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Sunday Worship Celebration

JULY 24, 2022 • 11:45 AM

IT'S NAME TAG SUNDAY!

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• GATHERING •

WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jacqui Lewis

HYMN

"Somebody Prayed for Me"

(Dorothy Norwood; Alvin Darling)

Somebody prayed for me,
had me on their mind,
took the time to pray for me.
I'm so glad they prayed,
I'm so glad they prayed,
I'm so glad they prayed for me.

The people prayed for me,
had me on their mind,
took the time to pray for me.
I'm so glad they prayed,
I'm so glad they prayed,
I'm so glad they prayed for me.

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The deacons prayed for me, ...

The pastor prayed for me, ...

• REFLECTING •

MESSAGE FOR ALL AGES

Jasmine Logan

“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

“Motherless Child”

(Trad. Spiritual)

Lauren Scales, soloist

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

“This Day”

(Edwin Hawkins)

Lauren Scales, soloist

SCRIPTURE

Luke 11.1–13

Wanda Lewis

SERMON

“If We Take This Prayer Seriously...”

Jacqui Lewis

• RESPONDING •

INVITATION TO JOIN THE MOVEMENT

Devon Mosley & Andy Sears

OFFERTORY

“Lovesong”

(Robert Smith, Simon Gallup, Laurence Tolhurst,

Tina Cernero, soloist

Porl Thompson, Boris Williams and Roger O'Donnell)

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HYMN "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms" (Elisha A. Hoffman; Anthony J. Showalter)

What a fellowship, what a joy divine,
Leaning on the everlasting arms!
What a blessedness, what a peace is mine,
Leaning on the everlasting arms!

CHORUS

Leaning, leaning,
Safe and secure from all alarms;
Leaning, leaning,
Leaning on the everlasting arms.

Oh how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way,
Leaning on the everlasting arms!
Oh how bright the path
Grows from day to day,
Leaning on the everlasting arms.

CHORUS

What have I to dread, what have I to fear,
Leaning on the everlasting arms?
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near,
Leaning on the everlasting arms.

CHORUS

BENEDICTION

Jacqui Lewis

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

Musician • Jeremy Price, piano

Wednesday, July 27 • 7 PM
Middle Mixer: Virtual Beach Party
CLICK HERE for more information

Sermon in Action

THIS WEEK: IF WE TAKE THIS PRAYER SERIOUSLY...

If we take this prayer seriously—we are called to revolution. This day. On earth as in heaven. What does that mean? Food. Shelter. Safety. Equality. Liberation. Justice. Mercy. Kindness. Fierce love for all. That's our vocation. This prayer our oath of office. Ready. Set. Go!!

LAST WEEK: THE HOPE OF GLORY IN HOPELESS TIMES

What have you encountered that helps reveal the hope within you?
Is there something you can do that helps reveal the hope in others?

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

We are praying for all our Middle family every day.

Peggy Kapsner and family; Michael Weydert; Karin Garcia and fiancé; Annika Grant, Protection; Kasirye Caxton, New Garden Primary School; 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 Acquaah Darrell Hamilton Ben Perry Cori Margolin Catherine Vail Joe Tigner Jessi Matei Darron and Marian Cunningham Ukraine Louise Tatum Dolly Joy Rosenthal Elise Tarilli Renee Cunningham Marshall Robert Cunningham Drexel Cunningham Brittany Davis Reddick Cunningham Sandra Catena Sandra Cunningham Bridget Kelso Anthony Mia McClain Crystal Walthall Victoria Dillard 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/.



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FREEDOM SUMMER

HOW TO BE ANTI-RACIST
WITH FIERCE LOVE

Aug 8 - 12th
Youth Camp 6th-12th Grade | 9:30 AM - 4:30 PM ET

Aug 5
Coney Island Beach Trip | 10 AM - 4 PM ET

Register Today: etiralli@middlechurch.org

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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VIDEOS AND PODCASTS — Worship music and sermon videos: youtube.com/MiddleNYC.
Re-watch the Worship Celebration livestream: facebook.com/MiddleCollegiateChurch.
Middle Church podcast: middlechurch.org/podcasts.

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
- 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, JULY 24

- 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](#)
- 2:00 p.m.: [Butterfly Outreach Ministry](#)
- 2:00 p.m.: [Young Adult Small Group](#)

MONDAY, JULY 25

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

TUESDAY, JULY 26

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

WEDNESDAY, JULY 27

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

THURSDAY, JULY 28

- 1:00 p.m.: [New Adventures](#)
 - 6:30 p.m.: [Creative Writing Group](#)
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SUNDAY, JULY 31

- 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](#)

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