

SUNDAY WORSHIP CELEBRATION

JULY 5, 2020 • 11:45 AM • INDEPENDENCE

~ GATHERING ~

INVITATION TO WORSHIP AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Natalie Perkins

HYMN

“Come and Go to That Land”

(Trad.)

Come and go to that land, come and go to that land
Come and go to that land where I’m bound
Come and go to that land, come and go to that land
Come and go to that land where I’m bound

Nothing but peace in that land, nothing but peace in that land
Nothing but peace in that land where I’m bound
Nothing but peace in that land, nothing but peace in that land
Nothing but peace in that land where I’m bound

No more hatred in that land...

Don’t you want to go to that land...

Come and go to that land...

~ REFLECTING ~

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE “O Say Can You See”

(J. Lewis; D. McClain-Freeney)

Don Arrington, Kristin Babelaar, Devon Moseley,
and Betty-Jeanne Rueters-Ward, quartet

LORD’S PRAYER/CONGREGATIONAL AMEN

Amanda Hambrick Ashcraft

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

“Would You Harbor Me?”

(Ysaye Maria Barnwell)

Middle Church Choir



SCRIPTURE Zechariah 8.1–8 Marlene Fox

SERMON “I Dream a World” Jacqui Lewis

~ **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.

You will be invited 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.

INVITATION TO JOIN THE MOVEMENT Carlos Pinero

OFFERTORY “I Am America” (K. L. Bates, S. A. Ward, S. Diamond, S. Germanotta, J. Laursen; arr. J. Del Cueto/D. McClain-Freeney)

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HYMN “I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me” (arr. J. Del Cueto/D. McClain-Freeney)
Jerriese Johnson Gospel Choir

I’m gonna live so God can use me,
anywhere Lord, anytime!

I’m gonna live so God can use me,
anywhere Lord, anytime!

I’m gonna work so God can use me...

I’m gonna pray so God can use me...

I’m gonna sing so God can use me...

DEDICATION PRAYER AND BENEDICTION Jacqui Lewis

POSTLUDE “Lady Liberty” (D. Berg McCarthy)
Deborah Berg McCarthy and Monica Passin, performers

THIS WEEK: I DREAM A WORLD

- How can we create the faithful, caring world described in today's scripture?
- At 3:00 PM TODAY, join us for **We, Too, Are America: Reclaiming the Red, White, and Blue**, an afternoon of fashion, music, and spoken word. We will celebrate inclusivity and boldly walk to proclaim the place we each have in the American dream.

LAST 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.

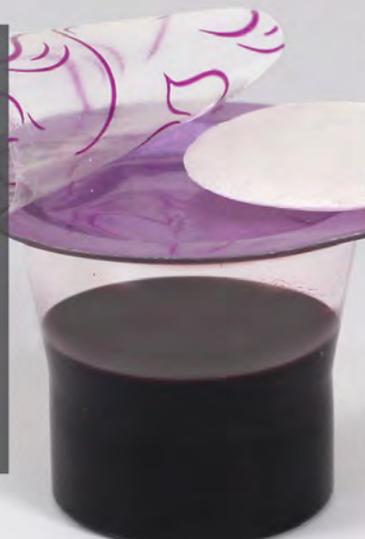
PRAYER CORNER *Please pray with us this week for these people and concerns.*

We are praying for all our Middle family every day.

To make a prayer request, visit middlechurch.org/prayer-pastoral-care

RECEIVE COMMUNION AT MIDDLE

We are committed to offering communion in a way that protects the safety of everyone involved.



The first Sunday each month, join us and receive communion on the steps:
10:30 - 11:30 a.m. &
1:00 - 2:00 p.m.



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.



JULY 5 | 3:00 PM ET

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

FASHION SHOW | SPOKEN WORD | MUSIC



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, 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

- 6:30 p.m.: [Acting Class](#)

TUESDAY, JULY 7

- 10:15 a.m.: [Kids' Storytime](#)

WEDNESDAY, JULY 8

- 7:00 p.m.: [New Members Gathering](#)

THURSDAY, JULY 9

- 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, JULY 11

- 2:00 p.m.: [¡Hablamos!](#)

SUNDAY, JULY 12

- 10:30 a.m.: [Bible in the Middle](#)
- 10:45 a.m.: [New Members Gathering](#)
- 10:45 a.m.: [Kids' Sunday Enrichment](#)
- 11:45 a.m.: [Worship Celebration](#)
- 1:00 p.m.: [Chat and Chew](#)
- 7:00 p.m.: [Dinner Party](#)



MIDDLE CHURCH ZOOM COVENANT

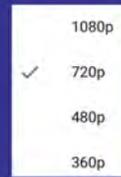
- Please take time before the meeting to download the Zoom app and/or familiarize yourself with zoom.us — it's easy and free to do so. If you need help troubleshooting, visit <https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us/sections/200305593-Troubleshooting>.
- Please visit this page at least 5 minutes before your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

MIDDLE COLLEGIATE CHURCH

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