

SUNDAY WORSHIP CELEBRATION

JUNE 21, 2020 • 11:45 AM • PRIDE MONTH

~ GATHERING ~

INVITATION TO WORSHIP “Ain’t I a Woman”

(Sojourner Truth)

Karen Pittman, reader

HYMN

“Woke Up This Mornin’”

(Trad.)

Woke up this mornin’ with my mind, stayed on freedom.
Woke up this mornin’ with my mind, stayed on freedom.
Woke up this mornin’ with my mind, stayed on freedom.
Hallelu, hallelu, hallelujah!

Walkin’ and talkin’ with my mind, stayed on freedom.
Walkin’ and talkin’ with my mind, stayed on freedom.
Walkin’ and talkin’ with my mind, stayed on freedom.
Hallelu, hallelu, hallelujah!

Ain’t no harm to keep your mind, stayed on freedom.
Ain’t no harm to keep your mind, stayed on freedom.
Ain’t no harm to keep your mind, stayed on freedom.
Hallelu, hallelu, hallelujah!

~ REFLECTING ~

MESSAGE FOR ALL AGES

Natalie Renee Perkins

“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

Ben Perry

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE “Imperfect Me”

(D. McClain-Freeney)

Tami Petty and Sarah Griffiths, duet • Dionne McClain-Freeney, piano



LORD'S PRAYER/CONGREGATIONAL AMEN We invite you to pray on your own. 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 "Walk and Talk with Jesus" (Robert Mayes)
Dionne McClain-Freeney, Tina Owens, and Shari Gill, trio

SCRIPTURE Leviticus 25.1–4, 8–10 Shari Carpenter

SERMON "Divine Re-set" Bishop Yvette Flunder

~ RESPONDING ~

INVITATION TO JOIN THE MOVEMENT Patrick Love

OFFERTORY "Empire State of Mind – Part II" (J. Sewell, A. Hunte, S. Carter, S. Robinson,
Village Chorus for Children and Youth B.Keyes, A. Shuckburgh, A. Keys)

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DEDICATION PRAYER Amanda Hambrick Ashcraft

HYMN "Roar" (L. Gottwald, M. Martin, B. McKee, K. Perry, and H. Walter)

I used to bite my tongue and hold my breath
Scared to rock the boat and make a mess
So I sat quietly, agreed politely
I guess that I forgot I had a choice
I let you push me past the breaking point
I stood for nothing, so I fell for everything

CHORUS

You held me down, but I got up (hey!)
Already brushing off the dust
You hear my voice, you hear that sound
Like thunder, gonna shake your ground



You held me down, but I got up
Get ready 'cause I've had enough
I see it all, I see it now

I got the eye of the tiger, a fighter
Dancing through the fire
'Cause I am the champion, and you're gonna hear me roar
Louder, louder than a lion
'Cause I am a champion, and you're gonna hear me roar!

Oh———
You're gonna hear me roar!

Now I'm floating like a butterfly
Stinging like a bee I earned my stripes
I went from zero, to my own hero

CHORUS

Roar, roar, roar, roar, roar!

I got the eye of the tiger, a fighter
Dancing through the fire
'Cause I am the champion, and you're gonna hear me roar
Louder, louder than a lion
'Cause I am a champion, and you're gonna hear me roar!

Oh———
You're gonna hear me roar!

BENEDICTION

Jacqui Lewis

POSTLUDE "I'll Take You There"

(Alverits Isbell)

Shari Gill soloist • Dionne McClain-Freeney and the Remote Band

PARTICIPATING IN THE CELEBRATION • For all credits, visit [YouTube.com/MiddleChurch](https://www.youtube.com/MiddleChurch).

Guest Preacher Bishop Yvette Flunder is a native San Franciscan and third generation preacher with roots in the Church of God in Christ. Bishop Flunder is an ordained minister of the United Church of Christ and holds both masters and doctorate degrees in Ministry from the Pacific School of Religion and the San Francisco Theological Seminary, respectively. In 2003, she was appointed Presiding Bishop of The Fellowship of Affirming Ministries, a multi-denominational coalition of over 56 churches and faith-based organizations from all over the world. Bishop Flunder is a trustee and adjunct professor at the Pacific School of Religion in Berkeley, California. She is an active voice for the Religion Council of the Human



Rights Campaign, as well as for the National Black Justice Coalition. Bishop Flunder is a highly sought-after preacher and religious educator as evidenced by her having spoken at divinity schools nationwide including those at Duke, Yale, Drew, and the New York Theological Seminary. She is the author of *Where the Edge Gathers: A Theology of Homiletic Radical Inclusion*, published by Pilgrim Press. In addition to her memorable sermons, Bishop Flunder is also known for her beautiful singing voice, made famous through her gospel recordings with Walter Hawkins and the Family, the City of Refuge Choir and Chanticleer.

THIS WEEK: DIVINE RE-SET

- Today's scripture speaks of a year of jubilee, a time every 50 years for a complete reset and restore. How can we work for a jubilee for this nation—a time to stop trying to make things work that are broken at the core and, instead, reset and restore so that all may thrive?

LAST WEEK: TOO LATE TO LAUGH?

- We're in a moment of sacred space between the divine and human, between divine promise and human possibility, between heaven and earth, between what can be and what is. Can we make democracy real? Can the news of freedom, though late, be true? Can we laugh like Sarah at the promises of God and give birth to our hope in every generation?

PRAYER CORNER *Please pray with us this week for these people and concerns.*

Ada's Family, Marion Stern, Erica Cardwell's father.

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 \$686,760.81 in gifts and pledges.

That puts us at 78.5% 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 be sure to RSVP!

EVERY DAY: Prayer Phone: Call 212-477-0666 and press 3 for English or press 4 for Spanish to hear a weekly prayer, scripture, and reflection from a Middle pastor. Updated Monday, 8:30 a.m.

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

SUNDAY, JUNE 21

- 10:30 a.m.: [Bible in the Middle](#)
- 10:45 a.m.: [Kids' Sunday Enrichment](#)
- 11:45 a.m.: [Worship Celebration](#)
- 1:00 p.m.: [Chat and Chew](#)
- 1:00 p.m.: [Youth Gathering](#)
- 3:00 p.m.: [National Cure: Heal the Soul, Heal the World](#)
- 7:00 p.m.: [Dinner Party](#)
- 7:00 p.m.: [Jerriese Johnson Gospel Choir Concert](#)

MONDAY, JUNE 22

- 6:30 p.m.: [Acting Class](#)
- 7:00 p.m.: [Grief Gathering](#)

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24

- 7:00 p.m.: [Queer Faith: In Our Own Words](#)

THURSDAY, JUNE 25

- 1:00 p.m.: [New Adventures](#)
- 5:30 p.m.: [Creativity Lab](#)
- 6:30 p.m.: [Writing Group](#)
- 7:00 p.m.: [Jerriese Johnson Gospel Choir Rehearsal](#)

SATURDAY, JUNE 27

- 2:00 p.m.: [¡Hablamos!](#)

SUNDAY, JUNE 28

- 10:00 a.m.: [Revolutionary Parenting](#)
- 10:30 a.m.: [Bible in the Middle](#)
- 10:45 a.m.: [Kids' Sunday Enrichment](#)
- 11:45 a.m.: [Pride Sunday Worship](#)
- 1:00 p.m.: [Chat and Chew](#)
- 2:00 p.m.: [Pride Celebration!](#)



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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