~ GATHERING ~

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

HYMN

“Come, O Fount of Every Blessing”
Dionne McClain-Freeney, pianist

Come, O Fount of every blessing,
tune my heart to sing your grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing,
call for songs of endless praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount; I’m fixed upon it,
mount of God’s unfailing love.

Here I pause in my sojourning,
Giving thanks for having come;
Come to trust at every turning,
God will guide me safely home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
wandering from the fold of God;
Came to rescue me from danger,
Blessed body, precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor
daily I am drawn anew!
Let that grace now, like a fetter,
bind my wandering heart to you.
Prone to wander, I can feel it,
Wander from the love I’ve known:
Here’s my heart, O take and seal it;
seal it for your very own.
~ REFLECTING ~

MESSAGE FOR ALL AGES

Vanessa Lindley

“Siyahamba” Village Chorus for Children and Youth

We are marching in the light of God,
we are marching in the light of God.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Benjamin Perry

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Amanda Hambrick Ashcraft

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

“A Child Is Born”

(T. Jones, arr. S. Broadley)

Middle Church Choir

SCRIPTURE

1 Peter 2.2–7

Jacqui Lewis

SERMON

“A Black Feminist Conversation
on ‘Mothering’ the World to Peace”

Jacqui Lewis and author Alexis Pauline Gumbs

~ RESPONDING ~

INVITATION TO JOIN THE MOVEMENT

DEDICATION PRAYER

Natalie Runyon

OFFERTORY

“What’s Going On”

(B. Cleveland/R. Benson/M. Gaye)

Bryan Terrell Clark, soloist

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HYMN

“Let Your Little Light Shine” (reprise) (Trad.; arr. John Del Cueto)
Jerriese Johnson Gospel Ensemble

Let your little light shine, shine, shine
Let your little light shine, oh my Lord
There might be someone down in the valley
Trying to get home

Well it may be me and it may be you
It may be my sister or my brother, too
There might be someone down in the valley
Trying to get home

BENEDICTION

Jacqui Lewis

POSTLUDE

“Brave” (Sara Barellies and Jack Antonoff)
Madge Dietrich, soloist

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

THIS WEEK: A BLACK FEMINIST CONVERSATION
ON ‘MOTHERING’ THE WORLD TO PEACE

As you leave worship today, take this with you:

No matter your ethnicity or gender, become a student of Black Feminist thought:
• Consider getting a copy of Revolutionary Mothering: Love on the Front Lines (edited by Alexis Pauline Gumbs). Follow her @alexispauline
• Immerse yourself in the poetry of Audre Lorde at poetryfoundation.org/poets/audre-lorde and follow the Audre Lorde Project (ALP.org). Attend events like “Essential Stories” on Saturday, May 16, 2020 5–7 p.

No matter your circumstance: Be the Change!
• Donate at middlechurch.org/donate. Your dollars power our work to dismantle systems and structures dangerous to people of color, to women, and the LGBTQIA+ communities.
• Join our movement at middlechurch.org/join.

LAST 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?
**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!

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**This Week: May 3, 2020**

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**WEEK 43/52 = 83% of year**

**Balance to Raise in FY20 (A+P+R)** $ 259,628.86

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 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
- 7:00 p.m.: Dinner Party

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

Wednesday, May 13
- 7:00 p.m.: New Members Class

Thursday, May 14
- 1:00 p.m.: New Adventures
- 3:00 p.m.: This Moment Action
- 5:30 p.m.: Kids’ Creativity Lab
- 6:30 p.m.: Writing Group

Saturday, May 16
- 10:00 a.m. or 2:00 p.m.: God in the Middle: A Retreat from Isolation to Connection

Sunday, May 17
- 10:45 a.m.: Bible in the Middle
- 10:45 a.m.: Kids’ Sunday Enrichment
- 11:45 a.m.: Worship Celebration
- 5:00 p.m.: Middle Game Night
- 7:00 p.m.: Dinner Party
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 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.

MIDDLE COLLEGIATE CHURCH

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