

SUNDAY WORSHIP CELEBRATION

JUNE 28, 2020 • 11:45 AM • PRIDE SUNDAY

~ GATHERING ~

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

Dianne Galashaw

HYMN

“What a Fellowship”

(E. A. Hoffman; A. J. Showalter)

Jeremy Price, Hammond organ

What a fellowship, what a joy divine,
leaning on the everlasting arms.
What a blessedness, what a peace is mine,
leaning on the everlasting arms.
Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms;
Leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.

Oh, how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way,
leaning on the everlasting arms.
Oh, how bright the path grows from day to day,
leaning on the everlasting arms.
Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms;
Leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.

What have I to dread, what have I to fear,
leaning on the everlasting arms?
I have blessed peace with my Savior near,
leaning on the everlasting arms.
Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms;
Leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.

~ REFLECTING ~

MESSAGE FOR ALL AGES

Darren Major

“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 Excerpt from *Beloved*

(Toni Morrison)

Ryan Brooke Taylor, reader

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 Sarah Brook, Jessica Baen, and Gabrielle Baen-Brook

ANTHEM “How I Got Over”

(Clara Ward; arr. Ivan Anderson/Dionne McClain-Freeney)

Queer Black Men of Middle

SCRIPTURE Psalm 139

Jorge Fontanez

SERMON “God Does Not Make Mistakes”

Ben Perry

Edna Benitez

Dominique Jackson

Lee Hill

~ **RESPONDING** ~

INVITATION TO JOIN THE MOVEMENT

Stephen Hanna and Bret Shuford

OFFERTORY/HYMN “God Put a Rainbow in the Sky”

(Trad. arr. Aaron Robinson)

Jerriese Johnson Gospel Choir • Deborah Berg McCarthy, soloist

God put a rainbow in the sky,
a rainbow in the sky,
a rainbow in the sky.

God put a rainbow in the sky,
a rainbow in the sky,
a rainbow in the sky.

It looked like the sun wasn’t gonna shine no more,
God put a rainbow in the sky.

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POSTLUDE "I'm Comin' Out" (Bernard Edwards and Nile Rodgers)
Jerriese Johnson Gospel Choir and the People of God

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

THIS WEEK: GOD DOES NOT MAKE MISTAKES

- View **Queer Faith: In Our Own Words** featuring Kevin Garcia, Austen Hartke, Dr. Robyn Henderson-Espinoza, Rev. Naomi Washington-Leapheart, Taylor Amari Little, J Mase III, Sarah Ngu, and Michael Vasquez, and co-hosted by Rev. Jacqui Lewis, Ph.D. and Georgia Bridgers. Reclaim and reframe the stories we tell, and hold a different truth.

LAST WEEK: DIVINE RE-SET

- This week'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?

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



JULY 5 | 3:00 PM ET

**We, Too, Are America:
Reclaiming the Red, White and Blue**

FASHION SHOW | SPOKEN WORD | MUSIC

Click here for more information about how you can take part and for information about how to submit your own video by June 28.



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!**

We are continuing to move toward our 2021 goal. And are truly grateful to each of you for your continued love and support. **We are excited to share more with you about our goal for 2020 and 2021 at the upcoming church meeting on Sunday, July 26, 2020 at 1:00 PM.**

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 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.**

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.

Queer Faith: In Our Own Words

Click Here to Watch The Program



Hosted on the YouTube channel of Middle member Georgia Bridgers. Co-hosted by Rev. Jacqui Lewis!



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 4 for English or press 5 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 28

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

MONDAY, JUNE 29

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

TUESDAY, JUNE 30

- 7:00 p.m.: [Ukuleliacs](#)

THURSDAY, JULY 2

- 1:00 p.m.: [New Adventures](#)
- 6:30 p.m.: [Writing Group](#)
- 7:00 p.m.: [Jerriese Johnson Gospel Choir Rehearsal](#)
- 7:00 p.m.: [Juneteenth Now: Get Us Free *Back by Popular Demand*](#)

SUNDAY, JULY 5

- 10:00 a.m.: [Voter Reform Project](#)
- 10:30 a.m.: Bible in the Middle
- 10:45 a.m.: Kids' Sunday Enrichment
- 11:45 a.m.: Sunday Worship
- 1:00 p.m.: Chat and Chew
- 1:00 p.m.: [Middle Out Loud](#)
- 3:00 p.m.: [We, Too Are America: Reclaiming the Red, White, and Blue](#)

MONDAY, JULY 6

MIDDLE STAFF HOLIDAY

Juneteenth Now
get us free.

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND!

NONA HENDRYX SARAYU BLUE ROSARIO DAWSON BEBE WINANS
LYNN WHITFIELD TITUSS BURGESS NICOLE ARI PARKER JENIFER LEWIS

July 2 | 7:00 PM | bit.ly/still-not-free

The graphic features a black background with the text 'Juneteenth Now' in large, colorful, multi-colored letters. Below it, 'get us free.' is written in a smaller, white font. Underneath, 'BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND!' is written in white. A row of eight portraits of diverse Black artists is shown, with their names listed below each portrait. At the bottom, the event details 'July 2 | 7:00 PM | bit.ly/still-not-free' are displayed in white.



MIDDLE CHURCH ZOOM COVENANT

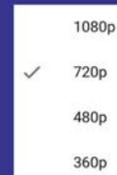
- Please take time before the meeting to download the Zoom app and/or familiarize yourself with zoom.us — it's easy and free to do so. If you need help troubleshooting, visit <https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us/sections/200305593-Troubleshooting>.
- Please visit this page at least 5 minutes before your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