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Sunday Worship Celebration

SEPTEMBER 25, 2022 • 10:00 AM & 11:45 AM • HOMECOMING

IT'S NAME TAG SUNDAY!

To share a virtual name tag with the Middle community, scan the code at right with your smartphone camera.

WEAR YOUR NAME TAG AFTER WORSHIP FOR A FREE MEAL AT THE FOOD TRUCK.



• GATHERING •

WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jacqui Lewis

HYMN

“Every Praise”

(Hezekiah Walker)

Every praise is to our God.
Every word of worship with one accord
Every praise every praise is to our God.
Sing hallelujah to our God
Glory hallelujah is due our God
Every praise every praise is to our God.

God my Savior
God my Healer
God my Deliverer
Yes You are, yes You are.

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• REFLECTING •

MESSAGE FOR ALL AGES

Frog and Toad

“Siyahamba”

(Based on a South African Traditional Song)

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

Marcharemos en la luz de Dios,
marcharemos en la luz de Dios.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE / LORD’S PRAYER

Natalie Perkins

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

“Home” from *The Wiz*
Angela Birchett, soloist

(Charles Smalls)

SCRIPTURE

Exodus 16.2–15

Jacqui Lewis

SERMON

“Don’t You Know God Is Able?”

Jacqui Lewis

• RESPONDING •

INVITATION TO JOIN THE MOVEMENT

The People of God

OFFERTORY

“He Can Handle It”
Jerriese Johnson Gospel Choir

(Kirk Franklin)

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DEDICATION PRAYER

Ben Perry

CHORUS

Come on and
 Ease on down, ease on down the road
 Come on, ease on down
 Ease on down the road
 Don't you carry nothing
 That might be a load
 Come on, ease on down
 Ease on down the road

Pick your left foot up
 When your right foot's down
 Come on legs keep movin'
 Don't you lose no ground
 You just keep on keepin'
 On the road that you choose
 Don't you give up walkin'
 Cause you gave up shoes,

CHORUS

Cause there maybe times
 When you think you lost your mind
 And the steps you're takin'
 Leave you three, four steps behind
 But the road you're walking
 Might be long sometimes
 You just keep on steppin'
 And you'll just be fine, yeah

Get 'em up, on down, ease on down
 Get 'em up, on down, ease on down
 Get 'em up, on down, ease on down
 Get 'em up, get 'em up ease on down

BENEDICTION

Jacqui Lewis

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

Jerriese Johnson Gospel Choir • John Del Cueto, Director of Music and Choirs

Middle Church Band • Jeremy Price, piano; Booker King, bass; Jonathon Peretz, drums.

Frog and Toad • Elisabeth Rodgers – Frog; Dean Hubbard – Toad. Script by Chad Tanaka Pack.

Sermon in Action

THIS WEEK: DON'T YOU KNOW GOD IS ABLE?

While wandering in the wilderness, on the way to a new home, Israel found itself complaining. We're out here hungry, and at least there was food back there. Back there was no more, but there would soon be a new place to call home. God surprised her people with bread in the morning and quail at night. How has God surprised you/us with blessings in this season of houselessness?

LAST WEEK: LAMENTO

Consider this portion of our theme—repair and rebuild. How does it fit with searching for healing from the wounds of our nation and world?

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

We are praying for all our Middle family every day.

Suing Family; Lorraine, Joe, Uncle Seve, Aunt Jackie; Lee Minoff and Anne Drager-Minoff; Gloria Cunningham Burgess Alicia Swain Janna Myers Amanda Ashcraft Jacqui Lewis Ben Perry Elsie Taralli Natalie Perkins Marc Aronson Cori Margolin Catherine Vail Devora Jones Pam Payne and family Connie Acquah Louise Tatum Brittany Davis Drexel Cunningham Robert Cunningham Reddick Cunningham Darron and Marian Cunningham Valencia Armijio Vallory Leca Renee Cunningham Marshall Michael Bos Sandra Catena Sandra Cunningham Joy Rosenthal Dolly Linda Doria Laura Donovan Bridget Kelso Anthony Mia McClain Joe Tigner Jessie Matei Ukraine The Stock Market Victoria Dillard and The Raider Nation to get a victory.

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



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REALITY AT THE LITTLE INN
- SEPT 28 & 29TH -
THE GAY & LESBIAN CENTER
7 PM
Ticket Info:
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JUST LOVE
Animal Blessing
Sunday, October 2, 2022
10:00 am at Stuyvesant Park (Flagpole East)
(STUFFED ANIMALS INVITED, TOO!)



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 —

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, SEPTEMBER 25 HOMECOMING SUNDAY!

- 10:00 a.m.: [Homecoming Worship Celebration](#)
- 10:15 a.m.: [Virtual Community Groups Fair](#)
- 11:45 a.m.: [Homecoming Worship Celebration](#)
- 12:45 p.m.: [Virtual Chat & Chew](#)
- 1:00 p.m.: [Community Groups Fair](#)
- 1:00 p.m.: [Village Chorus for Children and Youth](#)
- 2:00 p.m.: [Butterfly Outreach Ministry](#)

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

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

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

- 8:00 a.m.: [Pray to Rise](#)
- 7:00 p.m.: [Middle Players Present "Reality at The Little Inn"](#)
- 7:30 p.m.: [Queer Black Men](#)

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

- 1:00 p.m.: [New Adventures](#)
 - 6:30 p.m.: [Creative Writing Group](#)
 - 7:00 p.m.: [Jerriese Johnson Gospel Choir](#)
 - 7:00 p.m.: [Middle Players Present "Reality at The Little Inn"](#)
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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2

- 10:00 a.m.: [Kids Sunday Enrichment](#)
- 10:00 a.m.: [Blessing of the Animals](#)
- 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.: [Congregational Meeting](#)
- 1:00 p.m.: [Village Chorus for Children and Youth](#)
- 2:00 p.m.: [Butterfly Outreach Ministry](#)
- 2:00 p.m.: [Queer Connection](#)

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



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