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Sunday Worship Celebration

OCTOBER 9, 2022 • 11:45 AM • HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

• GATHERING •

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jacqui Lewis

HYMN

“When O’er the Hills (Al Despuntar en la Loma el dia)” (Heber Romero)

When o’er the hills morning light is breaking,
once more your glory is born.
Filled with your joy all the fields are waking
and growing grass greets the morn.
A different day now is dawning
and yet, with fear, I am torn;
but you’re the same God each morning;
as the day dawns, I’m reborn,
but you’re the same God each morning;
as the day dawns, I’m reborn.

On the horizon the sun is blending
with hues of green coffee fields,
and from the bush there’s birdsong wending
till it a new life reveals.
The air with fragrance is swelling,
a sweet aroma I smell.
My song the heavens are telling:
“God indeed does all things well!”
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“God indeed does all things well!”

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I want to be like a brook that's flowing;
O how refreshing, such grace!
Or like the sound of soft wind blowing—
your thoughts through palm groves I'd trace.
I hear the rooster that's crowing,
the thrilling birdsong takes wing!
My voice ascends and is flowing.
How I sing, God, how I sing!
My voice ascends and is flowing.
How I sing, God, how I sing!

• REFLECTING •

MESSAGE FOR ALL AGES

Alesha Borbo Kilayko

"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 "Gracias a la Vida (Thank You to Life)"

(Violeta Parra)

Natalie Maust, soloist and ukulele

*Thank you to life that has given me so much. It gave me two beams of light,
and when I open them, I perfectly distinguish black from white, And in the
highest heaven, its starry depths, And among the multitude, the one that I love.*

*Thank you to life that has given me so much. It gave me a heart, that beats in its
frame, When I see the fruit of the human brain, When I see good so far away
from evil, When I look into the depths of your clear eyes.*

*Thank you to life that has given me so much. It gave me hearing that, in all of its
breadth, Records— night and day—crickets and canaries, Hammers, turbines,
howls, and cloudbursts, And the tender voice of my beloved.*

*Thank you to life that has given me so much. It gave me the stride of my tired
feet. With them I have traversed cities and puddles, Valleys and deserts,
mountains and plains, And your house, your street and your patio.*

*Thank you to life that has given me so much. It gave me laughter and it gave
me tears. That's how I distinguish joy from brokenness— The two materials that
form my song, And your song, which is the same song. And everyone's song,
which is my own song.*

Thank you to life, Thank you to life, Thank you to life, Thank you to life

LORD’S PRAYER

Mira Sawlani-Joyner

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

“Ain’t Got Time to Die”

(Hall Johnson)

Robert Hughes, soloist

SCRIPTURE

Luke 17.11–21

Jacqui Lewis

SERMON

“So Busy Working for the Kin-dom,
Ain’t Got Time...”

Jacqui Lewis

• **RESPONDING** •

INVITATION TO JOIN THE MOVEMENT

Carlos Pinero

OFFERTORY

“Vivir Mi Vida Medley”

(Sam Debbie, Bjoern Djupstroem, Bilal Hajji, Achraf

Sandra Santana, soloist

Jannusi, Nadir Khayat, Alexander Papaconstantinou)

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DEDICATION PRAYER

Natalie Perkins

HYMN

“Taking It to the Streets”

(Michael McDonald)

You don’t know me but I’m your neighbor
I was raised here in this living hell
You don’t know my kind in your world
Fairly soon the time will tell.

You, telling me the things you gonna do for me
I ain’t blind and I don’t like what I think I see

CHORUS:

Taking’ it to the streets
Taking’ it to the streets
Taking’ it to the streets
Taking’ it to the streets



Take this message to my neighbor
You will find them everywhere
Wherever people live together
Tied in poverty's despair

You, telling me the things you gonna do for me
I ain't blind and I don't like what I think I see

CHORUS

BENEDICTION

Jacqui Lewis

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

Middle Church Band • Graeme Gengras, piano; Booker King, bass; Jonathon Peretz, drums.

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Sermon in Action

THIS WEEK: SO BUSY WORKING FOR THE KIN-DOM,
AIN'T GOT TIME...

Building the reign of God is urgent business, what is your part, right here and now? Make a commitment and let's GO!!!

LAST 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?

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 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 Jessi Matei Ukraine Puerto Rico The New York Mets 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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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 visit middlechurch.org/middle-rising to hear more about your important role in the next phase of the Middle Rising campaign!**

Love— *Jacqui, Vickie Burns—Consistory Chair, and the entire Middle Church Consistory*

To support our ongoing ministry, programs, operations, and rebuilding:

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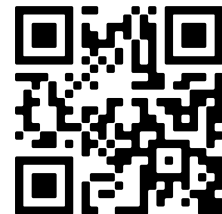
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Please reach out to our Stewardship Director, Devon Mosley (stewardship@middlechurch.org) to discuss any questions about your giving plan.

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Middle Events Calendar

All events are listed in ET unless noted.

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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 9

- 10:00 a.m.: [Kids Sunday Enrichment](#)
- 10:00 a.m.: [Virtual Congregational Meeting: Middle Rising: Rebuild, Reclaim, and Repair](#)
- 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](#)

MONDAY, OCTOBER 10

Indigenous Peoples Day • Middle Staff Holiday

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

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 12

- 8:00 a.m.: [Pray to Rise](#)
- 7:30 p.m.: [Queer Black Men](#)

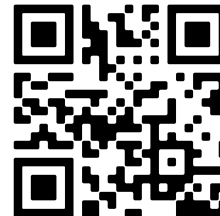
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 13

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

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16

- 10:00 a.m.: [Kids Sunday Enrichment](#)
- 10:00 a.m.: [Bible in the Middle](#)
- 10:00 a.m.: [Voter Reform Group](#)
- 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](#)
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