

middle church

JUST LOVE

Sunday Worship Celebration

OCTOBER 18, 2020 • 11:45 AM • CHILDREN'S SABBATH

• GATHERING •

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

Natalie Perkins

HYMN

"I Turn to You"

(Simon Wilcox; Nick Jonas; Nolan Lambroza; John Del Cueto)

Village Chorus for Children and Youth • Dominick Vizioli, leader

I turn my eyes toward you, Lord
And I give you a praise
I know today's a new day
A day to start fresh again.

I turn my eyes toward you, Lord
And my hands I will raise
I know for certain your grace
And mercy has kept me

It is no coincidence
When I opened up my eyes
Your love, (your love)
It gave me life.

The promise of a new day
And the work that must be done
That's why, (that's why)
I turn to you, Lord.

I turn to you Lord
I turn to you Lord
I turn to you Lord

• REFLECTING •

MESSAGE FOR ALL AGES

“Siyahamba”

Village Chorus for Children and Youth

Jacqui Lewis and Brooks Leslie

(South African Traditional Song)

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

MIDDLE IN TWO MINUTES

Jacqui Lewis

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/LORD’S PRAYER

Jacqui Lewis

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

Village Chorus for Children and Youth

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Baen-Brook Family

ANTHEM

“Is This the World We Created...?”

(Brian May; Freddie Mercury)

Village Chorus for Children and Youth • Christian Unthank, soloist

SCRIPTURE

1 Samuel 3.1–10

Emma and Christian Wu

SERMON

“Called for More”

Amanda Hambrick Ashcraft

• RESPONDING •

INVITATION TO JOIN THE MOVEMENT

“Home Is Here”

OFFERTORY

“One Day”

(Philip Lawrence, Matthew Miller, Peter Hernandez, Ari Levine)

Village Chorus for Children and Youth

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DEDICATION PRAYER

Julia Ayala

HYMN

“Talkin’ ‘Bout a Revolution”

(Tracy Chapman)

Don't you know they're talkin' 'bout a revolution
and it sounds like a whisper
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While they're standing in the welfare lines
Crying at the doorsteps of those armies of salvation
Wasting time in the unemployment lines
Sitting around waiting for a promotion
Don't you know they're talkin' 'bout a revolution
and it sounds like a whisper...
Poor people gonna rise up and get their share
Poor people gonna rise up and take what's theirs
Don't you know you better run, run, run, run, run, run, run, run,
run, run, run, run
Talkin' bout a revolution
Don't you know you better run, run, run, run, run, run, run, run,
run, run, run, run

And, finally the tables are starting to turn,
talkin' bout a revolution
And, finally the tables are starting to turn,
talkin' bout a revolution

Don't you know they're talkin' 'bout a revolution
and it sounds like a whisper...

BENEDICTION

Amanda Hambrick Ashcraft

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

Village Chorus for Children and Youth • John Del Cueto, Director • Cerentha Cook, Miranda Oden Cook, Brooks Leslie, Caelyn Osbern, Amelia Petkos, Coraline Petkos, Vivienne Petkos, Ellington Tanner, Lucien Tanner, Carlo Vizioli, Dominick Vizioli.

THIS WEEK: CALLED FOR MORE

- How is God speaking to our young people? How can we help them listen? How can we collectively listen?
 - What is God calling us to do? Who is God calling us to be?
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LAST WEEK: GOLDEN IDOLS

- 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?

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

We are praying for all our Middle family every day. Liz, Myhang; Tameka Phillips and family; Joanna Stevens and family. Gloria Cunningham Burgess, Raider Nation, Gwen Kingsberry, Johanna Garcia, Jessi Matei and Prince Namor, the Sub-Mariner; Peace.

To make a prayer request, request a call from a Middle pastor, or inquire about financial assistance, visit 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.

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— 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 \$381,660.58** (\$208,037.85 actuals; \$173,622.73 recurring commitments). That puts us at **42%** 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 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.

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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 Mondays, 8:30 a.m.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18

- 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](#)
- 12:45 p.m.: [Chat and Chew](#)
- 1:00 p.m.: [Village Chorus for Children and Youth](#)
- 7:00 p.m.: [Dinner Party](#)

MONDAY, OCTOBER 19

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

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20

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

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21

- 7:00 p.m.: [Ukuleliacs](#)
- 7:00 p.m.: [Do the Write Thing](#)

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22

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

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23

- 6:30 p.m.: [Youth International Game Night](#)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25

- 10:00 a.m.: [Voter Reform Project](#)
- 10:00 a.m.: [Revolutionary Parenting](#)
- 10:30 a.m.: [Bible in the Middle](#)
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- 1:00 p.m.: [Young Adults Small Group](#)
- 3:00 p.m.: [Organizing White Voters for Collective Liberation](#)
- 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

Every Sunday at 12:45 p.m. ET

New 2020 Fall Programs

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MIDDLE CHURCH ZOOM COVENANT

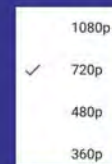
- Please take time before the meeting to download the Zoom app and/or familiarize yourself with zoom.us — it's easy and free to do so. **If you need help troubleshooting, [CLICK HERE](#).**
- Please visit this page at least 5 minutes before your meeting to ensure you are using the correct link for your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



REFRESH THE PAGE



CHANGE THE VIDEO
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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](#)

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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