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Sunday Worship Celebration

AUGUST 14, 2022 • 11:45 AM

• GATHERING •

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jacqui Lewis

HYMN

“I Want Jesus to Walk with Me”

(Trad. Spiritual)

Tina Owens, leader

I want Jesus to walk with me.
I want Jesus to walk with me.
All along my pilgrim journey,
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

In my trials, Lord, walk with me.
In my trials, Lord, walk with me.
When my heart is almost breaking,
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

When I'm troubled, Lord, walk with me.
When I'm troubled, Lord, walk with me.
When my head is bowed in sorrow,
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

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All along my pilgrim journey,
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

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• REFLECTING •

MESSAGE FOR ALL AGES

Natalie Perkins and Olivia Milo-Mertz

“Siyahamba”

(Based on a South African Traditional Song)

Village Chorus for Children and Youth

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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE / LORD’S PRAYER

Jacqui Lewis

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

“Make Us One”

(Twila Paris)

Cassandra Kellum, soloist

SCRIPTURE

Jeremiah 23.23–29

Ben Perry

SERMON

“We Will Remember”

Ben Perry and Jacqui Lewis

• RESPONDING •

INVITATION TO JOIN THE MOVEMENT

Beth Ellor

OFFERTORY

“Golden”

(Anthony Bell, James Robinson Jr., Harold Lee Robinson & Jill Scott)

Liz Tobias, soloist

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DEDICATION PRAYER

Karen Blacks

HYMN

“Be Thou My Vision”

(Ancient Irish text; Trad. Irish melody)

Tina Owens, leader

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art—
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise,
Thou mine inheritance, now and always:
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,
Great God of heaven, my treasure Thou art.

Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true word;
I ever with Thee, and Thou with me, Lord;
Heart of my heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O Shepherd of all.

Great one of heaven when vict'ry is won,
May I reach heaven's joys, bright heaven's sun!
Heart of my heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O Shepherd of all.

BENEDICTION

Jacqui Lewis

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

Musicians • Liz Tobias, piano

Sermon in Action

THIS WEEK: WE WILL REMEMBER

What love do we have to offer a world that's breaking?

LAST WEEK: SEEKING A HOMELAND

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

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

We are praying for all our Middle family every day.

Gloria Cunningham Burgess Alicia Swain Janna Myers Sheila Robinson Sheila Harding Amanda Ashcraft Jacqui Lewis Marc Aronson Pam Payne and Family Devora Jones Michael Bos Cori Margolin Catherine Vail Sandra Catena Sandra Cunningham Connie Acquaaah Louise Tatum Ben Perry Natalie Perkins Elise Taralli Dolly Joy Rosenthal Robert Cunningham Drexel Cunningham Reddick Cunningham Valencia Armijio Vallory Leca Darron and Marian Cunningham Brittany Davis Bridget Kelso Anthony Mia McClain David McCullough Olivia Newton John Renee Cunningham Marshall Joe Tigner Jessi Matei 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/.

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, 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](#)

MONDAY, AUGUST 15

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

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 17

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

THURSDAY, AUGUST 18

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

SUNDAY, AUGUST 21

- 10:00 a.m.: [Children's Play Date](#)
- 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](#)
- 11:45 a.m.: [Prospect Park Worship Watch Party](#)
- 12:45 p.m.: [Virtual Chat & Chew](#)
- 2:00 p.m.: [Butterfly Outreach Ministry](#)

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