

# middle church

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## Sunday Worship Celebration

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OCTOBER 16, 2022 • 11:45 AM • CHILDREN'S SABBATH

• GATHERING •

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jacqui Lewis

HYMN

"Hold On"

(Trad.)

Village Chorus for Children and Youth

Oh, the one thing we did right  
Was the day we started to fight  
Keep your eyes on the prize.  
Hold on!

CHORUS

Hold on, hold on  
Keep your eyes on the prize.  
Hold on!

Got my hands on the freedom plow  
Wouldn't take nothing for my journey now  
Keep your eyes on the prize, hold on.

CHORUS

Only chains that we can stand  
Are the chains of hand in hand.  
Keep your eyes on the prize, hold on.

CHORUS

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When united it is clear,  
We don't have to live in fear  
Keep your eyes on the prize, hold on.

### CHORUS

Building walls and spreading hate  
Will not make this country great.  
Keep your eyes on the prize, hold on.

### • 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.

#### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Julia Ayala

#### LORD'S PRAYER

Idara and Tolani Uwemedimo

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

"Done So Much for Me" (Cynthia Gowens, arr. Raymond Wise/John Del Cueto)  
Village Chorus for Children and Youth

#### SCRIPTURE

Matthew 19.14

Nelba Márquez-Greene

#### SERMON

"So Come"

Nelba Márquez-Greene  
Jimmy Greene, saxophone

### • RESPONDING •

#### INVITATION TO JOIN THE MOVEMENT

Elijah Kirksey

**OFFERTORY** "Better Days"

Village Chorus for Children & Youth

(J. Timberlake, A. Clemons, J. Kasher Hindlin,  
U. Ebon, T. Crayton, D. Del Olmo, K. Dixon,  
L. Dopson, C. Payton, K. Tyler)

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**DEDICATION PRAYER**

Christian Unthank

**HYMN**

"I Lift My Voice"

(Andrea Ramsey)

When I lift my voice, let it be in song  
A defiant note, in the face of wrong  
I won't stand alone, we'll stand side by side  
'Cause we know that love is always justified.

CHORUS

When they try to divide us, It will only unite us.  
I lift my voice, I lift my voice

When I lift my voice, let it be for good  
Let me care as much as I know I should  
I I won't stand alone, we'll stand side by side  
'Cause we know that love is always justified.

CHORUS

When I lift my voice, let it heal all wounds  
Let us lift each other to the sun and moon  
I won't stand alone, we'll stand side by side  
'Cause we know that love is always justified.

CHORUS

**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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**Village Chorus for Children and Youth** • John Del Cueto, Director of Music and Choirs • Ellington Tanner, Caelyn Osbern, Dominick Vizioli, Carlo Vizioli, Cerentha Cook, Miranda Oden Cook

**Musician** • Jeremy Price, piano.

**Guest preacher Nelba Márquez-Greene** is the founder of The Ana Grace Project. She founded The Ana Grace Project in 2013 as a response to the school shooting in Sandy Hook, Conn., in 2012, which took the life of her daughter, Ana Grace Márquez-Greene. The Ana Grace Project is dedicated to promoting love, community, and connection for every child and family through three lead initiatives: partner schools, professional development, and music and the arts.



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## Sermon in Action

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### THIS WEEK: SO COME

We are called to welcome the children, but to what? What is the world we want to give them? What is the context we need to create so children and their families flourish? What does it mean for us to live so we leave no child behind?

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### LAST 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!!!

**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/](http://middlechurch.org/prayer/).

We need ushers every Sunday!

**IN-PERSON USHERS**

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# 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](http://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](http://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 visit [middlechurch.org/middle-rising](http://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:**

- Visit [middlechurch.org/donate](http://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](mailto:stewardship@middlechurch.org)) to discuss any questions about your giving plan.**

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# Middle Events Calendar

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All events are listed in ET unless noted.

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**Registration for all programming ends 1 hour before the event begins, so be sure to RSVP!**

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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.

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## 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](#)
- 2:00 p.m.: [Butterfly Outreach Ministry](#)

## MONDAY, OCTOBER 17

- 6:30 p.m.: [Acting Class](#)
- 8:00 p.m.: [Deconstructing Masculinity/Dismantling Patriarchy](#)

## WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 19

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

## THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20

- 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, OCTOBER 23

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

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## MIDDLE COLLEGIATE CHURCH

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Rev. Jacqueline J. Lewis, Ph.D. – *Senior Minister in Charge*

Rev. Natalie Renee Perkins – *Minister for Worship and Online Community*

Rev. Benjamin Perry – *Minister for Church Growth and Media Strategy*

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