



JUST LOVE

Sunday Worship Celebration

JULY 31, 2022 • 11:45 AM

• GATHERING •

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jacqui Lewis

HYMN

"There Is More Love Somewhere"

(Trad.; arr. Bernice Johnson Reagon)

John Del Cueto, leader

There is more love somewhere.
There is more love somewhere.
I'm gonna keep on 'til I find it.
There is more love somewhere.

There is more hope somewhere.
There is more hope somewhere.
I'm gonna keep on 'til I find it.
There is more hope somewhere.

There is more peace somewhere.
There is more peace somewhere.
I'm gonna keep on 'til I find it.
There is more peace somewhere.

There is more joy somewhere.
There is more joy somewhere.
I'm gonna keep on 'til I find it.
There is more joy somewhere.

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• REFLECTING •

MESSAGE FOR ALL AGES

Elise Tiralli

“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

Jasmine Logan

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

“Shower the People”

(James Taylor)

Jasmine Logan, soloist • Hajime Yoshida, guitar

SCRIPTURE

Hosea 11.1–11

Victor Greene

SERMON

“How Can I Give You Up?”

Victor Greene

• RESPONDING •

INVITATION TO JOIN THE MOVEMENT

Natalie Runyon

OFFERTORY

Cello Suite No. 1 in G Major Prelude

(Johann Sebastian Bach)

Hajime Yoshida, guitar

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DEDICATION PRAYER

Karen Blacks

HYMN

“The Blessing”

(Chris Brown, Cody Carnes, Kari Jobe Carnes, Steven Furtick)

John Del Cueto, Karen Blacks, and Jasmine Logan, leaders

The Lord bless you, and keep you.
Make their face shine upon you and be gracious to you.
The Lord turn His face toward you and give you peace.
Amen.



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

Musicians • John Del Cueto—Director of Music and Choirs, piano; Hajime Yoshida, guitar

Sermon in Action

THIS WEEK: HOW CAN I GIVE YOU UP?

On poetry and metaphor, what image or metaphor of God has sustained you the most during this season? What call to action does this image or metaphor invoke today?

LAST WEEK: PRAY THIS WAY

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!!

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

We are praying for all our Middle family every day.

For the Kapsner family, as they grieve the death of Peggy Kapsner; 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 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.

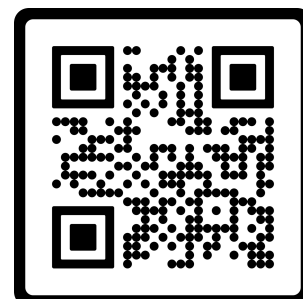
To make a prayer request, request a call from a Middle pastor, or inquire about financial assistance, visit middlechurch.org/prayer/.

RISEING TAKES ALL OF US!

Complete our membership survey today!

middlechurch.org/survey

With the incredible growth in our membership this past year, and as we work toward our rebuilding, we need more information about who belongs to this community as we talk with incredible foundations who may consider investing in this movement with grants. Please complete this member survey! We're keeping this completely anonymous, but the facts of who chooses this place as their home are immensely valuable in showing the world that heaven on earth can truly exist. It won't take more than a minute or two and we'd be so grateful.



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

To mail contributions to Middle Church, please address them to:

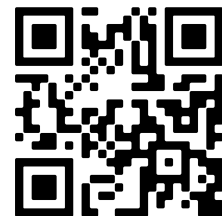
- Middle Collegiate Church, Attn: Stewardship Dept.
PO Box 1400, New York, NY 10276

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 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](#)

MONDAY, AUGUST 1

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

TUESDAY, AUGUST 2

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

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 3

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

THURSDAY, AUGUST 4

- 1:00 p.m.: [New Adventures](#)

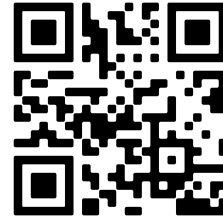
FRIDAY, AUGUST 5

- 10:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.: [Youth Trip Coney Island](#)
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SUNDAY, AUGUST 7

- 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.: [Middle Out Loud](#)

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

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

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Rev. Amanda Hambrick Ashcraft – *Consulting Community Minister*

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