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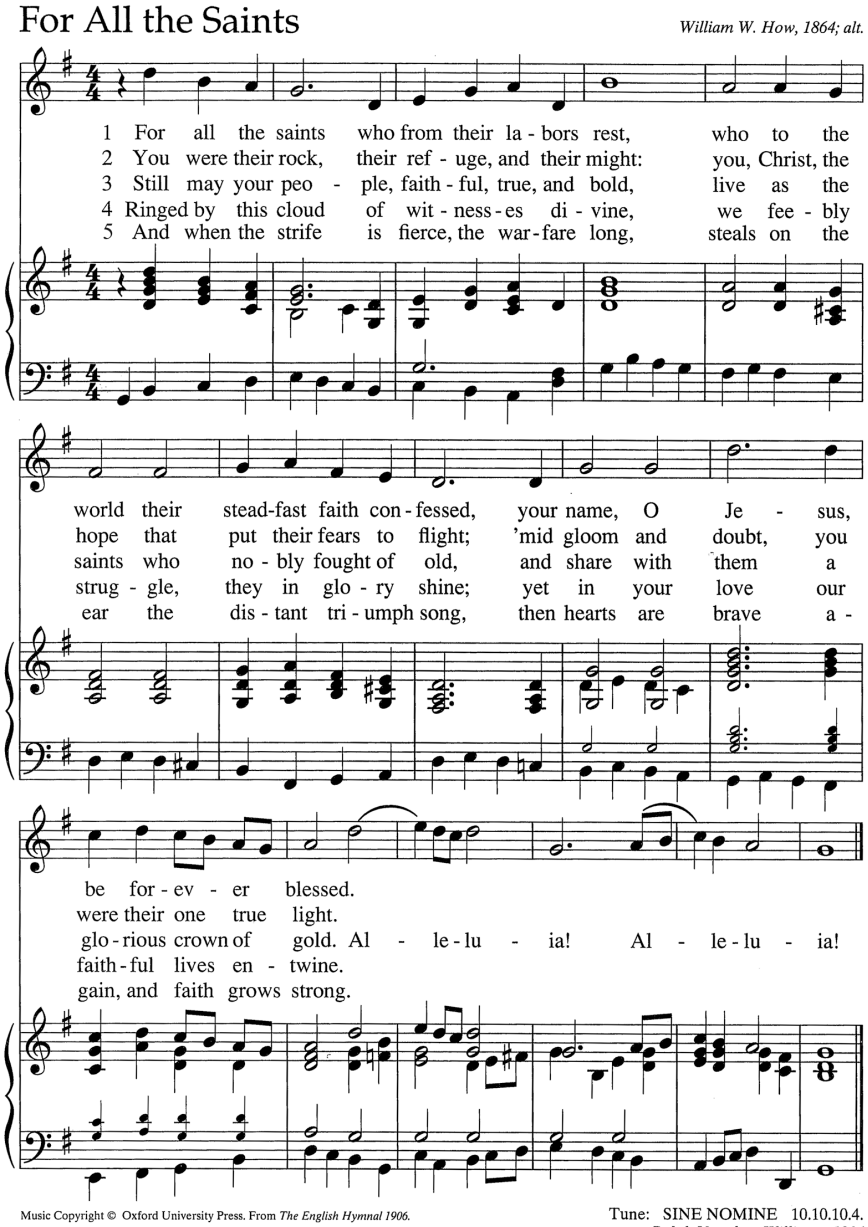
WORSHIP CELEBRATION

NOVEMBER 1, 2026 • 11:45 AM • DÍA DE LOS MUERTOS • ALL SAINTS DAY

• GATHERING •

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Amanda Hambrick

HYMN



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Tune: SINE NOMINE 10.10.10.4.
Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Remember Me / Recuerdame Soloist Mari Vigil-Harris

LORD'S PRAYER Sandra Santana

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.**

CHORAL AMEN (Trad.)

PASSING OF THE PEACE Sandra Santana

As you are able, please make your way to the microphone to also greet those worshipping with us online.

• REFLECTING •

ANTHEM No One is Alone (Stephen Sondheim)
Soloist John Del Cueto

SCRIPTURE Revelation 2. 1-7 Rev. Natalie Renee Perkins

[1] "To the angel of the church in Ephesus write: These are the words of him who holds the seven
stars in his right hand, who walks among the seven golden lampstands:

[2] "I know your works, your toil and your endurance. I know that you cannot tolerate evildoers;
you have tested those who claim to be apostles but are not and have found them to be false. [3] I
also know that you are enduring and bearing up for the sake of my name and that you have not
grown weary. [4] But I have this against you, that you have abandoned the love you had at first. [5]
Remember, then, from where you have fallen; repent and do the works you did at first. If not, I
will come to you and remove your lampstand from its place, unless you repent. [6] Yet this is to
your credit: you hate the works of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate. [7] Let anyone who has an
ear listen to what the Spirit is saying to the churches. To everyone who conquers, I will give
permission to eat from the tree of life that is in the paradise of God.

SERMON Revelation for the People Rev. Natalie Renee Perkins

• RESPONDING •

INVITATION TO REFLECT

COMMUNION Rev. Natalie Renee Perkins
Rev. Amanda Hambrick
Monique Fortuné

POWER THIS MOVEMENT Rev. Dr. Jacqui Lewis

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OFFERTORY Aint'a That Good News (Spiritual)
Soloist Tanisha Anderson

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DOXOLOGY (Trad.)

From all that dwell below the skies
Let faith and hope with love arise.
Let peace, goodwill on earth be sung
Through every land, by every tongue.

DEDICATION PRAYER Rev. Dr. Jacqui Lewis

HYMN Lean On Me (Bill Withers)

Sometimes in our lives we all have pain
We all have sorrow
But if we are wise
We know that there's always tomorrow

Lean on me, when you're not strong
And I'll be your friend
I'll help you carry on
For it won't be long
'Til I'm gonna need
Somebody to lean on

Please swallow your pride
If I have things you need to borrow
For no one can fill those of your needs
That you won't let show

You just call on me neighbor, when you need a hand
We all need somebody to lean on
I just might have a problem that you'll understand
We all need somebody to lean on

BENEDICTION Rev. Natalie Renee Perkins

PARTICIPATING IN THE CELEBRATION

Director of Music and Choirs • John Del Cueto
Musicians in Worship • Dionne McClain-Freeney (Piano)

October Playlist: Did you miss anything at Middle last month? Check out our monthly recap for a selection of moving musical performances and a touching sermon. Watch them again or share the playlist with friends.

PRAYER CORNER **We are praying for all our Middle family every day.**

Please pray with us this week for these people:

Sandy Hardwick-Pettis and Shirley Pettis, Javier Burgos Badilla, Neice Osha, Cody Concepcion, Alden Deleanides, Joanie HF Zosike, Kat Tenezaca, Katrina Monzon & Sheyla Bultrón Echevarria, Amanda Enck, Donna and Elizabeth Johnson, Eddie Russo, Gene Smith, Sandy Hardwick-Pettis, Tina Cernero's sister Renee, Ralph Robertson & family, the Slazer family, Laci Beckett, Arthur Beckett, Daniel Bracken, Betty Jeanne Rueters-Ward, Claudia Slazik, Steve, Briana, Cody, Luke and Faye, Hannah & Lane Serota

To make a prayer request, speak to a minister, or inquire about financial assistance, visit middlechurch.org/prayer.

Welcome to Middle Church

We are glad you're here today! If you are visiting for the first time, we invite you to head to middlechurch.org/welcome to learn more about Middle and to get connected. We hope you'll come back often to be with us!

To learn more about the history of this church— we call it a movement — or to learn about New Members classes, or to get involved with our community groups, visit us at middlechurch.org.

By entering the Sanctuary, you grant Middle Church unrestricted right to use and publish, transmit, or telecast photographs or likenesses that might be taken of you this day for use in communications related to the church. You agree that all such material will be the sole property of Middle Church.

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Give a brick today: bit.ly/4su4wHr Middle has always been more than a building—it's the love, justice, music, art, and community that flow within and beyond our sacred space. To keep that spirit thriving, we need your continued support for all the vital things that make Middle, Middle: our staff, programs, worship, justice work, and care for one another.

Please give at middlechurch.org/donate. Sunday Worship and programs happen thanks to our clergy, staff, musicians, volunteers, and all of you who participate in- person and online. We can't do it without you! We are the ones we've been waiting for and together, with you onboard, we will have enough!

Love— *Jacqui, Vickie Burns–Board Chair, and the entire Middle Church Board*

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Our new legal name is Middle Ministry, LLC, as a wholly owned subsidiary, but we are authorized to do business and be known as Middle Church. All donations should be written to Middle Church.

Please reach out to our Stewardship Office (stewardship@middlechurch.org) to discuss any questions about your giving plan.

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Rev. Macky Alston, Executive Minister, Stewardship and Congregational Life
Rev. Natalie Renee Perkins, Executive Minister, Hybrid Church
Rev. Amanda Hambrick, Minister for Justice and Intergenerational Organizing
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Middle Events Calendar

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1
9:30 AM Butterfly Outreach Ministry
10:00 AM Bible in the Middle
10:00 AM Just Love Family Programming
11:45 AM Worship Celebration
12:00 PM Just Love Kids
12:45 PM Chat & Chew – Hybrid
1:00 PM Community Social Hour
1:00 PM Butterfly Distribution
1:15 PM Village Chorus for Children & Youth

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2
6:30 PM Acting Class – Hybrid
7:00 PM PSP: Wrapped in Love – Online

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3
7:00 PM East Village Group – AA
8:30 PM East Village Group – AA

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4
8:00 AM Pray to Rise – Online
6:00 PM Sound Healing Sanctuary – Hybrid
7:00 PM Ukuleliacs
8:00 PM My Soul is a Witness – Online

Jacqui's Bible Study: My Soul is a Witness, begins on Wednesday, 11/4 at 8pm ET. You asked for it and we are bringing it. What do our Holy Texts teach about how we take care of ourselves—body, mind and soul? Starting with the first five books of the Bible—Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers and Deuteronomy, this study will focus God's vision for healed and whole persons and communities.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5
1:00 PM New Adventures – Online
6:30 PM Creative Writing – Online
7:00 PM Jerriese Johnson Gospel Choir – Hybrid

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7
9:00 AM The Black Madonna Retreat

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8
10:00 AM Bible in the Middle
10:00 AM Just Love Family Programming
10:00 AM Voter Reform Group
11:45 AM Worship Celebration
12:00 PM Just Love Kids

All events are listed in ET unless noted.

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Elise Tiralli - etiralli@middlechurch.org.

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1:00 PM Congregational Conversation
1:15 PM Village Chorus for Children & Youth
3:00 PM **Celebrating 40 Years of the Jerriese Johnson Gospel Choir**