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Middlebury Congregational Church

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Welcome to Worship

To keep up with what's going on here at MCC, you can visit our website (middleburyucc.org), like us on Facebook, follow us on Instagram (@middleburycongregational), and subscribe to our YouTube Channel.

Restrooms

Restrooms are located down the stairs in the Narthex/entrance of the sanctuary. Accessible, single person restrooms, equipped with changing tables, are located on the Upper Level and may be easily accessed using the elevator. The elevator entrance is located through the exit door in the front of the sanctuary on the left. Please ask an usher for directions/assistance.

Sunday School & Nursery Childcare

Children are always welcome in worship. During the school year, Sunday School is available during worship for PreK-7th grade. School age children will begin Sunday in worship before heading out together with their teachers in the beginning part of worship. The first Sundays of the month are Communion and Family Sunday and Sunday School will not be in session. Staffed childcare for infants through preschoolers is available in the Nursery throughout the year, which is in the upper level Sunday School. If you need assistance, please ask an usher. For more info about Sunday School and childcare, contact the Church Office: office@middleburyucc.org

For More Info

For more information about the church, to sign up for our newsletter please email: (office@middleburyucc.org)

Communion

Communion is celebrated the 1st Sunday of the month and is open to all, including children, who wish to grow in faith in Jesus Christ. Communion is served in the pews.

This Service is Being Livestreamed

If you do not want to appear in the video please choose a pew downstairs in the back 5 rows.

Hearing Assistance

We have headphones to assist you in hearing the service. Please let an usher know, and they will set you up with a pair.



Autumn Mission Projects

Soup Kitchen Contribution

October's monthly food contribution for the GWIM Soup Kitchen is **Dutch Egg Noodles and Elbows.**

November's monthly food contribution to the GWIM Soup Kitchen is **Canned Chicken and any Canned Vegetables.**

About Today's Music

Today, as we (along with many other Protestant congregations) commemorate Reformation Day, we'll be singing music associated with several of our forbearers in faith. We begin with Martin Luther's best-known hymn, "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" (Luther was a prolific hymnist and a musician.) Our closing hymn is taken from the Genevan Psalter, commissioned by John Calvin in 1551. Our remaining hymn is based on the parting message to the Pilgrims in 1620 (as they departed for the New World on the Mayflower) from their pastor, Rev. John Robinson. John Robinson is considered one of the founders of the Congregational Church.

Names for All Saints' Sunday 11/2

On November 2nd, during worship we will be observing the feast of All Saints. We will read the names of those who have died, particularly those who have died in the past year. If you would like a name included in worship, please send it to Pastor Katrina so it can be included on the list (kmanzi@middleburyucc.org).

MCC Merchandise

We've set up a store on Bonfire to sell church merchandise. The products are printed as they're sold, and MCC gets a small cut of all the sales. If there is some MCC thing that you're looking for, odds are we can make that happen. You can look at what we've got up so far: <https://www.bonfire.com/store/middlebury-congregational-church/> or you can scan the QR code:



A Prayer for Making Our Way Through Darkness

By John Calvin

Lord, we live in thick darkness, surrounded by so much darkness of ignorance. We often doubt your care and provision, and we imagine you have forsaken us when we do not see instant answers to prayer.

So help us now to raise our minds and not to doubt, but to remember that you look upon us. Help us to know that you command your angels to care for us. Raise us up in their hands.

Guide us in all our ways – even in all the crooked, winding roads of this life. Teach us to commit ourselves wholly to your rule, and so allow ourselves to be drawn and turned as we follow the way you have pointed out to us.

Help us to continue straight toward the mark which you have set before us, until we are ultimately gathered into your eternal rest. Amen.

Interested in Joining the Church?

We are looking to potentially receive new members this fall. If you are interested in joining the church or learning more about MCC, please contact Pastor Katrina (kmanzi@middleburyucc.org).

Yoga at MCC!

What: Vinyasa Yoga for all fitness levels

Where: Our Social Hall

When: Mondays @ 5:30 p.m.

Why: Join us and RELAX!

How: Bring a mat and blocks. Bolster, water bottle, strap and blanket are optional. Please dress to move.