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Sunday Worship Celebration

SEPTEMBER 18, 2022 • 11:45 AM • HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

• GATHERING •

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jacqui Lewis

HYMN

“Cantad al Señor/Sing Praise to the Lord”

(Anon.)

John Del Cueto, leader

Cantad al Señor, un cantico nuevo
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Sing praise to the Lord, oh sing out a new song
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Sing praise to the Lord, sing praise to the Lord

“Tu fidelidad”

(Miguel Cassina)

Tu fidelidad surrounds me
Tu fidelidad is like nothing I have known
There is none like you, bendito Dios
Great is tu fidelidad

• REFLECTING •

MESSAGE FOR ALL AGES

Bianca Toscano Michalczak

“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 “Alzare Mis Ojos a Los Montes

(I will lift my eyes to the hills)”

(Anon.; arr. John Del Cueto)

Psalm 121.1–4 — I lift up my eyes to the hills, from where will my help come?

My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth God will not let your foot be moved;

God who keeps you will not slumber God who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.

LORD’S PRAYER

Ben Perry

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

“Mis Amores”

(danza by Simon Madera)

John Del Cueto, soloist

Goodbye my beloved; Charms of my life, my most beloved garments; Goodbye

I have sorrows in my soul That I will never be able to forget,

thousands of torments that vex me

My heart aches and I mourn your absence beloved

You are the one I most adore in my beautiful land

The pleasure and the illusion no longer exist for me. Oh my, this strong passion kills me

And you, dear angel, have not understood what love is.

Think my beloved that my love is the most delicate flower that my heart offers to you.

SCRIPTURE Jeremiah 8.18–9.1

Damaris Whittaker

SERMON “Lamento”

Damaris Whittaker

• RESPONDING •

INVITATION TO JOIN THE MOVEMENT

Jacqui Lewis

OFFERTORY “How Great Is Our God”

(Chris Tomlin, Jesse Reeves, Ed Cash;
arr. John Del Cueto/Dionne McClain-Freeney)

Michelle Garibay-Carey, Madge Dietrich,
Bianca Toscano Michalczak, Riqi Velez, ensemble

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DEDICATION PRAYER

Sandra Santana

HYMN “The Right Hand of God”

(Patrick Prescod, Noel Dexter)

La mano de Dios is writing in our land,
writing with power and with love,
our conflicts and our fears,
our triumphs and our tears
are recorded by la mano de Dios.

La mano de Dios is pointing in our land,
pointing the way we must go,
so clouded is the way,
so easily we stray,
but we're guided by la mano de Dios.

La mano de Dios is healing in our land,
healing broken bodies, minds, and souls,
so wondrous is its touch
with love that means so much,
when we're healed by la mano de Dios.

La mano de Dios is planting in our land,
planting seeds of freedom, hope, and love.
In these our sacred lands,
let God's people all join hands,
and be one with la mano de Dios.

BENEDICTION

Jacqui Lewis

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

Gospel Ensemble • John Del Cueto, Director of Music and Choirs • Samantha Waite, Sandra Santana.

Middle Church Band • Sterling Cozza, piano; Hajime Yoshida, guitar.

Guest Preacher Rev. Dr. Damaris D. Whittaker is Senior Minister at Fort Washington Collegiate Church. Rev. Whittaker is a public theologian deeply passionate about social justice advocating for racial justice, LGBTQ equality, immigration reform, women's leadership, universal healthcare, and affordable housing. Rev. Whittaker believes she has been called to break down silos and sees intersectionality of faith as a place she can affect change.

Sermon in Action

THIS 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?

LAST WEEK: TEACH ME THE SONGS OF YOUR TRUTH

Share your experience of the last 21 years since 9/11 with another person and how it has shaped you.

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

We are praying for all our Middle family every day.

Lee Minoff and Anne Drager-Minoff; Fredrik; Virginia Lancaster, Marva Hicks; 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 Acquaaah 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 New York Yankees Jackson Mississippi Sheila Harding Bridget Kelso Anthony Mia McClain Joe Tigner Jessie 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/.

MIDDLE CHURCH HOMECOMING 2022

Sept 25 | 10:00 a.m. & 11:45 a.m. ET

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, SEPTEMBER 18

- 10:00 a.m.: [Kids Sunday Enrichment](#)
- 10:00 a.m.: [Bible in the Middle](#)
- 10:00 a.m.: [Voter Reform Group](#)
- 11:30 a.m.: [Prospect Park Worship Watch Party](#)
- 11:45 a.m.: [Worship Celebration](#)
- 12:45 p.m.: [Virtual Chat & Chew](#)
- 1:00 p.m.: [Village Chorus for Children and Youth](#)
- 2:00 p.m.: [Butterfly Outreach Ministry](#)

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

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

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

- 7:30 p.m.: [Queer Roundtable: Might to Fight](#)

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

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

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

- 1:00 p.m.: [New Adventures](#)
 - 6:30 p.m.: [Creative Writing Group](#)
 - 7:00 p.m.: [Jerriese Johnson Gospel Choir](#)
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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25 HOMECOMING SUNDAY!

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