

# middle church

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## Sunday Worship Celebration

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JULY 18, 2021 • 11:45 AM • RISING TO FIERCE LOVE

• GATHERING •

**INVITATION TO WORSHIP**

Natalie Perkins

**HYMN**

“Lead Me, Guide Me”

(Doris M. Akers)

Middle Church Choir

REFRAIN

Lead me, guide me, along the way,  
For if You lead me, I cannot stray.  
Lord, let me walk each day with Thee.  
Lead me, oh Lord, lead me.

• REFLECTING •

**MESSAGE FOR ALL AGES**

Jacqui Lewis

“Siyahamba”

(South African Traditional Song)

Village Chorus for Children and Youth

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

**MIDDLE RISING**

Darrell Hamilton

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE / LORD'S PRAYER**

Darrell Hamilton

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.**

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**CONGREGATIONAL AMEN**

Rising Sun

**PASSING OF THE PEACE**

New Adventures

**ANTHEM**

“From a Distance”

(Julie Gold)

Madge Dietrich, soloist

**SCRIPTURE**

Mark 6.30–44

Amanda Hambrick Ashcraft

**SERMON**

“We’ve Got to Make a Mindset Shift”

Amanda Hambrick Ashcraft

• **RESPONDING** •

**INVITATION TO JOIN THE MOVEMENT**

Darrell Hamilton

**OFFERTORY**

“Dancing in the Street/Boogie Fever”

(M. Gaye, I. Hunger, W. Stevenson,

Village Chorus for Children and Youth

F. Perren, K. St. Lewis; arr. J. Del Cueto)

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or Text GIVE to 833-786-0733

**DEDICATION PRAYER**

Dionne McClain-Freeney

**HYMN**

“Great Is Your Faithfulness”

(T. O. Chisholm; W. M. Runyon)

Queer Black Men in the Middle

Great is your faithfulness, O God Creator,  
with you no shadow of turning we see.  
You do not change, your compassions they fail not;  
all of your goodness forever will be.

REFRAIN

Great is your faithfulness! Great is your faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
All I have needed your hand has provided,  
Great is your faithfulness, God unto me!

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,  
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above,  
Join with all nature in manifold witness,  
to your great faithfulness, mercy, and love.

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Pardon for sin and a peace so enduring,  
your own dear presence to cheer and to guide.  
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,  
Blessings all mine with ten thousand beside.

REFRAIN

**BENEDICTION**

Amanda Hambrick Ashcraft

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**PARTIVILLAGE CHORUS FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH**

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**Village Chorus for Children and Youth** • John Del Cueto, Director of Worship • Caelyn Osbern, Ellington Tanner, Lucien Tanner, Amelia Petkos, Dominick Vizioli, Carlo Vizioli, Cerentha Cook, Zane Ashcraft, Vivienne Petkos, Coraline Petkos, Miranda Oden Cook

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## Sermon in Action

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### THIS WEEK: WE'VE GOT TO MAKE A MINDSET SHIFT

- What is one area of your life where you can implement an abundance mindset rather than one of scarcity? What difference would this make?
  - How do white supremacy and capitalism actively work against an abundance mindset? What can we/you do about it?
  - What would it look like for Middle to Rise to Abundance? What role can you take in that rising?
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### LAST WEEK: I'M NOT GON' LET YOU MISHANDLE ME

- God shows us that boundaries are important for living a life of faith. Where in your own life do you perceive a need to reset appropriate boundaries? Or, to honor appropriate boundaries that have been set for you?
- Dr. King said, "Riots are the language of the unheard." Likewise, outbursts are often the outgrowth of repeated mistreatment. How can we be better to communicate when we are being mistreated, or respond to the mistreatment of others, before an outburst occurs?
- Worship is an act of celebration and reverence (proper handling) of holy things. How can you be better at giving celebration and reverence to the holy things in your life?

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

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

Baby Mya and parents; Mary Jo, family, and friends of Fred Escher; Lorraine, Uncle Seve, Aunt Jackie; Gloria Cunningham Burgess, Alicia Swain, Janna Myers, Sheila Robinson, Renee Cunningham Marshall, Drexel Cunningham, Valencia Armijio, Brittany Davis, Reddick Cunningham, Sheila Harding, Skip Reid, Amanda Ashcraft, Jacqui Lewis, Suzanne Caines, Mia McClain, Bridget Kelso Anthony, Marc Aronson, Pam Payne Family, Joe Tigner, Sandra Cunningham, and The Raider Nation

**To make a prayer request**, request a call from a Middle pastor, or inquire about financial assistance, visit [middlechurch.org/care-prayer/](http://middlechurch.org/care-prayer/).

# Welcome to Middle Church

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**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).

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**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](http://middlechurch.org/podcasts).

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## DEAR MIDDLE FAMILY—

**Giving at Middle** — With summer in full bloom, we have turned the corner into our new fiscal and programming year at Middle Church (July 1, 2021–June 30, 2022). Our Consistory has approved our annual budget and we the congregation have a goal to raise \$1,000,000 in contributions this year to fund our ministry programming. This brings us in line with our agreed-upon target of funding 50% of our budget by 2022. We are SO excited about what is in store for this community of love and justice seekers this year as we continue to claim and reframe Christianity from a place of Love. Period.

Please take a moment to let us know how you plan to invest in powering this movement with your gifts this year by using the options below, or feel free to reach out to our Director of Development, Devon Mosley ([stewardship@middlechurch.org](mailto:stewardship@middlechurch.org)) to discuss your giving plans.

### To support our ongoing ministry, programs, and operations:

- Visit [middlechurch.org/donate](http://middlechurch.org/donate)
- Venmo @MiddleCollegiateChurch
- Text **GIVE** to **833-786-0733**

### To support our Middle Rising rebuilding efforts as we continue plans for our future space:

- Visit [middlechurch.org/rising](http://middlechurch.org/rising)
- Venmo @MiddleRising
- Text **GIVE** to **833-786-0733** (select **Middle Rising**)

### To mail contributions to Middle Church, please address them to:

- Middle Collegiate Church, Attn: Stewardship Dept.  
50 East 7th Street, New York, NY 10003

**Charitable Giving** may require use of Middle Collegiate Church's EIN: 13-5564117 (aka "Ministers, Elders and Deacons of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church of the City of New York")

—In gratitude, Jacqui, Darren Johnston—Consistory Chair, and the Middle Church Consistory

**TODAY! Middle Mixer!**

**Sunday, July 18 • 2–4 PM**

**Tompkins Square Park**

For questions, please [email Rev. Amanda](mailto:amanda@middlechurch.org)

# Middle Events Calendar

All events are listed in ET unless noted.

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, JULY 18

- 10:00 a.m.: [Voter Reform Project](#)
- 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.: [Worship Celebration](#)
- 12:45 p.m.: [Chat and Chew](#)
- 2:00 p.m.: [Middle Mixer in Tompkins Square Park](#)
- 7:00 p.m.: [Dinner Party](#)

## MONDAY, JULY 19

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

## WEDNESDAY, JULY 21

- 7:00 p.m.: [Ukuleliacs](#)

## THURSDAY, JULY 22

- 1:00 p.m.: [New Adventures](#)
- 6:30 p.m.: [Creative Writing Group](#)

## SATURDAY, JULY 24

- 2:00 p.m.: [¡Hablamos!](#)

## SUNDAY, JULY 25

- 10:30 a.m.: [Bible in the Middle](#)
- 10:30 a.m.: [Wee Care](#)
- 10:45 a.m.: [Revolutionary Parenting](#)
- 11:00 a.m.: [Kids Sunday Enrichment: Goodbye Party for Ms. Sandrine](#)
- 11:45 a.m.: [Worship Celebration](#)
- 12:45 p.m.: [Chat and Chew](#)
- 1:00 p.m.: [Young Adults Small Group](#)

*for grades k - 5th*

**AUGUST 23RD-25TH**

3:00 PM - 5:30 PM ET

MOST HOLY REDEEMER

173 E 3RD ST, NY NY 10009

rsvp by 8/15 to

[ahashcraft@middlechurch.org](mailto:ahashcraft@middlechurch.org)

*for grades 6-12th*

**AUGUST 2ND-5TH**

10:00 AM - 3:00 PM ET

LES BOYS CLUB

287 E 10TH S, NY NY 10009

rsvp by 7/25 to

[dhamilton@middlechurch.org](mailto:dhamilton@middlechurch.org)



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# FREEDOM SUMMER

Engaging our youngest changemakers in faith formation, activism, advocacy, & the arts



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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 QUALITY IN THE 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."

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### 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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Rev. Jacqueline J. Lewis, Ph.D. – *Senior Minister in Charge*

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