

# middle church

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## Sunday Worship Celebration

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SEPTEMBER 27, 2020 • 11:45 AM • HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

### • GATHERING •

**INVITATION TO WORSHIP**

Natalie Perkins

**WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS**

Natalie Perkins

**HYMN**

“Si tú puedes, cántalo”

(Victor Jortack; arr. John del Cueto)

REFRAIN Si tú puedes, cántalo, cántalo, cántalo.  
Si tú puedes, cántalo, cántalo al Señor.

When the first new light of the rising sun  
comes to wake the colors of dawn,  
as you stand in beauty may you be shown  
you're a part of that ancient song.

REFRAIN

### • REFLECTING •

**MESSAGE FOR ALL AGES**

Ashley Gonzalez

“Siyahamba/Marcharemos”

(Based on a South African Traditional Song)

Gospel Ensemble

We are marching in the light of God,  
we are marching in the light of God.

Marcharemos en la luz de Dios,  
marcharemos en la luz de Dios.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Amanda Hambrick Ashcraft

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/LORD'S PRAYER

Amanda Hambrick Ashcraft

"I'm Gonna Sing"

(Moses Hogan)

Jerriese Johnson Gospel Choir

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

Sandra Santana

## PASSING OF THE PEACE

### ANTHEM

"Solo le pido a Dios"

(Leon Greco)

John Del Cueto, Natalie Maust, Bianca Toscano Michalczak, singers

Hajime Yoshida, guitar • Jonathan Peretz, percussion

### SCRIPTURE

Philippians 2.1–13

John Del Cueto

### SERMON

"The Purpose of Power"

Brian Moll

## • RESPONDING •

## INVITATION TO JOIN THE MOVEMENT

Jennifer Coleman

### OFFERTORY

"If God Said I Can"

(Vashawn Mitchell)

Jerriese Johnson Gospel Choir • Alex Bertrand and Tina Cernero, soloists

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or Text [Amount] to 917-924-4666

## DEDICATION PRAYER

Marlene Fox

### HYMN

"I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me"

(African American Spiritual)

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  
anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna work so God can use me  
anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna pray so God can use me  
anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna pray so God can use me  
anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna sing so God can use me  
anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna sing so God can use me  
anywhere, Lord, anytime!

## BENEDICTION

Jacqui Lewis

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

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"Si tú puedes, cántalo" 1996 T. Autumn Music (Admin. by Brentwood-Benson Music Publishing, Inc.) Universal Music - Z Songs (Admin. by Universal Music Corp.)

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## THIS WEEK: THE PURPOSE OF POWER

God's power is at work in us.

- What are we going to do with the power in our hands?
  - How can we leverage our power for the good of humanity?
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## LAST WEEK: TIRED, POOR, AND HUDDLED

- 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.*

Andre Charlton; Betty and Gary Luckey, All impacted by fires and hurricanes, Antwayn, Rosemarie S; Gloria Cunningham Burgess, Venasha Goodson, Charnise Mitchell, Ade Williams, James Cunningham, Jordan Peterson, Douglas Murray, Thomas Sowell and Spider-Man.

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).

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

**VIDEOS AND PODCASTS** — Worship music and sermon videos: [youtube.com/MiddleChurch](https://youtube.com/MiddleChurch).  
Re-watch the Worship Celebration livestream: [facebook.com/MiddleCollegiateChurch](https://facebook.com/MiddleCollegiateChurch).  
Middle Church Celebrations podcast: [middlechurch.org/podcasts](https://middlechurch.org/podcasts).

**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 **Middle Collegiate Church 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 \$352,731** (\$155,359 actuals; \$197,372 recurring commitments). That puts us at **39%** of our June 30th goal of \$900,000!

**We are THRILLED to share that a donor has made a \$50,000 pledge match to Middle Church, if we—the congregation— can match it in new cash and pledges by December 2020.** Simply put, we need to raise \$50,000 of our annual goal in NEW recurring donations and pledges by **December 1, 2020** in order to receive this wonderful gift! This year's offering is critical to our vision and ministry. Can we count on you to make a pledge today? A weekly pledge of \$25 becomes an offering of \$1,200 for the year! No gift is too small. **Please make your donation online at [middlechurch.org/donate](http://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](http://middlechurch.org/donate).**

**The Call Within:**  
Dismantling Racism from the Inside Out  
Oct. 7 & 8 | 7:00 - 8:30 PM ET

FEATURING

Kaitlin Curtice | Mark Charles | V (form. Eve Ensler)

HOSTED BY  
Rev. Jacqui Lewis, Ph.D.

Info & Tickets: [bit.ly/the-call-within](https://bit.ly/the-call-within)

# 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, SEPTEMBER 27

- 10:00 a.m.: [Revolutionary Parenting](#)
- 10:00 a.m.: [Voter Reform Project](#)
- 10:30 a.m.: [Bible in the Middle](#)
- 11:00 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](#)
- 1:00 p.m.: [Village Chorus for Children and Youth](#)

## MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

- 6:30 p.m.: [Acting Class](#)
- 7:00 p.m.: [Introduction to the Hebrew Bible \(Old Testament\)](#)

## TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

- 7:00 p.m.: [Queer Theology & Bible Study](#)

## THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1

- 1:00 p.m.: [New Adventures](#)
- 6:30 p.m.: [Creative Writing Group](#)
- 7:00 p.m.: [Jerriese Johnson Gospel Choir](#)
- 7:00 p.m.: [Understanding the Battle for the Soul of the Nation](#)

## SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3

- 2:00 p.m.: [¡Hablamos!](#)

## SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4

**\*\*\*HOMECOMING\*\*\***

- 10:30 a.m.: [Bible in the Middle](#)
- 11:00 a.m.: [Kids' Sunday Enrichment](#)
- 11:45 a.m.: [Worship Celebration](#)
- 1:00 p.m.: [Home Is Here: Homecoming 2020](#)
- 1:30 p.m.: [Village Chorus for Children and Youth](#)
- 7:00 p.m.: [Dinner Party](#)



HOMECOMING 2020:  
**HOME IS HERE**

**Home is...**  
Fighting to perfect our union  
Ensuring Black Lives Matter  
Protecting our neighbors  
Caring for our church  
Demanding fair pay  
Voting for justice

**Sunday, October 4**  
**1:00 - 2:00 PM ET**  
**112 2nd Ave or on Zoom**

**Learn more at**  
**[bit.ly/home-here](http://bit.ly/home-here)**



# New 2020 Fall Programs

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## MIDDLE CHURCH ZOOM COVENANT

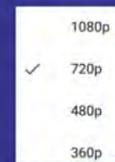
- Please take time before the meeting to download the Zoom app and/or familiarize yourself with zoom.us — it's easy and free to do so. **If you need help troubleshooting, [CLICK HERE](#).**
- Please visit this page at least 5 minutes before your meeting to ensure you are using the correct link for your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



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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

- [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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