

middle church

JUST LOVE

Sunday Worship Celebration

FEBRUARY 6, 2022 • 11:45 AM • BLACK HISTORY MONTH

• GATHERING •

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

Matthew Johnson Harris

HYMN

“Know I’ve Been Changed”

(Trad. Spiritual; arr. John Del Cueto)

Queer Black Men Ensemble • Robert Hughes and Lee Hill, soloists

REFRAIN

Know I’ve been changed
Know I’ve been changed
Know I’ve been changed
Know I’ve been changed
Know I’ve been changed
Know I’ve been changed
Angels in heaven done signed my name.

If you don’t believe I’ve been redeemed
Angels in heaven done signed my name.
Then follow me down to Jordan stream
Angels in heaven done signed my name.

REFRAIN

Stepped in the water, the water was cold
Angels in heaven done signed my name.
It chilled my body but not my soul
Angels in heaven done signed my name.

REFRAIN

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• REFLECTING •

MIDDLE RISING

Jacqui Lewis

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE / LORD'S PRAYER

Jacqui Lewis

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

Riqi Vélez

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). Thank you!

ANTHEM

"I Can Tell the World"

(Moses Hogan)

Middle Church Choir

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 138. 1–8

Natalie Perkins

SERMON

"I Just Called to Say . . . "

Natalie Perkins

• RESPONDING •

COMMUNION

Jacqui Lewis

Gather for yourself and your household something to eat and something to drink. It can be bread and wine; crackers and grape juice; pancakes and coffee; French toast and mimosas; a piece of fruit and water. Everyone can participate, from the youngest to the oldest.

You will be invited to consecrate those ordinary elements with prayer, and the words of institution. And then we will eat together and drink together, communing with each other and with the Living God. You are welcome, just as you are, to participate in this special ritual of Grace and Love.

INVITATION TO JOIN THE MOVEMENT

Thelma Boyiri

OFFERTORY

"Freedom Song"

(Ivan Anderson)

Ivan Anderson, soloist • Aliya Anderson, dancer

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HYMN

“Ain’t Gonna Let Nobody Turn Me Around” (Trad.; arr. D. McCalin-Freeney)
Jerriese Johnson Gospel Choir

Ain’t gonna let nobody turn me around,
Turn me around, turn me around.
Ain’t gonna let nobody turn me around.
I’m gonna keep on walkin’, keep on talkin’,
Marchin’ up to freedom land.

Ain’t gonna let injustice turn me around
Turn me around, turn me around.
Ain’t gonna let injustice turn me around.
I’m gonna keep on walkin’, keep on talkin’,
Marchin’ up to freedom land.

Ain’t gonna let racism turn me around
Turn me around, turn me around.
Ain’t gonna let racism turn me around.
I’m gonna keep on walkin’, keep on talkin’,
Marchin’ up to freedom land.

Don’t let nobody turn you,
Don’t let nobody turn you,
Don’t let nobody turn you,
Keep on walkin’, keep on talkin’,
Marchin’ up to freedom land.

BENEDICTION

Jacqui Lewis

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

Sermon in Action

THIS WEEK: I JUST CALLED TO SAY. . .

- Prayer Life Check-in! Take some time this week to examine what your prayer life looks like. Do you set aside specific times to pray? What is your conversation with God like? If you haven't been setting aside time, create a routine this week.

LAST WEEK: SPEAK FORWARD

- How will you celebrate the Lunar New Year? Have you started any new traditions during the pandemic? Share about your celebrations on Middle's Facebook page.
- Learn how to stop harassment of Asian and Asian Americans by attending a free Bystander Intervention workshop at Hollaback! (ihollaback.org).
- Reread Jeremiah 1:4–10. Imagine you are Jeremiah. What divine words have been put in your mouth? How will you share them?

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

We are praying for all our Middle family every day.

Susan Alexander; Tasha Stackhouse; 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 Pam Payne Family Marc Aronson Mia McClain Bridget Kelso Anthony Joe Tigner Robert Cunningham Vallory Leca Devora Jones Louise Tatum Michael Bos Connie Acquaaah Darrell Hamilton Ben Perry Cori Margolin Joy Rosenthal Dolly Catherine Vail Jessie Matei Natalie Perkins 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/prayer/.

MIDDLE MOVIE MONDAYS

FOR THE LOVE OF BLACK STORIES

MONDAYS | FEB. 7, 14, 21, 28
8:00 - 10:00 P.M. ET | ONLINE

CELEBRATE
SIR SIDNEY POITIER
ON THE SILVER SCREEN

WITH HOSTS REV. DR. JACQUI LEWIS
& REV. DARRELL HAMILTON

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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 podcast: middlechurch.org/podcasts.

GIVING AT MIDDLE—

Dear Middle Family —

Happy New Year! We're making good strides on achieving our congregational goal of \$1,050,000 in contributions (that's 50% of our operating budget) this year to fund our ministry programming. **We're at the half-way mark in our programming and fiscal year and, to date, we have received \$616,647.** We are so grateful for the ways you show up to power this ministry which allows us to continue being love in action to heal our world!

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 contacting 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 in 2022 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

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

- Visit middlechurch.org/rising
- Venmo @MiddleRising

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

- Middle Collegiate Church, Attn: Stewardship Dept.
240 East 10th Street—Suite 8C, New York, NY 10003

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DONATE BY PHONE

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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, FEBRUARY 6

- 10:00 a.m.: [Kids Sunday Enrichment](#)
- 10:00 a.m.: [Bible in the Middle](#)
- 10:00 a.m.: [Voter Reform Project](#)
- 11:45 a.m.: [Digital Worship Celebration](#) — **NO in-person worship celebration**
- 12:45 p.m.: [Virtual Chat & Chew](#)
- 1:00 p.m.: [Middle Out Loud](#)
- 1:00 p.m.: [Village Chorus for Children & Youth](#)
- 7:00 p.m.: [Dinner Party](#)

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 7

- 6:30 p.m.: [Acting Class](#)
- 8:00 p.m.: [For the Love of Black Stories](#)

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 8

- 5:45 p.m.: [Reparations Task Force](#)

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 9

- 8:00 a.m.: [Pray to Rise](#)
- 5:00 p.m.: [¡Hablamos! Happy Hour](#)
- 7:30 p.m.: [Queer Black Men](#)

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 10

- 1:00 p.m.: [New Adventures](#)
- 6:00 p.m.: [Young Adults Small Group](#)
- 6:30 p.m.: [Creative Writing Group](#)
- 7:00 p.m.: [Jerriese Johnson Gospel Choir](#)

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 13

- 10:00 a.m.: [Kids Sunday Enrichment](#)
- 10:00 a.m.: [Bible in the Middle](#)
- 10:30 a.m.: [New Members Gathering](#)
- 11:45 a.m.: [Digital Worship Celebration](#) — **NO in-person worship celebration**
- 12:45 p.m.: [Virtual Chat & Chew](#)

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