

middle church

JUST LOVE

Sunday Worship Celebration

OCTOBER 3, 2021 • 11:00 AM • HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH
HOMECOMING SUNDAY

• GATHERING •

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

Aly Palmer

BAPTISMS

Middle Staff

Khari Luis Hamilton Rosario-Wallace – Born September 13, 2019
Parents: Kevin Wallace and Gloria Rosario-Wallace
Godparents: Afi Graves, Christopher Padmore, Kevin Anderle

Kenzo Sahulee – Born June 11, 2020
Parents: Raj and Rowena Bing Sahulee
Godparents: Darcy Wingard and Paul Kwon

HYMN

Medley

Jerriese Johnson Gospel Choir • Ensemble: Madge Dietrich, Tina Owens,
Sandra Santana, Kendra Krueger, John Del Cueto

“Over My Head”

(Trad.)

Over my head, I see glory in the air
Over my head, I see glory in the air
Over my head, I see glory in the air
There must be a God somewhere.

Over my head, I hear singing in the air ...

Over my head, I hear justice in the air ...

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“This Morning When I Rose”

(Carlton Reese and H.L. Parker)

Tina Owens, leader

Leader: This morning when I rose

Congregation: **I didn't have no doubt**

L: This morning when I rose

C: **I didn't have no doubt**

L: This morning when I rose

C: **I didn't have no doubt**

Leader: I know the Lord

Congregation: **will take care of me**

L: I know the Lord

C: **will provide for me**

L: And I know He will

C: **lead and guide me all the way**

L: Yes, He will

C: **Yes, all the way**

“Woke Up This Mornin'”

(Trad.)

Deborah Berg McCarthy, leader

Woke up this mornin' with my mind, stayed on freedom.
Woke up this mornin' with my mind, stayed on freedom.
Woke up this mornin' with my mind, stayed on freedom.
Hallelu, hallelu, hallelujah.

Walkin' and talkin' with my mind ...

Ain't no harm to keep your mind ...

• REFLECTING •

MIDDLE RISING

Amanda Hambrick Ashcraft

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Darrell Hamilton

LORD'S PRAYER

Edna Benitez

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

(John Del Cueto)

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Middle Family

When the God in us sees the God in our neighbor, we bow to them, and say, Namaste.
Please place your palms together and share a sign of peace and acknowledgement
with your neighbors (a none-touch passing of the peace, loves). Thank you!

ANTHEM

“Home”

(Greg Holden, Drew Pearson; arr. Tami
Petty, Dionne McClain-Freeney)

Madge Dietrich, soloist

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 26.1–12

Jacqui Lewis

SERMON

“In God’s House...”

Jacqui Lewis

• RESPONDING •

COMMUNION

Middle Clergy and Consistory

INVITATION TO JOIN THE MOVEMENT

Lyn Pentecost

OFFERTORY

“A House Is Not a Home”

(Burt Bacharach; Hal David; arr. Luther Vandross)

Alex Bertrand, soloist

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or Text GIVE to 833-786-0733

DEDICATION PRAYER

Ben Perry

HYMN

“We Are Family”

(Bernard Edwards and Nile Rodgers)

Natalie Perkins, leader

CHORUS

We are family. I got everybody with me
We are family, get, everybody, and sing!

Everyone can see we’re together
As we walk on by.
And we flock just like birds of a feather
I won’t tell no lie.
All of the people, around us, they say
“Can they be that close?”
Just let me state for the record
We’re giving love in a family dose!

CHORUS

Living life is fun, and we've just begun
To get our share, of this world's delights.
High hopes we have, for the future
And our goal's in sight.
No, we don't get depressed,
Here's what we call our golden rule:
Have faith in you and the things you do
You won't go wrong. This is our family jewel.

CHORUS

BENEDICTION

Jacqui Lewis

Can you help us shut down our outdoor sanctuary by heading south to 6th Street, and exiting there? Plan to hang with your special friends at one of our neighboring restaurants (Mighty Quinns has been SO good to us!) or in Tompkins Square Park. Thanks so much, see you next Sunday! —*Team Middle Church*

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

Jerriese Johnson Gospel Choir • John Del Cueto–Director of Worship

Middle Church Band • Dionne McClain-Freeney–Music Director, keyboards; Bernice Brooks, drums; BAASSIK, Bass guitar; Hajime Yoshida, guitar.

Sermon in Action

THIS WEEK: IN GOD'S HOUSE

- The Psalmist yearns to remain in God's house, and makes a case for why they belong there. What did you hear?
 - What are the characteristics of God's house and how can our community "glow with God's Glory?"
 - If our "church" is the whole world, who should we be sure to include in that great circle that dances around in God's altar, and how?
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THIS WEEK: GIRL DAD

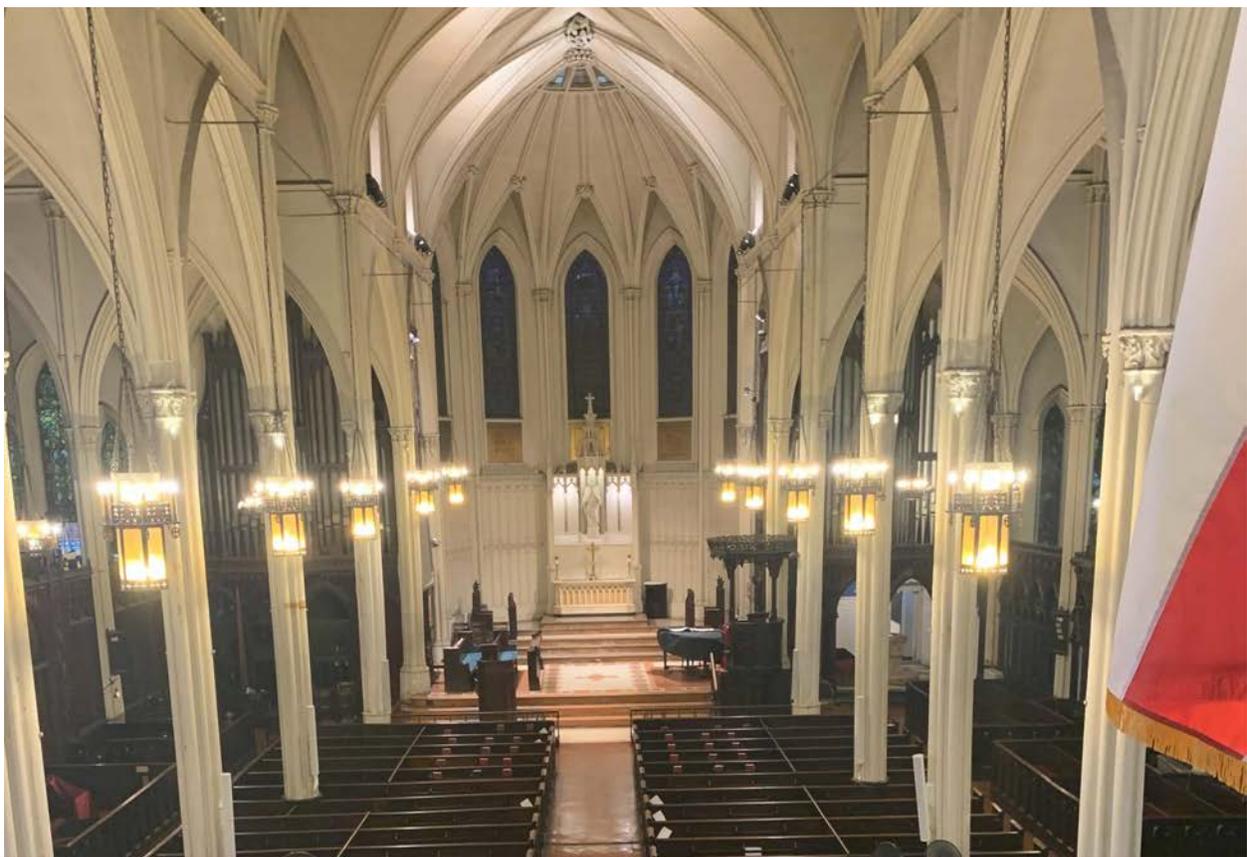
- In Mark 5:36, Jesus says to Jairus, "do not fear, only believe." What are you being called/challenged to believe God about?
- When are moments in your life you can recognize God bringing healing, wellness, and wholeness?
- God's desire for the world is that we should "be well and live." How can you collaborate with God to bring wellness and life to yourself, your family, and your community?

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

We are praying for all our Middle family every day.

Pat Backer, Victor Backer, Taylor Backer, and family and friends; Lorraine, Joe, 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 Aschraft Jacqui Lewis Pam Payne Family Marc Aronson Mia McClain Bridget Kelso Anthony Joe Tigner Robert Cunningham Vallory Leca Devora Jones Louise Tatum Connie Acquaaah Michael Bos Darrell Hamilton Ben Perry Cori Margolin and The Raider Nation.

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



Fall Worship: In-Person & Virtual!

BEGINS NEXT SUNDAY, OCTOBER 10 • 11:45 AM

[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.

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VIDEOS AND PODCASTS — Worship music and sermon videos: youtube.com/MiddleNYC.
Re-watch the Worship Celebration livestream: facebook.com/MiddleCollegiateChurch.
Middle Church Celebrations podcast: middlechurch.org/podcasts.

GIVING AT MIDDLE—

Dear Middle Family —

The crisp fall air is here and we are moving into our season of Fierce Love! The Consistory approved our annual budget in June and we kicked off our fiscal and programming year July 1, 2021. **As a congregation we have a goal to raise 50% of the annual budget, which is \$1,000,000 in contributions this year to fund our ministry programming. To date, we have received \$159,866.**

We are so grateful for the ways you show up to power this ministry and would love to hear what your pledge plans may be for this year. Please take a moment to let us know how you plan to invest in this movement this year by using the options below, or by reaching out to our Stewardship Director, Devon Mosley (stewardship@middlechurch.org) to discuss your giving plan.

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.

Love—

Jacqui, Darren Johnston—Consistory Chair, and the entire Middle Church Consistory

To support our ongoing ministry, programs, and operations:

- Visit middlechurch.org/donate
- Venmo @[MiddleCollegiateChurch](https://venmo.com/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
- Venmo @[MiddleRising](https://venmo.com/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")

MEMORIAL GIFTS — In memory of Zulma Almestica by Sonia Patterson; In memory of Zulma Almestica by Victor Rosario; In memory of Udo Lieboldt by Anne Drager.

Middle Events Calendar

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.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3

- 10:00 a.m.: [Voter Reform Project](#)
- 10:00 a.m.: [Kids Sunday Enrichment](#) **Special Time!**
- 11:00 a.m.: [Homecoming Worship Celebration](#) **Special Time!**
- 1:00 p.m.: [Middle Out Loud](#)
- 1:00 p.m.: [Butterfly Meal Program](#)

MONDAY, OCTOBER 4

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

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 5

- 5:45 p.m.: [Reparations Task Force](#)
- 7:00 p.m.: [Usher Training for In-Person at Calvary Parish](#)

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 6

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

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 7

- 1:00 p.m.: [New Adventures](#)
- 5:45 p.m.: [In-Person Usher Training at Calvary Parish](#)
- 6:30 p.m.: [Creative Writing Group](#)
- 7:00 p.m.: [Jerriese Johnson Gospel Choir](#)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 10

- 10:30 a.m.: [Bible in the Middle](#)
- 10:30 a.m.: [October New Members' Gathering](#)
- 11:00 a.m.: [Kids Sunday Enrichment](#)
- 11:45 a.m.: [Worship Celebration](#) **Online or in-person at Calvary-St. George!**
- 12:45 p.m.: [A Sabbatical Journey Through White Supremacy, Black Resistance and The American South](#)
- 1:00 p.m.: [Village Chorus for Children and Youth](#)
- 2:00 p.m.: [Butterfly Meal Program](#)



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MIDDLE CHURCH ZOOM COVENANT

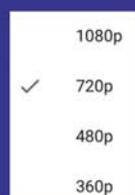
- Please take time before the meeting to download the Zoom app and/or familiarize yourself with zoom.us — it's easy and free to do so. **If you need help troubleshooting, [CLICK HERE](#).**
- Please visit this page at least 5 minutes before your meeting to ensure you are using the correct link for your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

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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Rev. Darrell Hamilton – *Executive Minister for Operations and Resource Development*

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