Your senators
  • Your congress person
  • The governor of your state
  • The mayor your city/town
  • Your local newspaper
• Do small acts of self and neighborly love.
  • Buy a book of stamps from the USPS
  • Put your name and phone number on your neighbors’ doors so they can access you in case of emergency
  • Put your mask on, go outside for fresh air every day, keeping your distance.
  • Call somebody you love, let them hear your voice, every day
**PRAYER CORNER**  Please pray with us this week for these people and concerns.
Lilly Bridgers and family; Family and friends of Michael Gomez.
We are praying for all our Middle family every day.
To make a prayer request, visit middlechurch.org/prayer-pastoral-care

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**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 $606,585.14 in gifts and pledges. That puts us at 69% 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

All events are listed in ET. Visit middlechurch.org for details and the latest updates.

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

Sunday, May 3
- 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.: Virtual Chat & Chew
- 1:00 p.m.: Middle Out Loud
- 7:00 p.m.: Dinner Party

Monday, May 4
- 8:30 a.m.: Morning Prayer
- 6:30 p.m.: Acting Class

Tuesday, May 5
- 3:00 p.m.: Pajama Time

Wednesday, May 6
- 7:00 p.m.: Ukuleliacs
- 7:00 p.m.: Heart & Soul Yoga

Thursday, May 7
- 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

Friday, May 8
- 9:00 p.m.: Revolutionary Parenting in the Time of COVID-19

Sunday, May 10
- 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 Small Group
- 1:00 p.m.: ¡Hablamos!
- 7:00 p.m.: Dinner Party

Monday, May 11
- 8:30 a.m.: Morning Prayer
- 6:30 p.m.: Acting Class
- 7:00 p.m.: Dance Your Way to Freedom
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 themselves.

- For additional troubleshooting, see the sidebar.

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

Virtual Programs from Our Community Partners

Virtual **AA meetings** can be found here.

**Downtown Meditation** offers weekly chances to meditate:
- **Generating Self Compassion**, Mondays at 7:00 p.m.
- **Wednesday Sitting and Dharma Talk**, Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.
- **"The Five Strengths" of Buddhism**, Thursdays at 7:00 p.m.
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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