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JUST LOVE

Sunday Worship Celebration

AUGUST 21, 2022 • 11:45 AM

• GATHERING •

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Natalie Perkins

HYMN

“Waymaker”

(Osinachi Okoro)

Kaede Helck and Natalie Maust, leaders

You are here
Moving in our midst
I worship You, I worship You

You are here,
Working in this place
I worship You, I worship You

CHORUS

And You are
Way maker, miracle worker
Promise keeper, light in the darkness
My God, that is who You are

You are
Way maker, miracle worker
Promise keeper, light in the darkness
My God, that is who You are

You are here
Touching ev'ry heart
I worship You, I worship You

You are here,
Turning lives around
I worship You, I worship You

You are here,
Healing ev'ry heart
I worship You, I worship You

CHORUS

Even when I don't see it, You're workin'
Even when I don't feel it, You're workin'
You never stop, You never stop workin'
You never stop, You never stop workin'

• REFLECTING •

MESSAGE FOR ALL AGES

Ben Perry

“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 “Those Who Trust”

(Don Chaffer; arr. Natalie Maust)

Kaede Helck and Natalie Maust, duet

LORD'S PRAYER

Amanda Hambrick Ashcraft

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 "Louder Than Words" (Jonathan Larson)
Smith Daniels, soloist

SCRIPTURE Luke 13.10–17 Catherine Torpey

SERMON "Grab Your Liberation Whenever You Can" Catherine Torpey

• RESPONDING •

INVITATION TO JOIN THE MOVEMENT Edna Benitez

OFFERTORY "Strong God" (Kirk Franklin)
Jerriese Johnson Gospel Choir • Ivan Anderson, soloist

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DEDICATION PRAYER Karen Blacks

HYMN "This Little Light of Mine" (Trad.)
Kaede Helck and Natalie Maust, leaders

This little light of mine
I'm gonna let it shine
This little light of mine
I'm gonna let it shine
This little light of mine
I'm gonna let it shine
Let it shine, let it shine
Let it shine

Shine in you and me ...

Everywhere I go ...

All over the world ...

Shine, shine, shine ...

BENEDICTION Amanda Hambrick Ashcraft

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: GRAB YOUR LIBERATION WHENEVER YOU CAN

When you have the spirit of no-strength, where do you go (or could you go) to find the wind at your back?

LAST WEEK: WE WILL REMEMBER

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

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

We are praying for all our Middle family every day.

Mady; the memory of Rene's beloved sister, Michelle; Gloria Cunningham Burgess Alicia Swain Janna Myers Sheila Robinson Sheila Harding Amanda Ashcraft Jacqui Lewis Marc Aronson Pam Payne and family Devora Jones Connie Acquaa Michael Bos Louise Tatum Mia McClain Bridget Kelso Anthony Ben Perry Natalie Perkins Elsi Taralli Renee Cunningham Marshall Robert Cunningham Drexel Cunningham Dolly Joy Rosenthal Linda Doria Reddick Cunningham Brittany Davis Valencia Armijio Vallory Leca Darron and Marian Cunningham Cori Margolin Catherine Vail 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/.

FREEDOM SUMMER LAB
how to be anti-racist with fierce love
AUG 23 | 6:00 - 7:00 PM ET
AUG 26 | 6:00 - 7:00 PM ET
with ms. alesha
GEARED TOWARD AGES K - 5TH
register at middlechurch.org/events

MADGE!
Live @
Rockwood Music Hall
Aug 24 | 6-9 pm



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.

Text BULLETIN to (833) 786-0733 to receive this week's bulletin to your smart device.

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 —

We are called to the Rising—Middle Rising! As we kicked-off our new fiscal year on July 1st, we have launched our rebuilding campaign and shifted our giving goals with you, the congregation, to embrace our exciting future. Your donations to Middle now go to our “ONE FUND” to support Middle’s operations, staff, programming, and fundraising for our new building. This streamlined giving process helps Middle plan, grow, and rise from the ashes stronger to achieve our budget needs and help endow the future of this movement. In this moment, please continue to give in the generous way that you have been. The fire that destroyed Middle’s historic East Village site has not stopped us from putting our Fierce Love out in the world. We are the ones we’ve been waiting for and together, with you onboard, we will have enough!

We’re grateful for who you are as part of this community! **Please plan to join us as a congregation to hear more about your role in the next phase of the Middle Rising campaign on Sunday, October 2nd!**

Love— *Jacqui, Vickie Burns—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 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](#)

MONDAY, AUGUST 22

- 9:00 a.m.–3:30 p.m.: [Children's Anti-Racist Freedom Summer Camp](#)
- 6:30 p.m.: [Acting Class](#)

TUESDAY, AUGUST 23

- 9:00 a.m.: [Children's Freedom Summer Camp](#)
- 6:00–7:00 p.m.: [Freedom Summer Lab](#) (Gr. K–5)

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 24

- 8:00 a.m.: [Pray to Rise](#)
- 9:00 a.m.: [Children's Freedom Summer Camp](#)
- 6:00 p.m.: [Young Adults: Madge at Rockwood Music Hall](#)
- 7:30 p.m.: [Queer Black Men](#)

THURSDAY, AUGUST 25

- 9:00 a.m.: [Children's Freedom Summer Camp](#)
- 1:00 p.m.: [New Adventures](#)

FRIDAY, AUGUST 26

- 9:00 a.m.: [Children's Freedom Summer Camp](#)
- 6:00–7:00 p.m.: [Freedom Summer Lab](#) (Gr. K–5)

SUNDAY, AUGUST 28

- 10:00 a.m.: [Kids Sunday Enrichment](#)
- 10:00 a.m.: [Bible in the Middle](#)
- 11:45 a.m.: [Worship Celebration](#)
- 11:45 a.m.: [Worship with Middle South \(Atlanta area\)](#)
- 12:45 p.m.: [Virtual Chat & Chew](#)
- 2:00 p.m.: [Butterfly Outreach Ministry](#)

FOR MORE INFORMATION about Middle Church events, activities, and the latest updates, scan the code below with your smartphone camera.



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