

SUNDAY WORSHIP CELEBRATION

MAY 17, 2020 • 11:45 AM • EASTERTIDE
ASIAN/PACIFIC AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

~ GATHERING ~

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

Natalie Perkins

HYMN

“God of Love and Joy and Laughter”

(J. Parker Huber; L. van Beethoven)

God of love and joy and laughter,
Calling us to fruitful days,
May we be the echoes after
Church and people sing your praise.
Your love calls our love to being,
Grows, surrounds, upbuilds, and holds,
Clears our eyes for keenly seeing
All the world your love enfolds.

When we join in celebration,
Grateful for abundant gifts,
Send again that revelation
Of your grace that heals all rifts.
Grant us love that’s deeper, stronger,
As the days turn into years,
Wisdom fuller, patience longer
Faith and hope though joy and tears.

Now we ask your benediction—
Blessing, challenge, all in one.
Calm our stress, but use its friction
That, through us, your will be done.
Keep our hopes as fresh as morning.
Keep our zeal warm as the sun.
Keep our joy, as spring aborning
Cheers the hearts of everyone.



~ REFLECTING ~

MESSAGE FOR ALL AGES

Amanda Hambrick Ashcraft

“Siyahamba”

(South African Traditional Song)

Village Chorus for Children and Youth

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jacqui Lewis

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Joy Lau

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

Tomoki Harada

ANTHEM

“Fishing Boat Song at Dusk”

(Trad. Chinese Folk Song)

Kashimi Asai, dancer

SCRIPTURE

Acts 1.6–14

Gloria Moy

SERMON

“Warriors and Wayfarers”

Chad Tanaka Pack

~ RESPONDING ~

INVITATION TO JOIN THE MOVEMENT

Devon Mosley

OFFERTORY

“GreenPt”

(Yumi Kurosawa)

Yumi Kurosawa, koto

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HYMN

“Great Is Your Faithfulness”

(T. O. Chisholm; W. M. Runyon)

Great is your faithfulness, O God Creator,
with you no shadow of turning we see,
You do not change, your compassions they fail not;
all of your goodness forever will be.
Great is your faithfulness! Great is your faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed your hand has provided,
Great is your faithfulness, God, unto me!

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above,
Join with all nature in manifold witness
to your great faithfulness, mercy, and love.
Great is your faithfulness! Great is your faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed your hand has provided,
Great is your faithfulness, God, unto me!

Pardon for sin and a peace so enduring,
your own dear presence to cheer and to guide.
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
blessings all mine with ten thousand beside.
Great is your faithfulness! Great is your faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed your hand has provided,
Great is your faithfulness, God, unto me!

BENEDICTION

Chad Tanaka Pack

POSTLUDE

“Miagete goran yoru no hoshi o”

(Rokusuke Ei / Taku Izumi)

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*



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THIS WEEK: WARRIORS AND WAYFARERS

- What battle are you fighting today? How might you use divine love in battle?
 - -How might the idea of a yin-yang Jesus Christ deepen your understanding of him?
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LAST WEEK: SEARCHING FOR GOD

- Where are we finding/looking for God? What have we wrongly constructed and worshipped as God?
 - God is not far from us because “we too are God’s offspring.” How might we live differently as God’s offspring? What does it mean to be offspring of God?
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PRAYER CORNER *Please pray with us this week for these people and concerns.*

We are praying for all our Middle family 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](https://www.youtube.com/MiddleChurch).
Re-watch the Worship Celebration livestream: [facebook.com/MiddleCollegiateChurch](https://www.facebook.com/MiddleCollegiateChurch).
Middle Church Celebrations podcast: middlechurch.org/podcasts.

DEAR MIDDLE FAMILY— Our **June 30, 2020** deadline is swiftly approaching! In order to fund our ministries and programs, and continue crucial justice work, we must raise \$875,000. We have no doubt that we can do this, but **only with your help!**

**As of this printing, we have raised \$635,177 in gifts and pledges.
That puts us at 72.6% of our goal!**

COVID-19 has brought unbelievable challenges. But we are grateful to every single person who is digging deep to help us sustain and further Middle’s ministry. No gift is too small! A recurring \$2 weekly or monthly contribution of \$20, \$200, or \$2020 is a huge help! **You can make a donation online at middlechurch.org/donate or through Venmo @MiddleCollegiateChurch or by texting [Amount] to 917-924-4666.**

Middle, we deeply appreciate you and all that you do, thank you for your generosity. And 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.

**Registration for all programming ends 1 hour before the event begins,
so please be sure to RSVP ahead of time!**

EVERY DAY ALL DAY: Prayer Phone: Call **201-285-7592** at any time to hear a weekly prayer, scripture, and reflection from a Middle pastor. Offerings are updated each Monday at 8:30 a.m. This replaces the previously hosted Monday morning Zoom prayer. **BEGINS MAY 25!**

EVERY DAY at 3:00 p.m.: [Daily Meditation with Anu Gupta](#)

Sunday, May 24

- 10:00 a.m.: [Revolutionary Parenting](#)
- 10:45 a.m.: [Kids' Sunday Enrichment](#)
- 10:45 a.m.: [Bible in the Middle](#)
- 10:45 a.m.: [New Members Meeting](#)
- 11:45 a.m.: [Worship Celebration](#)
- 1:00 p.m.: [Young Adults Small Group](#)
- 1:00 p.m.: [Chat and Chew](#)
- 1:00 p.m.: [Voter Reform Meeting](#)
- 7:00 p.m.: [Dinner Party](#)

Monday, May 25 — MEMORIAL DAY — Staff Holiday

Tuesday, May 26

- 7:00 p.m.: [Jesus and the Disinherited Book Group](#)

Thursday, May 28

- 1:00 p.m.: [New Adventures](#)
- 5:30 p.m.: [Kids Creativity Lab](#)
- 6:30 p.m.: [Writing Group](#)

Sunday, May 31

- 10:45 a.m.: [Kids' Sunday Enrichment](#)
- 10:45 a.m.: [Bible in the Middle](#)
- 11:45 a.m.: [Pentecost Worship Celebration](#)
- 1:00 p.m.: [Exploring Call](#)
- 1:00 p.m.: [Speaking in Tongues: Becoming Creole feat. Jacqui Lewis and Curtiss DeYoung](#)
- 7:00 p.m.: [Dinner Party](#)



MIDDLE CHURCH ZOOM COVENANT

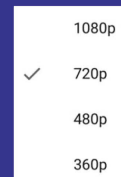
- Please take time before the meeting to download the Zoom app and/or familiarize yourself with zoom.us — it's easy and free to do so. If you need help troubleshooting, visit <https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us/sections/200305593-Troubleshooting>.
- Please visit this page at least 5 minutes before your 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 chat box 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.

TROUBLESHOOTING FAQ

Having trouble with the livestream or Zoom call? Try one (or all) of these tricks to see if it fixes the problem.



REFRESH THE PAGE



CHANGE THE VIDEO QUALITY IN THE VIDEO SETTINGS



PAUSE THE STREAM AND WATCH ON A DELAY

And, make sure you've powered down your device recently!
As Anne Lamott says, "Almost everything will work again if you unplug it for a few minutes, including you."

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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