

# middle church



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## Sunday Worship Celebration

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JUNE 26, 2022 • 11:45 AM • PRIDE SUNDAY

**IT'S NAME TAG SUNDAY!**

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• GATHERING •

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Jacqui Lewis

**HYMN**

"I Love the Lord"

(Richard Smallwood)

I love the Lord,  
Who heard my cry  
and pitied ev'ry groan.  
Long as I live  
and troubles rise,  
I'll hasten to God's throne.  
  
I'll hasten to God's throne.

• REFLECTING •

**MESSAGE FOR ALL AGES**

Alesha Borbo Kilayko

"Siyahamba"

(Based on a South African Traditional Song)

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

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**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE** “Easy on Me”

Samantha Waite, soloist

(Adele Adkins, Greg Kurstin, Nikki Grier,

Lenny Wee & Anthony “Jawan” McEastland)

**LORD’S PRAYER**

Jacqui Lewis

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**

“Trouble Don’t Last Always”

(Rev. Timothy Wright)

Tina Cernero, lead

**SCRIPTURE**

Luke 24.13–21; 28–32

Ben Perry

**SERMON**

“Following the One Who Calls Us Out by Name”

Ben Perry

• **RESPONDING** •

**INVITATION TO JOIN THE MOVEMENT**

Jess Huber

**OFFERTORY**

Video by Joy Lau

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**DEDICATION PRAYER**

Jacqui Lewis

**HYMN**

“We Are Family”

(Bernard Edwards and Nile Rodgers)

CHORUS

We are family. I got everybody with me!

We are family. Get up, everybody, and sing!

Everyone can see we’re together

As we walk on by.

And we flock just like birds of a feather

I won’t tell no lie.

All of the people, around us, they say

“Can they be that close?”

Just let me state for the record:

We’re giving love in a family dose!

## CHORUS

Living life is fun, and we've just begun  
To get our share, of this world's delights.  
High hopes we have, for the future  
And our goal's in sight.  
No, we don't get depressed,  
Here's what we call our golden rule:  
Have faith in you and the things you do  
You won't go wrong. This is our family jewel.

## CHORUS

### BENEDICTION

Jacqui Lewis

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

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

**Middle Church Band •** Jeremy Price, piano; Booker King, bass guitar; Bernice Brooks, drums.

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## Sermon in Action

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### THIS WEEK: FOLLOWING THE ONE WHO CALLS US OUT BY NAME

- Pain and trauma can keep us from recognizing each other fully, and even from knowing ourselves.
  - Jesus is present in our midst when we offer radical welcome, anticipating other people's needs before we are asked.
  - When we live out that radical love, we become scaffolding for one another's growth.
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### LAST 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?
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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.**

Marie Grace; 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 Brittany Davis Reddick Cunningham Joy Rosenthal Dolly Sandra Cunningham Ukraine Drexel Cunningham Robert Cunningham Louise Tatum FWCC 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/](https://middlechurch.org/prayer/).

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# 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 \$945,265.93 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](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

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# 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, 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](#)

## MONDAY, JUNE 27

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

## TUESDAY, JUNE 28

- 6:30 p.m.: [Telling Truths Workshop: An Anti-Racist Practice](#)

## WEDNESDAY, JUNE 29

- 8:00 a.m.: [Pray to Rise](#)

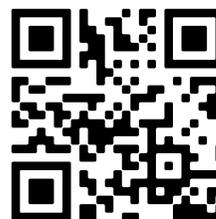
## THURSDAY, JUNE 30

- 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](#)

## SUNDAY, JULY 3

- 10:00 a.m.: [Kids Sunday Enrichment](#)
- 10:00 a.m.: [Bible in the Middle](#)
- 11:45 a.m.: [Worship Celebration](#)
- 12:45 p.m.: [Virtual Chat & Chew](#)

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## MIDDLE COLLEGIATE CHURCH

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Rev. Jacqueline J. Lewis, Ph.D. – *Senior Minister in Charge*

Rev. Benjamin Perry – *Minister for Church Growth and Media Strategy*

Rev. Natalie Renee Perkins – *Director of Digital Ministry*

Rev. Amanda Hambrick Ashcraft – *Consulting Community Minister*

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