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Sunday Worship Celebration

MARCH 20, 2022 • 11:45 AM
WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

• GATHERING •

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

Natalie Perkins

HYMN

"Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying"

(Ken Medema)

Summer Choir

Lord, listen to your children praying,
Lord, send your Spirit in this place;
Lord, listen to your children praying,
Send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

Lord, listen to your children praying,
Lord, send your Spirit in this place;
Lord, listen to your children praying,
Send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

You're gonna know it when the Lord stretches out His hand,
when the people of the Lord get down to pray;
There's gonna be a brand new song of vict'ry in this land,
when the people of the Lord get down to pray.

Lord, listen to your children praying,
Lord, send your Spirit in this place;
Lord, listen to your children praying,
Send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

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• REFLECTING •

MESSAGE FOR ALL AGES

Elise Tiralli

“Siyahamba/Marcharemos”

(Based on a South African Traditional Song)

Gospel Ensemble

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

Marcharemos en la luz de Dios,
marcharemos en la luz de Dios.

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.**

CONGREGATIONAL AMEN

John Del Cueto

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Middle Family

ANTHEM

“My Lord, Thou Art in Every Breath I Take”

(Kevin Oldham)

Middle Church Choir

SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 55.1–9

Jacqui Lewis

SERMON

“Listen Up!”

Jacqui Lewis

• RESPONDING •

INVITATION TO JOIN THE MOVEMENT

Marion Wise

OFFERTORY

“Strong God”

(Kirk Franklin)

Jerriese Johnson Gospel Choir • Ivan Anderson, soloist

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DEDICATION PRAYER

Natalie Perkins



HYMN

“I Want Jesus to Walk with Me”

(Michael MacDonald)

Gospel Ensemble

I want Jesus to walk with me,
I want Jesus to walk with me,
All along my pilgrim journey,
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

In my trials, Lord , walk with me,
In my trials, Lord , walk with me,
When the shades of life are falling,
In my trials, Lord , walk with me.

BENEDICTION

Jacqui Lewis

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Sermon in Action

THIS WEEK: LISTEN UP!

- How will we be on this journey?
 - What is this text asking us to hear?
 - What is our individual calling and our corporate calling in this moment?
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LAST WEEK: ARE YOU SURE, SWEETHEART,
THAT YOU WANT TO BE WELL?

- How does grit and determination factor into God’s call on your life?
 - Where do you see this enacted in the world—both good and bad?
 - How can a can a community use this toward societal shift?
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PRAYER CORNER *Please pray with us this week for these people and concerns.*

We are praying for all our Middle family every day.

Eli; Doria Notarnicola and cousins and family; 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 Acquaah Darrell Hamilton Ben Perry Cori Margolin Joy Rosenthal Dolly Catherine Vail Jessie Matei Darron and Marian Cunningham Ukraine 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/.

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 —

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 well beyond the half-way mark in our programming and fiscal year and, to date, we have received \$694,514.66.** 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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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, MARCH 20

- 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.: [Village Chorus for Children](#)
- 1:00 p.m.: [Interfaith Youth Social Gathering](#)
- 7:00 p.m.: [Dinner Party](#)

MONDAY, MARCH 21

- 6:30 p.m.: [Acting Class](#)
- 9:00 p.m.: [Just Be](#)

TUESDAY, MARCH 22

- 7:00 p.m.: [#bellhookstaughtme: a five-week celebration of her work](#)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23

- 8:00 a.m.: [Pray to Rise](#)
- 7:00 p.m.: [Freedom Rising Salon: Rising to Gender Equality](#)
- 7:30 p.m.: [Queer Black Men](#)

THURSDAY, MARCH 24

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

SUNDAY, MARCH 27

- 10:00 a.m.: [Kids Sunday Enrichment](#)
- 10:00 a.m.: [Caregivers Roundtable](#)
- 10:00 a.m.: [Bible in the Middle](#)
- 11:45 a.m.: [Digital Worship Celebration](#) — *NO in-person worship celebration*
- 12:45 p.m.: [Virtual Chat & Chew](#)
- 1:00 p.m.: [Young Adults Small Group](#)
- 1:00 p.m.: [Village Chorus for Children](#)

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

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Rev. Natalie Perkins – *Director of Digital Ministry*

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