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JUST LOVE

Sunday Worship Celebration

JULY 17, 2022 • 11:45 AM

• GATHERING •

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Monique Fortuné

HYMN

“Bless the Lord with Me”

(Darwin Hobbs)

Bless the Lord with me,
Bless the Lord with me,
Bless the Lord with me,
Bless the Lord with me.

Hallelujah
Hallelujah
Hallelujah
Hallelujah

• REFLECTING •

MESSAGE FOR ALL AGES

Karen Blacks

“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

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

(Thomas O. Chisholm & William M. Runyon;

Deborah Berg McCarthy, soloist

adapted Michael Weaver & Jason Ingram)

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LORD'S PRAYER

Gloria Moy

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

"Glory"

(L. Lynn, C. Smith, J. Stephens)

Jerriese Johnson Gospel Choir • Alex Bertrand, soloist

SCRIPTURE

Colossians 1.24–28

Natalie Renee Perkins

SERMON

"The Hope of Glory in Hopeless Times"

Natalie Renee Perkins

• RESPONDING •

INVITATION TO JOIN THE MOVEMENT

Jacqui Lewis

OFFERTORY "Hallelujah, Salvation and Glory"

(A. Jeffrey LaValley)

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DEDICATION PRAYER

Jasmine Logan

HYMN

"Glory, Glory Hallelujah"

(Trad.)

Glory, glory hallelujah,
Since I laid my burdens down.
Glory, glory hallelujah,
Since I laid my burdens down.

I feel better, so much better,
Since I laid my burdens down.
I feel better, so much better,
Since I laid my burdens down.

Feel like shouting "Hallelujah" ...

Burdens down, Lord, burdens down, Lord ...

I am climbing Jacob's ladder ...

Glory, glory hallelujah ...

BENEDICTION

Jacqui Lewis

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

Gospel Ensemble • Dionne McClain-Freeney, piano • Deborah Berg McCarthy, Kendra Krueger, Jana Quigley, Sandra Anderson, Penny Lane, Leslie Davis, Doria Notarnicola, Kaede Helck

Sermon in Action

THIS 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?

LAST 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!

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

We are praying for all our Middle family every day.

Kaitlin Collins, Jill Martin; Lorraine, Joe, Uncle Seve, Aunt Jackie; 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 Brittany Davis Drexel Cunningham Robert Cunningham Reddick Cunningham Renee Cunningham Marshall Mia McClain Bridget Kelso Anthony Sandra Catena Sandra Cunningham 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/.

Saturday, July 23 • 10 AM–3 PM

Middle Mixer: Beach Day at the Rockaways

For info and RSVP — Elise at 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
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To mail contributions to Middle Church, please address them to:

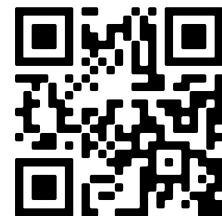
- Middle Collegiate Church, Attn: Stewardship Dept.
PO Box 1400, New York, NY 10276

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 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](#)

MONDAY, JULY 18

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

WEDNESDAY, JULY 20

- 8:00 a.m.: [Pray to Rise](#)
- 7:00 p.m.: [Ukuleliacs](#)

THURSDAY, JULY 21

- 1:00 p.m.: [New Adventures](#)
- 6:30 p.m.: [Creative Writing Group](#)
- 7:00 p.m.: [Small Ensemble Rehearsal](#)

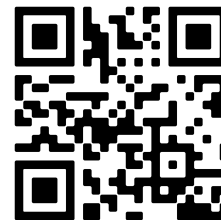
SATURDAY, JULY 23

- 10:00 a.m.: [Middle Mixer: Beach Day at Rockaways](#)
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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](#)

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