

middle church

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Sunday Worship Celebration

MAY 7, 2023 • 11:45 AM • AAPIDA MONTH

• GATHERING •

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Jacqui Lewis

HYMN

“When O'er the Hills”

(Heber Romero)

Gospel Ensemble

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.

On the horizon the sun is blending
With hues of green coffee fields.
And from the bush there's a 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!"

I want to be like a brook that's flowing;
O how refreshing, such grace!
Or like the sound of a 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!

• REFLECTING •

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE “Improvisation” Hajime Yoshida

LORD’S PRAYER IN JAPANESE Kaede Zaitzu-Helck

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 Kaede Zaitzu-Helck

ANTHEM “Precioso Es Su Nombre” (Ricardo Rodrigues)

SCRIPTURE Acts 2:1-11 Rev. Jacqui Lewis

SERMON “Speaking in Tongues” Rev. Jacqui Lewis

• RESPONDING •

COMMUNION Rev. Jacqui Lewis and Gloria Moy

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

Michelle Lee

OFFERTORY

“Gloria”

(Juan Luis Guerra)

Riqi Velez, Soloist

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DOXOLOGY

From all that dwell below the skies

(Trad.)

Let faith and hope with love arise.

Let peace, goodwill on earth be sung

Through every land, by every tongue.#

DEDICATION PRAYER

Rev. Natalie Perkins

HYMN

“Si Tu Puedes, Cantalo”

Gospel Ensemble

(Victor Jortack)

Si tu puedes, cantalo, cantalo, cantalo

Si tu puedes, cantalo, cantalo, cantalo 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 ev'ry child
And may you be filled with the 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 song.
(refrain)

BENEDICTION

Rev. Jacqui Lewis

PARTICIPATING IN THE CELEBRATION

Gospel Ensemble • Gabbi Beauvais, Johnny Shea, Kaede Helck, Kathleen Butler-Duplessis, Natalie Maust, Sandra Santana, Tina Owens, Ivan Anderson

Director of Music and Choirs • John Del Cueto

Middle Church Band • Sterling Cozza, piano; Hajime Yoshida, guitar; Daniel Prim, drums

Sermon Focus: What's Next?

THIS WEEK: SPEAKING IN TONGUES

- We are created in the image of a multivocal God. We too must speak in tongues, in the languages of lament, celebration, demands for freedom, vulnerability, and joy. All of these languages, filled with truth, will set us free, and enable our flourishing.

LAST WEEK: GRABBED BY GOD

- When we've been grabbed by God, when God puts their hand on us, we MUST prophesy to the deadness, to the dry bones, to snap them back to life. God commands us to prophesy to the Spirit that inspires resurrection life.

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

We are praying for all our Middle family every day.

Pray for 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 Ukraine Puerto Rico FWCC Victoria Dillard Joe Tigner Jessi Matei NATO Sheila Robinson Sheila Harding 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/.

Join us for Butterfly Outreach Mission!

We welcome you to join us at Tompkins Square Park Corner at 9th Street and Ave B as we deliver homemade sandwiches and love letters to our neighbors who might appreciate a meal and friendly face. Please email Patrick at Ptmulcahy21@gmail.com or Deborah at Bergamotmusic@gmail.com for more info on what to bring and expect.

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.

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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](https://www.venmo.com/@MiddleCollegiateChurch)

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

- Middle Collegiate Church, Attn: Stewardship Dept.
50 East 7th Street, New York, NY 10003

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.

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 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

to hear a weekly prayer, scripture, and reflection from a Middle pastor. Updated Mondays, 8:30 a.m.

SUNDAY, MAY 7

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

MONDAY, MAY 8

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

WEDNESDAY, MAY 10

- 8:00 a.m.: [Pray to Rise East](#)
- 10:00 a.m.: [Pray to Rise West](#)
- 7:30 p.m.: [Queer Black Men](#)

THURSDAY, MAY 11

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

SUNDAY, MAY 14

- 10:00 a.m.: [Kids Sunday Enrichment](#)
- 10:00 a.m.: [Bible in the Middle](#)
- 10:00 a.m.: [Voter Reform Group](#)
- 10:30 a.m.: [New Members Meeting](#)
- 11:45 a.m.: [Worship Celebration](#)
- 12:45 p.m.: [Virtual Chat & Chew](#)
- 2:00 p.m.: [Butterfly Outreach Ministry](#)

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



MIDDLE COLLEGIATE CHURCH

Rev. Jacqueline J. Lewis, Ph.D. – *Senior Minister and Public Theologian*

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

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

Rev. Amanda Hambrick Ashcraft – *Consulting Community Minister*

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