

# middle church



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## Sunday Worship Celebration

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AUGUST 7, 2022 • 11:45 AM

• GATHERING •

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Natalie Perkins

**HYMN**

"I Will Sing"

(Donnie McClurkin)

Jasmine Logan, leader

I will sing, I will sing, I will sing, I will sing  
Of Your goodness, and your kindness,  
And Your mercy, I will sing.

Let us sing, let us sing, let us sing, let us sing.  
Of Your goodness, and your kindness,  
And Your mercy, Let us sing.

Holy, Holy, Glory to the Lamb  
Singing praises to the awesome God  
Ever I will sing.

We will sing, we will sing, we will sing, we will sing  
Of Your goodness, and your kindness,  
And Your mercy, we will sing.

• REFLECTING •

**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.**

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## CONGREGATIONAL AMEN

(Trad.)

## PASSING OF THE PEACE

**ANTHEM** "The River" (Garth Brooks & Victoria Shaw)  
Madge Dietrich, soloist

**SCRIPTURE** Hebrews 11.1–3, 8–16 Christina Fleming

**SERMON** "Seeking a Homeland" Christina Fleming

### • RESPONDING •

**COMMUNION** Christina Fleming, Jasmine Logan, and Gloria Moy

Gather for yourself and your household something to eat and something to drink.  
It can be bread and wine; crackers and grape juice; pancakes and coffee;  
French toast and mimosas; a piece of fruit and water. Everyone can participate,  
from the youngest to the oldest.

You will be invited to consecrate those ordinary elements with prayer,  
and the words of institution. And then we will eat together and drink together,  
communing with each other and with the Living God. You are welcome,  
just as you are, to participate in this special ritual of Grace and Love.

**INVITATION TO JOIN THE MOVEMENT** Dianne Galashaw

**OFFERTORY** "WITNESS" (Jack Halloran)  
Middle Church Choir

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**DEDICATION PRAYER** Karen Blacks

**HYMN** "One Foot/Lead with Love" (Melanie DeMore)  
Jasmine Logan, leader

### CHORUS

You gotta put one foot in front of the other and lead with love  
Put one foot in front of the other, and lead with love.

*Don't give up hope— Don't give up hope*  
*You're not alone— You're not alone*  
*Don't you give up— Don't you give up*  
*Keep movin' on— Keep movin' on*

## CHORUS

*Lift up your eyes—* Lift up your eyes  
*Don't you despair—* Don't you despair  
*Look up ahead—* Look up ahead  
*The path is there—* The path is there

## CHORUS

*I know you're scared—* I know you're scared  
*And I'm scared too—* And I'm scared too  
*But here I am—* But here I am  
*Right next to you—* Right next to you

## CHORUS

## BENEDICTION

Christina Fleming

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

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

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## Sermon in Action

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### THIS WEEK: SEEKING A HOMELAND

By faith, where has God called us in the past? By faith, where are we called to now?

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### LAST 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?

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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.**

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/](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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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:**

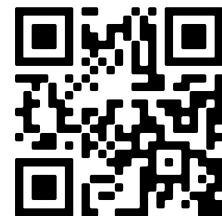
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**Charitable Giving** may require use of Middle Collegiate Church's EIN: 13-5564117 (aka “Ministers, Elders and Deacons of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church of the City of New York”)

**Please reach out to our Stewardship Director, Devon Mosley ([stewardship@middlechurch.org](mailto:stewardship@middlechurch.org)) to discuss any questions about your giving plan.**

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# Middle Events Calendar

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!**

**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, 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](#)

## MONDAY, AUGUST 8

- 9:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m.: [Youth Anti-Racist Freedom Summer](#)
- 6:30 p.m.: [Acting Class](#)

## TUESDAY, AUGUST 9

- 9:30 a.m.: [Youth Anti-Racist Freedom Summer](#)

## WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 10

- 8:00 a.m.: [Pray to Rise](#)
- 9:30 a.m.: [Youth Anti-Racist Freedom Summer](#)
- 7:30 p.m.: [Queer Black Men](#)

## THURSDAY, AUGUST 11

- 9:30 a.m.: [Youth Anti-Racist Freedom Summer](#)
- 1:00 p.m.: [New Adventures](#)
- 6:30 p.m.: [Young Adults Small Group](#)

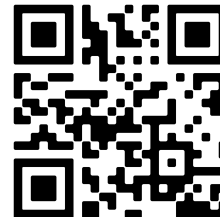
## FRIDAY, AUGUST 12

- 9:30 a.m.: [Youth Anti-Racist Freedom Summer](#)

## SUNDAY, AUGUST 14

- 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](#)
- 1:00 p.m.: [Middle Mixer at Stuyvesant Square](#)
- 2:00 p.m.: [Butterfly Outreach Ministry](#)

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