Maundy Thursday Worship
APRIL 1, 2021 • 7:00 PM

• GATHERING •

PRELUDE  “Great Is Thy Faithfulness” (Thomas Chisholm; William M. Runyan)
Jeremy Price, Hammond organ

INVITATION TO WORSHIP  “Blessings Song” (Melanie DeMore)
Tina Owens, leader

• REFLECTING •

ANTHEM  “Dear Prudence” (John Lennon and Paul McCartney)
“What a Friend We Have in Jesus” (J. M. Scriven; C. C. Converse)
Deborah Berg McCarthy, soloist

READING  “Touched by an Angel” (Maya Angelou)
Suzette Seepersad, reader

AN APPOINTMENT TO KEEP  (John Del Cueto)
John Del Cueto and Dionne McClain-Freeney, readers
CALL TO PRAYER  “Sanctuary”  (Ivan Anderson)
Ivan Anderson, singer • Bianca Toscano Michalczak, leader

You are my Sanctuary,
You are my dwelling place,
You are my Sanctuary,
I rest in Your embrace

LORD’S PRAYER  Ivan Anderson
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.

MUSICAL OFFERING  “Center of My Joy”  (Bill Gaither, Gloria Gaither, Richard Smallwood)
Jeremy Price, piano

SCRIPTURE  John 13.1–17, 31–35  Jacqui Lewis

SERMON AND COMMUNION  “Love Is Mandatory”  Jacqui Lewis

• RESPONDING •

JOIN THE MOVEMENT  Dionne McClain-Freeney

OFFERTORY  “Can’t Go Back Now”  (Deb Talan; Steven Tannen)
Ben Perry, soloist

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DEDICATION PRAYER  Linda Doria

HYMN  “Lord, Please Let Your Kindom Come”  (Orlando Palmer, Paul Zach, Isaac Wardell, Liz Vice, Latifah Phillips; arr. John Del Cueto)
John Del Cueto, leader

CHORUS:
Hallelu, hallelujah
Lord please let Your Kindom come
May the works of my hands bring you joy.
May the works of my hands bring you joy.
May the works of my hands bring you joy.
May the works of my hands bring you joy.

CHORUS

May the words from my mouth speak Your peace.
May the words from my mouth speak Your peace.
May the words from my mouth speak Your peace.
May the words from my mouth speak Your peace.

CHORUS

May the life that I live show your love
May the life that I live show your love
May the life that I live show your love
May the life that I live show your love

CHORUS

BENEDICTION

Jacqui Lewis

POSTLUDE

Dionne McClain-Freeney

PARTICIPATING IN THE CELEBRATION • For all credits, visit YouTube.com/MiddleChurch.

PRAYER CORNER  Please pray with us this week for these people and concerns.
We are praying for all our Middle family every day.
Gloria Cunningham Burgess, Alicia Swain, Janna Myers, Devora Jones, Pam Payne, Joe Tigner,
Jessie Matei, Bridget Kelso Anthony, Amanda Ashcraft, Jacqui Lewis, Laurie and Phil Callen,
To make a prayer request, request a call from a Middle pastor, or inquire about financial
assistance, visit middlechurch.org/prayer.

Need Care? CLICK HERE for more information
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. Re-watch the Worship Celebration livestream: facebook.com/MiddleCollegiateChurch. Middle Church Celebrations podcast: middlechurch.org/podcasts.

DEAR MIDDLE FAMILY — The Consistory, Darren, and I are sending you love and hope that we can help God’s dream of a just world come to fruition.

We are excited to keep putting Revolutionary Love in the world! Our digital worship and programs are more important than ever, as we partner with allies and accomplices across the nation to redeem the soul of America. We do this ongoing this work, even as we partner with our Collegiate colleagues to rise and reconstruct our sacred spaces. Our community, our city, this nation, and neighbors around the globe are being super generous to us. As of today, we have received more than $1,093,628.34 in our Middle Rising campaign with $12,872.13 recurring commitments expected and $87,683.60 pledged by June 30, 2021.

The fire didn’t deter our movement building. We must continue to fund our ministry programming. As of today, we have raised $615,395.38 to fund our ministries, programs, and operations ($487,495.30 actuals; $63,560.08 recurring commitments expected; $64,340 pledged)—68% of our June 30, 2021 goal of $900,000!

• To support our ongoing ministry, programs, and operations, visit middlechurch.org/donate
  OR donate through Venmo @MiddleCollegiateChurch or text GIVE to (917)924-4666.

• To support our Middle Rising rebuilding efforts, visit middlechurch.org/Rising
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We still receive mail at Middle Collegiate Church, 50 East 7th Street, New York, NY 10003. Some donations may require our EIN: 13-5564117 — Middle Collegiate Church aka Ministers, Elders and Deacons of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church of the City of New York.

Family, Middle Church is still on the rise! Thank you for all you do. It’s not the fire, it’s the rising!

—In gratitude, Jacqui, Darren, and Middle Consistory.

Dear Middle Members and Friends,

We are so thankful to each and every one of you who donated in 2020 to help power our movement of love and justice! We want to let you know that with the fire destroying our sacred space and COVID-19 causing significant delays for the U.S. Postal Service, you may experience a delay in receiving your 2020 Giving Tax Statement. Statements have been sent via email or postal service based on how you gave.

However, if you have not received your giving statement via email or mail, please contact us at stewardship@middlechurch.org. Thank you so much for your patience as we navigate this unprecedented time!
Middle Virtual Gatherings

All events are listed in ET unless noted. 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.

THURSDAY, APRIL 1
• 1:00 p.m.: New Adventures
• 6:30 p.m.: Creative Writing Group
• 7:00 p.m.: Maundy Thursday Worship Celebration

FRIDAY, APRIL 2
• 1:00 p.m.: Good Friday Worship

SATURDAY, APRIL 3
• 11:00 a.m.: Children’s Virtual Easter Celebration
• 2:00 p.m.: ¡Hablamos!
• 6:00 p.m.: Staying Connected While Staying In
• 7:00 p.m.: Holy Saturday Vigil

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 4
• 7:00 a.m.: Easter Sunrise Worship Celebration
• 10:30 a.m.: Bible in the Middle
• 11:00 a.m.: Kids’ Sunday Enrichment
• 11:00 a.m.: Middle Youth
• 11:45 a.m.: Easter Worship Celebration
• 12:45 p.m.: Chat and Chew
• 1:00 p.m.: Middle Out Loud
• 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, 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.

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.

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