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Sunday Worship Celebration

MAY 22, 2022 • 11:45 AM •

ASIAN AMERICAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER HERITAGE MONTH

• GATHERING •

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

Junko and Tomoki Harada

NEW MEMBERS WELCOMED

HYMN

“Hatred, We’re Gonna Tear Your Kingdom Down” (S. Caesar, Y. Allen)

Hatred, were gonna tear your kingdom down
Oh, hatred, we’re gonna tear your kingdom down
You’ve been building you’re kingdom
All over this land
Hatred, we’re gonna tear you’re kingdom down.

Oppression, were gonna tear your kingdom down
Oh, oppression, we’re gonna tear your kingdom down
You’ve been building you’re kingdom
All over this land
Oppression, we’re gonna tear you’re kingdom down.

Poverty, were gonna tear your kingdom down
Oh, poverty, we’re gonna tear your kingdom down
You’ve been building you’re kingdom
All over this land
Poverty, we’re gonna tear you’re kingdom down.

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Corruption, were gonna tear your kingdom down
Oh, corruption, we're gonna tear your kingdom down
You've been building you're kingdom
All over this land
Corruption, we're gonna tear you're kingdom down.

• REFLECTING •

MESSAGE FOR ALL AGES

“Siyahamba”

Kaede Zaitsu Helck

(Based on a South African Traditional Song)

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

MIDDLE RISING

Darrell Hamilton

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE “Fishing Boat Song at Dusk”

Kashimi Asai, dancer

(Trad. Chinese Folk Song)

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

ANTHEM

“Ride On Medley”

(Holland Davis, arr John Del Cueto, Dionne McClain-Freeney)

SCRIPTURE

Revelation 22.1–5

Jacqui Lewis

SERMON

“For the Healing of the Nations”

Jacqui Lewis

• RESPONDING •

INVITATION TO JOIN THE MOVEMENT

Sunghyun Bang

OFFERTORY "LOVE"

(Kirk Franklin)

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DEDICATION PRAYER "Thank You Lord"

(Lynda Randall)

HYMN "One Foot/Lead with Love"

(Melanie DeMore)

CHORUS

You gotta put one foot in front of the other and lead with love
Put one foot in front of the other, and lead with love.

Don't give up hope— Don't give up hope
You're not alone— You're not alone
Don't you give up— Don't you give up
Keep movin' on— Keep movin' on

CHORUS

Lift up your eyes— Lift up your eyes
Don't you despair— Don't you despair
Look up ahead— Look up ahead
The path is there— The path is there

CHORUS

I know you're scared— I know you're scared
And I'm scared too— And I'm scared too
But here I am— But here I am
Right next to you— Right next to you

CHORUS

BENEDICTION

Jacqui Lewis

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 • Dionne McClain-Freeney, piano; Jonathon Peretz, drums; Booker King, bass guitar.

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Sermon in Action

THIS WEEK: FOR THE HEALING OF THE NATIONS

John's Revelation is often interpreted through the lens of judgement; I've been reading it with hope.

- Can you hear the hope-filled promise of a healed creation? A new heaven, new earth? Where does your imagination take you in terms of ecology—the care of our earthly home?
- There are echoes here of the Genesis and the creation stories—that the human ones were banished from Eden but will now see God's face. Victor Hugo wrote, "To love another person is to see the face of God." Can this heal us?
- The Tree of Life now has 12 kinds of fruits and leaves for the healing of the nations. All the nations. What does this indicate about God's full intention for the world?

LAST 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?

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

We are praying for all our Middle family every day.

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 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/.

Becoming Reparations People: A Salon

Tuesday, May 24, 7:00 p.m. ET | Online

Reparations Task Force

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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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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 \$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 if you missed the May 15th Congregational Meeting where we discussed our One Fund in greater detail and how to make your contributions most impactful, [you can watch it here](#).**

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.

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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 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*

MONDAY, MAY 23

- 6:30 p.m.: [Acting Class](#)
- 7:30 p.m.: [Greenlight Bookstore's As She Appears with Shelley Wong](#)

TUESDAY, MAY 24

- 7:00 p.m.: [Becoming Reparations People: A Salon](#)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 25

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

THURSDAY, MAY 26

- 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 29

- 10:00 a.m.: [Kids Sunday Enrichment](#)
- 10:00 a.m.: [Bible in the Middle](#)
- 10:00 a.m.: [Voter Reform Group](#)
- 11:45 a.m.: [Worship Celebration](#)
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