

middle church

JUST LOVE

Sunday Worship Celebration

JUNE 5, 2022 • 11:45 AM • PENTECOST

• GATHERING •

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

Natalie Perkins

HYMN

“Si Tuvieras Fe (If You Only Had Faith)”

(Latin American folk song)

Si tuvieras fe, just like a little seed of mustard
This is what Jesus has said

Si tuvieras fe, just like a little seed of mustard
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You would be able to tell the mountain:
Muévete, muévete.

You would be able to tell the mountain:
Muévete, muévete.

And then the mountain
se moverá, se moverá, se moverá,

And then the mountain
se moverá, se moverá, se moverá,

• REFLECTING •

MIDDLE RISING

Monique Fortuné

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE “Deep River”

(Trad. Spiritual)

Malaika Mumeka, soloist

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LORD'S PRAYER

Monique Fortuné

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 "Sweet Holy Spirit"

(Derek Triplett)

SCRIPTURE Acts 2.1–21

Jacqui Lewis

SERMON "(Re)Birth"

Jacqui Lewis

• RESPONDING •

COMMUNION

Jacqui Lewis and Natalie Renee Perkins

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

The Gibson Family:
Josie, Henry, Christine, and Curtiss

OFFERTORY "Love Theory"

(Kirk Franklin)

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DEDICATION PRAYER "Thank You Lord"

(Lynda Randall)

HYMN "Everytime I Feel the Spirit"

(Trad. Spiritual)

REFRAIN

Every time I feel the spirit
Moving in my heart, I will pray.
Every time I feel the spirit
Moving in my heart, I will pray.

Up on the mountain when my God spoke
Out of God's mouth came fire and smoke.
All around me, it looked so shine,
I asked my Lord if all was mine.

REFRAIN

Ol' Jordan River, chilly and cold,
It chills the body, but not the soul.
There ain't but one train that's on this track,
It runs to heaven and runs right back.

REFRAIN

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.

Sermon in Action

THIS WEEK: (RE)BIRTH

- Pentecost is a celebration of communication. What are you hearing Spirit say to you in this season about rebirth?
 - What are you being inspired to say and do in new ways because Spirit has come by you?
 - In some ways Middle is being reborn. What do you pray we will be like?
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LAST WEEK: APOCALYPSE NOW: WEAVING THE LEAVES OF LOVE

- How have you been wounded by white supremacy?
 - What personal story about race would write on your "leaf" to heal the nations?
 - What has been revealed to you as you've listened to this series of sermons on the Book of Revelation?
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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.

The family and friends of Trudy Grove; Gloria Cunningham Burgess Alicia Swain Janna Myers Sheila Robinson Sheila Harding Amanda Ashcraft Jacqui Lewis Valencia Armijio Vallory Leca Skip Reid Marc Aronson Michael Bos Pam Payne and family Devora Jones Connie Acquah Darrell Hamilton Ben Perry Cori Margolin Catherine Vail Drexel Cunningham Reddick Cunningham Brittany Davis Darron and Marian Cunningham Ukraine Louise Tatum Dolly FWCC Jessica Matei Joe Tigner Renee Cunningham Marshall 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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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 \$853,128.60 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](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) 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, JUNE 5

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

MONDAY, JUNE 6

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

TUESDAY, JUNE 7

- 1:00 p.m.: [Queer Lunch Break](#)
- 5:45 p.m.: [Reparations Task Force](#)

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 8

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

THURSDAY, JUNE 9

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

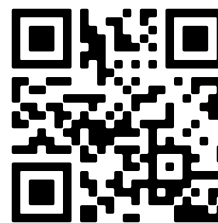
SATURDAY, JUNE 11

- 10:00 a.m.: [March for Our Lives \(Washington DC\)](#)
- 11:00 a.m.: [Brooklyn Pride Festival](#)
- 12:00 p.m.: [March for Our Lives \(NYC\)](#)

SUNDAY, JUNE 12

- 10:00 a.m.: [Kids Sunday Enrichment](#)
- 10:00 a.m.: [Bible in the Middle](#)
- 10:00 a.m.: [Voter Reform Group](#)
- 10:30 a.m.: [New Member Gathering](#)
- 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](#)
- 3:00 p.m.: [Queer Roundtable: Speak Up, Stand Out](#)
- 3:00 p.m.: [Gays Against Guns: Mass Demonstration](#)

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