

# middle church

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## Sunday Worship Celebration

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JULY 10, 2022 • 11:45 AM

• GATHERING •

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jacqui Lewis

### HYMN

“Jesus I’ll Never Forget/Done So Much For Me”

(Trad.)

Tina Owens, leader

Jesus I’ll never forget what you’ve done for me.  
Jesus I’ll never forget how you set me free.  
Jesus I’ll never forget how you brought me out.  
Jesus I’ll never forget, no never.

How can I forget what you’ve done for me.  
How can I forget how you set me free.  
How can I forget how you brought me out.  
How can I forget, no never.

God’s done so much for me,  
I cannot tell it all  
I cannot tell it all  
I cannot tell it all.

God’s done so much for me,  
I cannot tell it all  
God has taken all my sins away.  
Never, never forget!

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• REFLECTING •

MESSAGE FOR ALL AGES

Rachael Ward

“Siyahamba”

(Based on a South African Traditional Song)

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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE / 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

(Trad.)

PASSING OF THE PEACE

ANTHEM “Magnify Your Name”

(Richard Smallwood)

SCRIPTURE Luke 10.25–37

Jacqui Lewis

SERMON “Love This Way”

Jacqui Lewis

• RESPONDING •

INVITATION TO JOIN THE MOVEMENT

Danita Branam

OFFERTORY “Bless the Broken Road”

(Marcus Hummon, Robert E. Boyd)

Shari Gill, soloist

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DEDICATION PRAYER

Amanda Hambrick Ashcraft

HYMN “I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me”

(Trad.)

I’m gonna live so God can use me  
Anywhere Lord, any time.  
I’m gonna live so God can use me  
Anywhere Lord, any time.

I'm gonna WORK so God can use me ...

I'm gonna PRAY so God can use me ...

I'm gonna SING so God can use me ...

I'm gonna LIVE so God can use me ...

**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** • Dionne McClain-Freeney, piano; Hajime Yoshida, bass guitar.

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## Sermon in Action

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### THIS WEEK: LOVE THIS WAY

Love your neighbor. Sounds good. BUT it is hard a\$\$ work. Jesus' story of the Good Samaritan? He picks an outsider as an example of the way to love; an "other" who loved **HARD** shows what love looks like. Love is the only force that will heal our world; we better get good at it!

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### LAST WEEK: FORGING INDEPENDENCE FROM GUNS

- Our intersectional justice work is imperative. As we imagine what it means to be free where will you put your time, talent and treasure?
- What support will you need from Middle Church to do justice, love mercy and walk humbly with God?
- How can our prophetic grief forge peace?

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

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

Michael Weydert; 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 Joe Tigner Jessi Matei Darron and Marian Cunningham Ukraine Louise Tatum Drexel Cunningham Reddick Cunningham Natalie Perkins Elise Tiralli Brittany Davis Victor Davis Hanson Bridget Kelso Anthony Mia McClain 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/).

# 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* —

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. As of June 30, 2022, as we end our fiscal year at Middle, **we are thrilled to say that your contributions have totaled \$1,050,078** toward our operations, programming, and Middle Rising funds which meets our congregational goal of \$1,050,000 (50% of our operating budget this year) to fund our ministry programming! THANK YOU, THANK YOU, 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 move steadfastly into our season of resurrection and start a new programming and fiscal year in July, we will shift all contributions into a combined “One Fund” 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, JULY 10

- 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](#)
- 12:45 p.m.: [Virtual Chat & Chew](#)
- 12:45 p.m.: [Middle Mixer: Picnic in Stuyvesant Park](#)
- 2:00 p.m.: [Butterfly Outreach Ministry](#)

## MONDAY, JULY 11

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

## TUESDAY, JULY 12

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

## WEDNESDAY, JULY 13

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

## THURSDAY, JULY 14

- 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](#)

## SUNDAY, JULY 17

- 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](#)
- 2:00 p.m.: [Butterfly Outreach Ministry](#)
- 5:00 p.m.: [Middle Member Mingle with Jacqui Lewis](#)

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## MIDDLE COLLEGIATE CHURCH

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Rev. Natalie Renee Perkins – *Minister for Worship and Online Community*

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

Rev. Amanda Hambrick Ashcraft – *Consulting Community Minister*

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