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## Sunday Worship Celebration

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OCTOBER 2, 2022 • 11:45 AM • HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

• GATHERING •

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Jacqui Lewis

**HYMN**

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

(Reginald Heber)

Holy, holy, holy, God the Almighty!  
Early in the morning we praise your majesty.  
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy, Saints adore you truly,  
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;  
Cherubim and seraphim bow before you only,  
From the beginning, God eternally.

Holy, holy, holy, God the Almighty!  
All your works shall praise your name in earth and sky and sea.  
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

• REFLECTING •

**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.**

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## CONGREGATIONAL AMEN

(Trad.)

## PASSING OF THE PEACE

**ANTHEM** "The Call"

(Vaughan Williams, arr. Allen Percival)

**SCRIPTURE** Psalm 37.1–9

Nick Laparra

**SERMON** "We Labor, Not For Our Own Good,  
But For The Good Of The Children"

Nick Laparra

### • RESPONDING •

## WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

Jacqui Lewis, Natalie Perkins,  
and Mira Sawlani-Joyner

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

Devon Mosley and Vickie Burns

**OFFERTORY** "Awaiting You"

(Adam Guettel)

Branch Woodman, soloist

Donate at [middlechurch.org/donate](https://middlechurch.org/donate) or Venmo @MiddleCollegiateChurch

## DEDICATION PRAYER

Mira Sawlani-Joyner

**HYMN** "Si tú puedes, cántalo"

(Victor Jortack; arr. John del Cueto)

### REFRAIN

Si tú puedes, cántalo, cántalo, cántalo.

Si tú puedes, cántalo, cántalo al Señor.

When the first new light of the rising sun  
comes to wake the colors of dawn,

as you stand in beauty may you be shown  
you're a part of that ancient song.

REFRAIN

When your heart is heavy may you discover  
new hope in every child,  
and may you be filled with unexpected joy  
in the miracle of their smiles.

REFRAIN

May you pause to listen enough to hear  
you are not alone in your song,  
and may you learn to follow the melody  
of our God's creative love.

REFRAIN

**BENEDICTION**

Jacqui Lewis

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

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**Musician** • Allison Sniffin, piano

**Ensemble** • John Del Cueto, Director of Music and Choirs • Branch Woodman, Madge Dietrich, Tina Owens, Ivan Anderson, Don Arrington, Eliza Bonet, Layke Jones, Matt Mueller.

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**"Si tú puedes, cántalo"** • 1996 T. Autumn Music (Admin. by Brentwood-Benson Music Publishing, Inc.) Universal Music - Z Songs (Admin. by Universal Music Corp.)

**CONGREGATIONAL  
MEETING  
TODAY at 12:45 PM**

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## Sermon in Action

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### THIS WEEK: WE LABOR, NOT FOR OUR OWN GOOD, BUT FOR THE GOOD OF THE CHILDREN

In light of our theme of Repair and Rebuild, are you living, working, helping, and loving in ways that will lead us toward leaving our planet much better than we found it for our children?

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### LAST 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?

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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.**

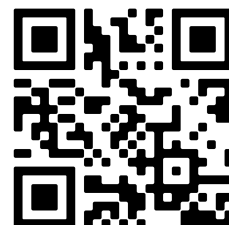
Suing Family; Lorraine, Joe, Uncle Seve, Aunt Jackie; Lee Minoff and Anne Drager-Minoff; Gloria Cunningham Burgess Alicia Swain Janna Myers Amanda Ashcraft Jacqui Lewis Ben Perry Elsie Taralli Natalie Perkins Marc Aronson Cori Margolin Catherine Vail Devora Jones Pam Payne and family Connie Acquaah Louise 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/](https://middlechurch.org/prayer/).

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## Middle Church Homecoming Survey

We're so excited for the 2022–2023 programmatic year and hope that you are, too! Click or scan here to complete a survey of all the Community Groups that interest you and we'll send you more information.



# 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](https://middlechurch.org).

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**VIDEOS AND PODCASTS** — Worship music and sermon videos: [youtube.com/MiddleNYC](https://youtube.com/MiddleNYC).

Re-watch the Worship Celebration livestream: [facebook.com/MiddleCollegiateChurch](https://facebook.com/MiddleCollegiateChurch).

Middle Church podcast: [middlechurch.org/podcasts](https://middlechurch.org/podcasts).

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## 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](https://middlechurch.org/donate)
- Venmo @MiddleCollegiateChurch

**To mail contributions to Middle Church, please address them to:**

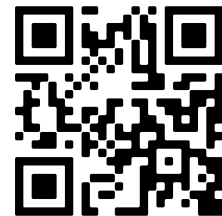
- Middle Collegiate Church, Attn: Stewardship Dept.  
PO Box 1400, New York, NY 10276

**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](mailto:stewardship@middlechurch.org)) to discuss any questions about your giving plan.**

### DONATE BY PHONE

To make a donation to Middle Church, scan the code below with your smartphone camera.



# 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, 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](#)

## MONDAY, OCTOBER 3

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

## TUESDAY, OCTOBER 4

- 1:00 p.m.: [Queer Lunch Break](#)
- 5:45 p.m.: [Reparations Task Force](#)

## WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 5

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

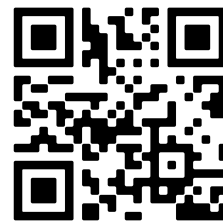
## THURSDAY, OCTOBER 6

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

## SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9

- 10:00 a.m.: [Kids Sunday Enrichment](#)
- 10:00 a.m.: [Bible in the Middle](#)
- 10:00 a.m.: [October New Members Gathering](#)
- 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](#)
- 2:00 p.m.: [Liberate Democracy: Vote the Just Vision](#)

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



## MIDDLE COLLEGIATE CHURCH

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