

# SUNDAY WORSHIP CELEBRATION

JULY 12, 2020 • 11:45 AM • THIS IS WHAT LOVE LOOKS LIKE

~ GATHERING ~

## INVITATION TO WORSHIP

Natalie Perkins

## HYMN

“Lift Every Voice and Sing”

(Trad.)

Lift ev'ry voice and sing,  
Till earth and heaven ring,  
Ring with the harmonies of liberty;  
Let our rejoicing rise  
High as the list'ning skies,  
Let it resound loud as the rolling sea.

Sing a song full of the faith  
that the dark past has taught us;  
Sing a song full of the hope  
that the present has brought us;  
Facing the rising sun  
Of our new day begun,  
Let us march on till victory is won.

Stony the road we trod,  
Bitter the chast'ning rod,  
Felt in the days when hope unborn had died;  
Yet with a steady beat,  
Have not our weary feet  
Come to the place for which our people sighed?  
We have come over a way  
that with tears has been watered;  
We have come, treading our path  
through the blood of the slaughtered;  
Out from the gloomy past,  
Till we now stand at last,  
Where the bright gleam of our bright star is cast.

God of our weary years,  
God of our silent tears,  
Thou who hast brought us thus far on the way;



Thou who hast by Thy might,  
Led us into the light,  
Keep us for ever in the path, we pray.  
Lest our feet stray from the places,  
our God, where we met Thee,  
Lest our hearts, drunk with the wine  
of the world, we forget Thee;  
Shadowed beneath Thy hand,  
May we forever stand,  
True to our God, true to our native land.

~ REFLECTING ~

**MESSAGE FOR ALL AGES**

Elise Tiralli

“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** “No Woman, No Cry”

(Bob Marley)

Ivan Anderson, soloist

**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**

Marlene Fox

**ANTHEM**

“Mary Don’t You Weep”

(arr. Inez Andrews/Dionne McClain-Freeney)

Jerriese Johnson Gospel Choir

**SCRIPTURE**

John 11.1, 5–10, 16–17, 32–53

Ivan Anderson

**SERMON**

“Something Stinks”

Ivan Anderson



~ RESPONDING ~

INVITATION TO JOIN THE MOVEMENT

Amanda Hambrick Ashcraft

OFFERTORY "Glory"

(L. Lynn, C. Smith, J. Stephens)

Jerriese Johnson Gospel Choir • Alex Bertrand, soloist

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HYMN

"Ella's Song"

(Bernice Johnson Reagon)

Middle Church Choir

We who believe in freedom cannot rest.

We who believe in freedom cannot rest until it comes.

DEDICATION PRAYER AND BENEDICTION

Jacqui Lewis

POSTLUDE

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

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THIS WEEK: SOMETHING STINKS

- How did today's sermon speak to what love looks like in these times?
- How does it inspire your life of faith and activism?
- What is one take away or learning you might share with others?

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LAST WEEK: I DREAM A WORLD

- How can we create the faithful, caring world described in today's scripture?
- Click here to watch **We, Too, Are America: Reclaiming the Red, White, and Blue**, featuring fashion, music, and spoken word that celebrates inclusivity and boldly walks to proclaim the place we each have in the American dream.

**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](https://middlechurch.org/prayer-pastoral-care)**



# WELCOME TO MIDDLE CHURCH

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**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](http://middlechurch.org).

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**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](http://middlechurch.org/podcasts).

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**DEAR MIDDLE FAMILY**— We are so grateful to each and every one of you for sticking with us through these uncertain times! While we tally up our totals for this fiscal year, we are continuing to move toward our vision for 2021 and are truly grateful to each of you for your continued love and support. Please stay tuned for more information about our goal for 2020 and 2021 at the upcoming **congregational 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](http://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 at our **prayer and pastoral care portal**.

—In gratitude, Jacqui, Darren, and Middle Consistory      Donate at [middlechurch.org/donate](http://middlechurch.org/donate).

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# MIDDLE VIRTUAL GATHERINGS

All events are listed in ET. Visit [middlechurch.org](http://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 Mondays, 8:30 a.m.

## 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](#)
- 1:00 p.m.: [Youth Virtual Gathering](#)
- 7:00 p.m.: [Dinner Party](#)

## MONDAY, JULY 13

- 6:00 p.m.: [Pub Theology](#)
- 6:30 p.m.: [Acting Class](#)

## TUESDAY, JULY 14

- 1:00 p.m.: [Reparations Task Force Informational Meeting](#)

## WEDNESDAY, JULY 15

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

## THURSDAY, JULY 16

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

## SUNDAY, JULY 19

- 10:30 a.m.: [Voter Reform Project](#)
- 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.: [Virtual Play Date: Storytime](#)
- 7:00 p.m.: [Dinner Party](#)

**Our friends at Faith in Public Life are hosting a conversation on what it means when Black activists say, “defund the police.”**

Black-led protests across the nation have sent a clear moral message. Policing is rife with racism—it needs to be dismantled and replaced. As people of faith, we must end racist law enforcement and build safer communities for everyone.

[Join us for a “Defunding the Police 101” web-based training for people of faith on Tuesday, July 14, from 12-2 p.m. ET.](#) This interactive training in partnership with the Working Families Party will explore the history of policing in our nation, its effect on Black communities, what “defunding the police” means, and ways for faith communities to work together in the movement for justice.

This is a unique opportunity for faith leaders, organizers, and allies of the movement to learn how to dismantle racist institutions and make our communities safer for all—especially Black, Brown and Native people who are brutalized by police.

The change starts with us. [Register today, and invite 3 friends to join the training!](#)

In faith and resilience,  
Rev. Jennifer Butler  
CEO, Faith in Public Life  
She/Her



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## MIDDLE CHURCH ZOOM COVENANT

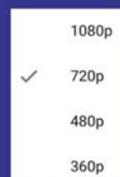
- Please take time before the meeting to download the Zoom app and/or familiarize yourself with zoom.us — it's easy and free to do so. If you need help troubleshooting, visit <https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us/sections/200305593-Troubleshooting>.
- Please visit this page at least 5 minutes before your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

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## VIRTUAL PROGRAMS FROM OUR COMMUNITY PARTNERS

- [AA Meetings](#) can be found [here](#).
- **Downtown Meditation** offers online [Wednesday Dharma Talk and Sitting at 7:00 pm](#)



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## MIDDLE COLLEGIATE CHURCH IS ON LENAPE LAND ON TURTLE ISLAND.

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### MIDDLE COLLEGIATE CHURCH VISION STATEMENT

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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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### MIDDLE COLLEGIATE CHURCH

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