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Sunday Worship Celebration

JUNE 19, 2022 • 10:00 AM & 11:45 AM

JUNETEENTH

• GATHERING •

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jacqui Lewis

HYMN

“Lift Ev’ry Voice and Sing”

(James W. Johnson; J. Rosamund Johnson)

Rev. Michael-Ray Mathews, soloist

Lift ev’ry voice and sing, Till earth and heaven ring,
Ring with the harmonies of liberty;
Let our rejoicing rise High as the list’ning skies,
Let it resound loud as the rolling sea.

Sing a song full of the faith
that the dark past has taught us;
Sing a song full of the hope
that the present has brought us;
Facing the rising sun Of our new day begun,
Let us march on till victory is won.

Stony the road we trod, Bitter the chast’ning rod,
Felt in the days when hope unborn had died;
Yet with a steady beat, Have not our weary feet
Come to the place for which our people sighed?
We have come over a way
that with tears has been watered;
We have come, treading our path
through the blood of the slaughtered;

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Out from the gloomy past, Till we now stand at last,
Where the bright gleam of our bright star is cast.

God of our weary years, God of our silent tears,
Thou who hast brought us thus far on the way;
Thou who hast by Thy might, Led us into the light,
Keep us for ever in the path, we pray.
Lest our feet stray from the places,
our God, where we met Thee,
Lest our hearts, drunk with the wine
of the world, we forget Thee;
Shadowed beneath Thy hand, May we forever stand,
True to our God, true to our native land.

• REFLECTING •

MESSAGE FOR ALL AGES

Tina Owens

“Siyahamba”

(Based on a South African Traditional Song)

Tereno Burroughs, soloist

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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE “Come Ye”

(Nina Simone, arr. John Del Cueto)

Middle Church Jerriese Johnson Choir • Nathan Johnson, Kaede Zaitso Helck,
Bianca Toscano Michalczak, Emilie O’Brien, soloists
Rod Rodgers Dance Company – Kim Grier, choreographer

LORD’S PRAYER

Natalie Renee Perkins

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

(Trad.)

PASSING OF THE PEACE

ANTHEM

“Mary Don’t You Weep”

(Trad Spiritual., arr. Dionne McClain-Freeney)

Shari Gill, soloist

SCRIPTURE Galatians 3.23–29 Jason Enlow

SERMON “Faith. Family. Freedom.” Jacqui Lewis

• **RESPONDING** •

READING “Joy Is the Water of Life”
An Excerpt from *Fierce Love* by Rev. Dr. Jacqui Lewis

INVITATION TO JOIN THE MOVEMENT Kaliswa Brewster

OFFERTORY “Go Down, Moses” (arr. Jean-Luc Dutoit, John Del Cueto)
Adrienne Hurd and Lutin Tanner, dancers

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DEDICATION PRAYER “Thank You, Lord”

HYMN “We Shall Overcome” (Trad./Tituss Burgess)

We shall overcome,
We shall overcome,
We shall overcome someday.
Oh, deep in my heart I do believe
We shall overcome someday.

We shall overcome, We shall overcome,
We shall overcome someday!

BENEDICTION Jacqui Lewis

POSTLUDE Middle Church Band

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

Gospel Ensemble • John Del Cueto, Director of Music and Choirs • Tina Owens, Gina Simone Pemberton, Sandra Santana, Penny Lane, Kendra Krueger, Sandra Anderson, Roger Turner.

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

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Sermon in Action

THIS WEEK: FAITH. FAMILY. FREEDOM.

- What did your family teach you about racial dynamics in America? Is there anything you've had to unlearn?
- What do you hear in today's sermon that might give you the courage to heal the child in you?
- When you hear "family is the site of liberation," how can your family—chosen or otherwise—participate in building the Reign of God on earth?

LAST WEEK: LIFE LIBERATION LOVE

- How are you mourning the slaughter of innocents in this country at the hands of gun violence?
- What do we do with our outrage and anger? Can scripture help?
- What happens when we transform masculine representations of God with something more inclusive and representative?
- How are you living into your WHY?

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

We are praying for all our Middle family every day.

In loving memory of JeriAnn Harlan Dillon, for JeriAnn's family and friends; URCSA Middelburg Congregation in South Africa; Rev Perceverance Percival and family; 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 Acquaaah Darrell Hamilton Ben Perry Cori Margolin Catherine Vail Joe Tigner Jessi Matei Darron and Marian Cunningham Ukraine Louise Tatum Brittany Davis Reddick Cunningham FWCC Sandra Cunningham Bridget Kelso Anthony Mia McClain Mattie Russell Renee Cunningham Marshall Drexel Cunningham Robert Cunningham Chris Whittaker Dolly Joy Rosenthal 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/.

Juneteenth Now
get us free.

SUNDAY | JUNE 19

(ALL TIMES ET)

① **JUNETEENTH WORSHIP CELEBRATION** | 10:00 & 11:45 A.M.
Rev. Dr. Jacqui Lewis preaches how God created Blackness and made it good!

② **FREEDOM NOW: A JUNETEENTH TEACH-IN** | 12:45 P.M.
Rev. Jacqui & Rev. Natalie talk about how families can foster liberation.

③ **JUNETEENTH: THE STRUGGLE CONTINUES** | 4:00 P.M.
Co-hosted with the Society for Ethical Culture, feat. Sweet Honey in the Rock.

④ **JUNETEENTH NOW: AN ARTS CELEBRATION** | 5:00 P.M.
Middle will stream an artistic feast, music and dance that stoke freedom.

⑤ **I DREAM A DREAM THAT DREAMS BACK AT ME** | 7:00 P.M.
An immersive Lincoln Center experience celebrating emancipation.

MORE INFO: MIDDLECHURCH.ORG/JUNETEENTH

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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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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 \$904,418.67 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, JUNE 19 — Juneteenth

- 10:00 a.m.: [Kids Sunday Enrichment](#)
- 10:00 a.m.: [Bible in the Middle](#)
- 10:00 a.m.: [Juneteenth Worship Celebration](#) — *IN-PERSON only*
- 11:45 a.m.: [Juneteenth Worship Celebration](#) — *ONLINE and IN-PERSON*
- 12:45 p.m.: [Virtual Chat & Chew](#)
- 12:45 p.m.: [Freedom Now: A Juneteenth Teach-In](#)
- 1:00 p.m.: [Village Chorus for Children & Youth](#)
- 2:00 p.m.: [Butterfly Meal Outreach Ministry](#)
- 4:00 p.m.: [“Juneteenth: The Struggle Continues” with Sweet Honey in the Rock and Nona Hendryx](#)
- 5:00 p.m.: [Juneteenth Now: An Arts Celebration](#)
- 7:00 p.m.: [I Dream a Dream That Dreams Back at Me: A Juneteenth Celebration](#)

MONDAY, JUNE 20 — Church Office Holiday

- 6:30 p.m.: [Acting Class](#)
- 7:00 p.m.: [Queering the Book of Daniel: LGBTQIA2S+ Resilience in the Face of Empire](#)

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 22

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

THURSDAY, JUNE 23

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

FRIDAY, JUNE 24 & SATURDAY, JUNE 25

- All Day: [Pride Our Way](#)

SUNDAY, JUNE 26 — Pride Sunday

- 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.: [Queer Brunch: A Celebration of Queer Folks](#)
- 11:45 a.m.: [Pride Sunday Worship Celebration](#)
- 12:00 p.m.: [Heritage of Pride March](#)
- 12:45 p.m.: [Virtual Chat & Chew](#)
- 1:00 p.m.: [Queer Liberation March](#)

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