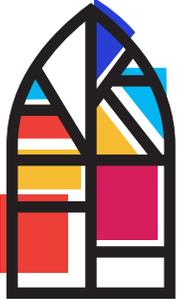


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JUST LOVE

Sunday Worship Celebration

MAY 8, 2022 • 11:45 AM • CINCO DE MAYO •
ASIAN AMERICAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER HERITAGE MONTH

• GATHERING •

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

Natalie Renee Perkins

HYMN

“Bless the Lord with Me”

(Darwin Hobbs)

Bless the Lord with me,
Bless the Lord with me,
Bless the Lord with me,
Bless the Lord with me.
Hallelujah!

• REFLECTING •

MESSAGE FOR ALL AGES

Monique Fortuné

“Siyahamba/Marcharemos”

(Based on a South African Traditional Song)

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

Natalie Renee Perkins

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE / LORD’S PRAYER

Gloria Moy

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

(John Del Cueto)

PASSING OF THE PEACE

ANTHEM "If God Said I Can" (VaShawn Mitchell)
Tina Cernero and Tina Owens, soloists

SCRIPTURE Acts 9.36–43 Chad Tanaka Pack

SERMON "Awake Yet?" Chad Tanaka Pack

• RESPONDING •

INVITATION TO JOIN THE MOVEMENT Jocelyn Lieu

OFFERTORY "Bridge Over Troubled Water" (Paul Simon)
Samantha Waite, soloist

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DEDICATION PRAYER Darrell Hamilton

HYMN "The Right Hand of God" (Patrick Prescod, Noel Dexter)

La mano de Dios is writing in our land,
writing with power and with love,
our conflicts and our fears,
our triumphs and our tears
are recorded by la mano de Dios.

La mano de Dios is pointing in our land,
pointing the way we must go,
so clouded is the way,
so easily we stray,
but we're guided by la mano de Dios.

La mano de Dios is healing in our land,
healing broken bodies, minds, and souls,
so wondrous is its touch
with love that means so much,
when we're healed by la mano de Dios.

La mano de Dios is planting in our land,
planting seeds of freedom, hope, and love.
In these our sacred lands,
let God's people all join hands,
and be one with la mano de Dios.

BENEDICTION

Jacqui Lewis

POSTLUDE

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

Jerriese Johnson Gospel Choir • John Del Cueto, Director of Music and Choirs

Middle Church Band • Jeremy Price, piano; Booker King, bass; Jonathon Peretz, drums

Sermon in Action

THIS WEEK: AWAKE YET?

- How does your self-centeredness get in the way of seeing yourself as closely connected to the world? What is one thing you can do to let go of your ego?
 - Wish someone a Happy Mother's Day—maybe someone whom you wouldn't usually think of as a mother figure in your life. If they have passed away, find a way to offer good wishes, like lighting a candle or writing a card.
 - When have you most clearly seen the light of Christ? Where were you? Who were you with? What made the moment special?
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LAST WEEK: A FLOATING VILLAGE

- How will you celebrate and honor Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month?
- Do you have a fishing story? What is it? Think Back. How might've God called for your attention?
- How can we, this month, live into being dancers and maroons who form a floating village? How can we best show up?

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

We are praying for all our Middle family every day.

Phil Chavez, Lorraine, Joe, Uncle Seve, Aunt Jackie; Celebrating the life of Yolande Turco; 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 Darron and Marian Cunningham Ukraine Elise Tiralli 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/.

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 —

The votes have been cast and it has been decided that Middle WILL rebuild on our historic site! Glory be to God! You have been incredible stewards of your gifts with us to keep this movement of love and justice thriving during these last two years of pandemic and fire trauma. **To date, you have contributed \$815,176.73 toward our congregational goal of \$1,050,000 in contributions (that's 50% of our operating budget this year) to fund our ministry programming.** THANK YOU for your commitment to this movement! We do this together, to bring the KIN-dom of God to these streets and to cast our fierce love out into the world.

As we now move steadfastly into our season of resurrection, we will shift our resources into “One Fund” combined to achieve our operations and rebuilding needs for the years to come. In this moment, please continue to give in the generous way that you have been. **And plan to join us on May 15th for our Congregational Meeting where we'll discuss our One Fund in greater details and how to make your contributions most impactful.**

We're grateful for who you are as part of this community!

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

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

- Visit middlechurch.org/donate
- Venmo @MiddleCollegiateChurch

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

- Middle Collegiate Church, Attn: Stewardship Dept.
PO Box 1400, New York, NY 10276

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”)

Please reach out to our Stewardship Director, Devon Mosley (stewardship@middlechurch.org) to discuss any questions about your giving plan.

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, MAY 8

- 10:00 a.m.: [Kids Sunday Enrichment](#)
- 10:00 a.m.: [Bible in the Middle](#)
- 11:45 a.m.: **Worship Celebration**
— **ONLINE and IN-PERSON at East End Temple**
- 12:45 p.m.: [Virtual Chat & Chew](#)
- 1:00 p.m.: [Village Chorus for Children](#)
- 2:00 p.m.: [Butterfly Meal Outreach Ministry](#)

MONDAY, MAY 9

- 6:00 p.m.: [Blurring the Color Line Film Screening](#)
- 6:30 p.m.: [Acting Class](#)

TUESDAY, MAY 10

- 7:00 p.m.: [Books for a Better World](#)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 11

- 8:00 a.m.: [Pray to Rise](#)
- 7:00 p.m.: [New Members Gathering](#)
- 7:30 p.m.: [Queer Black Men](#)

THURSDAY, MAY 12

- 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, MAY 15

- 10:00 a.m.: [Kids Sunday Enrichment](#)
- 10:00 a.m.: [Bible in the Middle](#)
- 10:00 a.m.: [Voter Reform Group](#)
- 10:00 a.m.: [Congregational Meeting](#)
- 11:45 a.m.: **Worship Celebration**
— **ONLINE and IN-PERSON at East End Temple**
- 12:45 p.m.: [Virtual Chat & Chew](#)
- 1:00 p.m.: [Congregational Meeting](#)
- 1:00 p.m.: [3rd Annual NAKBA Remembrance Ceremony](#)
- 2:00 p.m.: [Butterfly Meal Outreach Ministry](#)

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