

# middle church



JUST LOVE

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## Sunday Worship Celebration

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AUGUST 16, 2020 • 11:45 AM • THIS IS WHAT LOVE LOOKS LIKE

• GATHERING •

### INVITATION TO WORSHIP

Natalie Perkins

### HYMN

"This Morning When I Rose"

(H.L. Parker, C. Reese)

Gospel Ensemble • Roger Turner, lead

*CALL: This morning when I rose up,*

**RESPONSE: I didn't have no doubt.**

*This morning when I rose up,*

**I didn't have no doubt.**

*This morning when I rose up,*

**I didn't have no doubt.**

*I know the Lord*

**Will take care of me,**

*I know the Lord*

**Will provide for me,**

*I know the Lord will*

**Lead and guide me all the way, yes, all the way!**

*Woke up this morning to a brand new day,*

**I didn't have no doubt.**

*Woke up this morning to a brand new day,*

**I didn't have no doubt.**

*Woke up this morning to a brand new day,*

**I didn't have no doubt.**

*I know the Lord*  
**Will take care of me,**  
*I know the Lord*  
**Will provide for me,**  
*I know the Lord will*  
**Lead and guide me all the way, yes, all the way!**

Woke up this morning with the Holy Ghost,  
**I didn't have no doubt.**  
Woke up this morning with the Holy Ghost,  
**I didn't have no doubt.**  
Woke up this morning with the Holy Ghost,  
**I didn't have no doubt.**

*I know the Lord*  
**Will take care of me,**  
*I know the Lord*  
**Will provide for me,**  
*I know the Lord will*  
**Lead and guide me all the way, yes, all the way!**

*This morning when I rose up,*  
**I didn't have no doubt.**  
*This morning when I rose up,*  
**I didn't have no doubt.**  
*This morning when I rose up,*  
**I didn't have no doubt.**

*Felt like walking,*  
**Felt like walking,**  
*Felt like talking,*  
**Felt like talking,**  
*Felt like singing,*  
**Felt like singing,**  
*Felt like praying,*  
**Felt like praying,**  
*Felt like shouting,*  
**Felt like shouting ...**

*I know the Lord*  
**Will take care of me,**  
*I know the Lord*  
**Will provide for me,**

*I know the Lord will*

**Lead and guide me all the way, yes, all the way!**

• 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**

Marlene Fox

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/LORD’S PRAYER**

Kaliswa Brewster

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.**

**CONGREGATIONAL AMEN**

John Del Cueto

**PASSING OF THE PEACE**

The Goepel-Enlow Family

**ANTHEM**

“The Power of Love”

(I. Houghton; R. Sanchez)

Dionne McClain-Freeney, piano and voice

**SCRIPTURE**

Psalm 133

Monique Fortuné

**SERMON**

“We Are One”

Monique Fortuné

• RESPONDING •

**INVITATION TO JOIN THE MOVEMENT**

Deborah Berg-McCarthy

**OFFERTORY**

“Love Is the Key”

Traditional Gospel Ensemble • Harry Clerk, Alex Bertrand, Tina Cernero,  
Madge Dietrich, Tami Petty, Deborah Berg McCarthy

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or Text [Amount] to 917-924-4666

**DEDICATION PRAYER**

Marlene Fox



HYMN

“One Foot/Lead with Love”

(Melanie DeMore)

In-the-Middle Choir • Natalie Perkins, lead

REFRAIN

**You gotta put one foot in front of the other and lead with love.  
Put one foot in front of the other and lead with love.**

CALL: *Don't give up hope!*

RESPONSE: **Don't give up hope!**

*You're not alone!*

**You're not alone!**

*Don't you give up!*

**Don't you give up!**

*Keep movin on!*

**Keep movin on!**

REFRAIN

*Lift up your eyes!*

**Lift up your eyes!**

*Don't you despair!*

**Don't you despair!**

*Lift up your eyes!*

**Lift up your eyes!**

*The path is there!*

**The path is there!**

REFRAIN

*I know you're scared!*

**I know you're scared!**

*And I'm scared too!*

**And I'm scared too!**

*But here I am!*

**But here I am!**

*Right next to you!*

**Right next to you!**

REFRAIN

BENEDICTION

Jacqui Lewis

POSTLUDE



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### THIS WEEK: WE ARE ONE

- How can we stay focused on faith, hope, and love when there is so much trouble in the world?
  - What can you do right now to create unity and harmony for yourself, your kindred, and not so kindred?
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### LAST WEEK: YOU BETTA WERQ

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

The family of Nedene Simon; Gloria Cunningham Burgess; Natalie Perkins.

We are praying for all our Middle family every day.

**TO MAKE A PRAYER REQUEST**, request a call from a Middle pastor, or inquire about financial assistance, visit [middlechurch.org/prayer](https://middlechurch.org/prayer).

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## 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](https://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](https://middlechurch.org/podcasts).

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**DEAR MIDDLE FAMILY**— Fiscal Year 2021 is in full swing! Even in this time of uncertainty, we hope that you are encouraged that our community can band together and do amazing things! This year will be no different. With our annual programming, and newly created **Cancel Rent/Mortgage Program** and **Black Lives Matter Fund**, we are ready and excited to meet the needs of our community.

**Our current budget requires \$900,000 in congregational giving** by June 30, 2021 in order to fund our ministries and programs. We have no doubt that we can do this, but only with your help! **As of this printing, we have raised \$238,637.31** (\$40,205.87 in actuals; \$198,431.44 in recurring commitments). That puts us at **26.5%** of our June 30th goal of \$900,000!

This year’s offering is critical to our vision and ministry. 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](https://middlechurch.org/donate) or through Venmo @MiddleCollegiateChurch or by texting [Amount] to 917-924-4666.**

Middle family, we are so grateful to you for your love and generous spirit. It is because of you that we can make change that heals souls and the world. We know that this year has posed unbelievable stress for many, and we’re here for you if you need help.

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

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# Middle Virtual Gatherings

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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, AUGUST 16

- 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.: [Worship Celebration](#)
- 1:00 p.m.: [Chat and Chew](#)

## MONDAY, AUGUST 17

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

## WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19

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

## THURSDAY, AUGUST 20

- 1:00 p.m.: [New Adventures](#)
- 6:30 p.m.: [Creative Writing Group](#)

## SUNDAY, AUGUST 23

- 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.: [Worship Celebration](#)
- 1:00 p.m.: [Chat and Chew](#)
- 1:00 p.m.: [Young Adults Small Group](#)
- 7:00 p.m.: [Dinner Party](#)

# Join the Weekly Chat & Chew

A weekly opportunity to see each others' faces and talk about the sermon.



Link at [bit.ly/middle-talk](https://bit.ly/middle-talk)

# Every Sunday, 1:00 p.m. ET



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## MIDDLE CHURCH ZOOM COVENANT

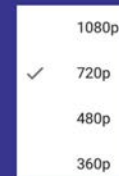
- Please take time before the meeting to download the Zoom app and/or familiarize yourself with zoom.us — it's easy and free to do so. **If you need help troubleshooting, [CLICK HERE](#).**
- Please visit this page at least 5 minutes before your meeting to ensure you are using the correct link for your 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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