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## Sunday Worship Celebration

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MAY 15, 2022 • 11:45 AM •

ASIAN AMERICAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER HERITAGE MONTH

• GATHERING •

### INVITATION TO WORSHIP

Darrell Hamilton

### HYMN

“Over My Head”

(Trad.)

Over my head, I hear music in the air  
Over my head, I hear music in the air  
Over my head, I hear music in the air  
There must be a God somewhere.

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 singing in the air  
Over my head, I hear singing in the air  
There must be a God somewhere.

Over my head, I hear justice in the air  
Over my head, I hear justice in the air  
Over my head, I hear justice in the air  
There must be a God somewhere.

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• REFLECTING •

**MESSAGE FOR ALL AGES**

“Siyahamba”

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

Vicky Salim, Prince Johnson,  
and Matthew Hok Johnson  
(Based on a South African Traditional Song)

**MIDDLE RISING**

Ben Perry

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE** “Changed”

(Walter Hawkins)

Amethyst Rose, dancer • Jerriese Johnson Gospel Choir • Shari Gill, soloist

**LORD’S PRAYER**

Ben Perry

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**

**ANTHEM**

“Come Ye”

(Nina Simone)

**SCRIPTURE**

Revelation 21.1–6

Jacqui Lewis

**SERMON**

“Can You Feel a Brand New Day?”

Jacqui Lewis

• RESPONDING •

**INVITATION TO JOIN THE MOVEMENT**

“The Fire: This Time”

**OFFERTORY**

“Under One Tent”

Children’s Community Choir

(Chad Tanaka Pack and John Del Cueto)

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**DEDICATION PRAYER**

Natalie Renee Perkins

**HYMN**

“We Are Called”

(David Haas)

Come! Live in the light!  
Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord!  
We are called  
To be light for the kingdom,  
To live in the freedom  
Of the city of God!

**CHORUS**

We are called to act with justice,  
We are called to love tenderly,  
We are called to serve one another  
To walk, humbly with God.

Come! Open your heart!  
Show your mercy to all those in fear!  
We are called  
To be hope for the hopeless  
So hatred and blindness will be no more.

**CHORUS**

Sing! Sing a new song.  
Sing of that great day when all will be one!  
God will reign,  
And we'll walk with each other  
As sisters and brothers united in love.

**BENEDICTION**

Jacqui Lewis

**POSTLUDE**

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

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**Gospel Ensemble** • John Del Cueto, Director of Music and Choirs • Gina Pemberton, Kaede Helck, Matt Ackerman, Natalie Maust, Penny Lane, Roger Turner, Sandra Santana, Tina Owens, Tina Cernero

**Musicians** • Dionne McClain-Freeney, piano

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**  
**TODAY at 10:00 AM & 1:00 PM**

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## Sermon in Action

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### THIS WEEK: CAN YOU FEEL A BRAND NEW DAY?

- In these times of trauma, what needs to be healed in you?
  - How can you participate in the healing of the nations?
  - How would you describe Middle's calling to make things new?
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### LAST 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?

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

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

Jennifer DiBella; 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 Acquah Darrell Hamilton Ben Perry Cori Margolin Joy Rosenthal Dolly Catherine Vail Jessie Matei Darron and Marian Cunningham Ukraine Elise Tiralli 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/](http://middlechurch.org/prayer/).

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**Talila Lewis**

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From the Producers of the Revolutionary Love Conference

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**Rev. Dr. Jacqui Lewis**

# 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/MiddleNYC](https://youtube.com/MiddleNYC).  
Re-watch the Worship Celebration livestream: [facebook.com/MiddleCollegiateChurch](https://facebook.com/MiddleCollegiateChurch).  
Middle Church podcast: [middlechurch.org/podcasts](http://middlechurch.org/podcasts).

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## 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 \$826,679.78 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](http://middlechurch.org/donate)
- Venmo @[MiddleCollegiateChurch](https://venmo.com/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](mailto:stewardship@middlechurch.org)) to discuss any questions about your giving plan.**

### DONATE BY PHONE

To make a donation to Middle Church, scan the code below with your smartphone camera.



# Middle Events Calendar

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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!**

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**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.

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## 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](#)

## MONDAY, MAY 16

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

## WEDNESDAY, MAY 18

- 8:00 a.m.: [Pray to Rise](#)
- 7:00 p.m.: [Ukuleliacs](#)
- 7:00 p.m.: [Freedom Rising Salon: Rising to Disability Justice](#)

## THURSDAY, MAY 19

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

## SUNDAY, MAY 22

- 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.: [Young Adults Small Group](#)
- 2:00 p.m.: [Butterfly Meal Outreach Ministry](#)
- 2:00 p.m.: [New-York Historical Society: Black Dolls Exhibit Tour](#) — *must RSVP by May 19*

**FOR MORE INFORMATION about Middle Church events, activities, and the latest updates, scan the code below with your smartphone camera.**



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