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Sunday Worship Celebration

FEBRUARY 26TH, 2023 • 11:45 AM • BLACK HISTORY MONTH

IT'S NAME TAG SUNDAY!

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• GATHERING •

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jacqui Lewis

HYMN

"Welcome"

(Tituss Burgess)

You're welcome in this house
Rest inside this house
We all are flawed, no judgments made.
That's the beauty of this place
Oh, it's safe here
Minds can renew
Come in and you'll find out.

No one is turned away
This rule we cannot break
And just in case you're wondering –
We're more alike than it may seem
Oh, it's safe here
Minds can renew here
Come in and you'll find out.

• REFLECTING •

Text BULLETIN to 833-786-0733 to receive this week's bulletin to your smart device.

MESSAGE FOR ALL AGES

Children of Middle Church

“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 “Awaiting You”

(David Guettel)

Tituss Burgess, Soloist

LORD’S PRAYER

Diane Galashaw

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

Diane Galashaw

ANTHEM

“We Offer Praise”

(Rodney Bryant)

Helen White, Soloist

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 23

Jacqui Lewis

SERMON

“Stalked by Goodness and Mercy”

Jacqui Lewis

• **RESPONDING** •

INVITATION TO JOIN THE MOVEMENT

Matthew Johnson Harris &
Mark Otto

OFFERTORY

“Let’s Just Praise the Lord”

(Bill and Gloria Gaither)

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DOXOLOGY

From all that dwell below the skies
Let faith and hope with love arise.
Let peace, goodwill on earth be sung
Through every land, by every tongue.

(Trad.)

DEDICATION PRAYER

Mira Sawlani-Joyner

HYMN

“Total Praise”

(Richard Smallwood)

Lord I will lift mine eyes to the hills
Knowing my help is coming from
Your peace, You give me
In time of the storm

You are the source of my strength
You are the strength of my life
I lift my hands in total praise to you

Amen

BENEDICTION

Jacqui Lewis

PARTICIPATING IN THE CELEBRATION

Choir • Tituss Burgess (Director), Ailah Inaba, Allison Mickelson, Carla Stewart, Drew Shad, Helen White, Ivan Anderson, Jennifer Coleman, JJ Caruncho, Jazmin McCray, Johnny Shea, Kaede Helck, Kendra Krueger, Madge Dietrich, Malika Edwards, Matt Ackerman, Natalie Maust, Samantha Waite, Sandra Anderson, Sandra Santana, Tatian Owens, Tina Cernero, Tina Owens, Wayne Pennington, Zoya Coleman

Middle Church Band • Booker King (Bass), Jonathon Peretz (Drums), Dionne McClain-Freeney (Piano)

Sermon Focus: What’s Next?

THIS WEEK: STALKED BY GOODNESS AND MERCY

- On this Lenten journey God is pursuing us with goodness and mercy. Take comfort in that.
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LAST WEEK: MOUNTAIN TOP MOMENTS

- God’s got mountain top moments for each of us, all of us. Close encounters will change us for good.
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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.

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 Sheila Robinson Jessi Matei Ukraine Puerto Rico FWCC and The Raider Nation; Esther Viernes, Michelle Peedin, Emily Steffen

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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GIVING AT MIDDLE—

Dear Middle Family —

We are called to the Rising—Middle Rising! We are in our rebuilding campaign and have 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. The fire that destroyed Middle’s historic East Village site has not stopped us from putting our Fierce Love out in the world.

Please visit www.middlechurch.org/rising to make your **Pledge** to our **Middle Rising** campaign (**which can be given over three years**) so that we can count on your support toward our ongoing operations, programming, and fundraising for our new building. 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.

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

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, FEBRUARY 26

- 10:00 a.m.: [Kids Sunday Enrichment](#)
- 10:00 a.m.: [Bible in the Middle](#)
- 11:45 a.m.: [Worship Celebration](#)
- 12:25 p.m.: [Virtual Chat & Chew](#)
- 1:00 p.m.: [Village Chorus for Children and Youth](#)
- 2:00 p.m.: [Young Adults Small Group](#)

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27

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

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1

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

THURSDAY, MARCH 2

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

SUNDAY, MARCH 5

- 10:00 a.m.: [Kids Sunday Enrichment](#)
- 10:00 a.m.: [Bible in the Middle](#)
- 10:00 a.m.: [Voter Reform Group](#)
- 11:45 a.m.: [Worship Celebration](#)
- 12:25 p.m.: [Virtual Chat & Chew](#)
- 1:00 p.m.: [Village Chorus for Children and Youth](#)
- 2:00 p.m.: [Queer Connection](#)

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