

middle church



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Sunday Worship Celebration

MAY 14, 2023 • 11:45 AM • MOTHER'S DAY • AAPI HERITAGE MONTH

• GATHERING •

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Jacqui Lewis

HYMN

“Every Praise”

(Hezekiah Walker)

Every praise is to our God.
Every word of worship with one accord
Every praise every praise is to our God.
Sing hallelujah to our God
Glory hallelujah is due our God
Every praise every praise is to our God.

God my Savior
God my Healer
God my Deliverer
Yes You are, yes You are.

• REFLECTING •

MESSAGE FOR ALL AGES

Kaede Zaitsu-Helck

“Siyahamba”

(Based on a South African Traditional Song)

We are marching in the light of God,
we are marching in the light of God.



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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE “What A Friend We Have in Jesus”

(Joseph Scriven)

Kaede Zaitso-Helck, Soloist; Julie Guererro, Soloist

LORD’S PRAYER

Julie Guerrero

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

Julie Guerrero

ANTHEM “It’s Not Easy Being Green”

(Joe Raposo)

SCRIPTURE Isaiah 66: 10-13

SERMON “Mothering The World Into Healing”

Min Jin Lee and Rev. Jacqui Lewis

• **RESPONDING** •

INVITATION TO JOIN THE MOVEMENT

Jesse Baen, Sarah Brook and
Gabrielle Rae Baen-Brook

OFFERTORY “Oceans”

(Matt Crocker, Joel Houston, Salomon Lightelm)

Johnny Shea, 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. Ben Perry

HYMN

“Hold Everybody Up”

(Melanie DeMore)

Chorus:

We gotta hold everybody
We gotta hold everybody up
We gotta hold everybody
We gotta hold everybody up
Hold everybody up, up, up
Hold everybody up, up, up
Hold everybody up, up, up
Hold everybody up

Just because you look like you
And I look like me
It doesn't mean we can't be friends
You're not my enemy

Chorus

People all around the world sometimes feel so sad
But when others show they care
Well things don't seem so bad

Chorus

BENEDICTION

Rev. Jacqui Lewis



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PARTICIPATING IN THE CELEBRATION

Co-Director of Music and Choirs • Tina Owens

Middle Church Band • Sterling Cozza, piano; Booker King, bass; Jonathon Peretz, drums; Hajime Yoshida, Guitar

Sermon Focus: What's Next?

THIS WEEK: MOTHERING THE WORLD INTO HEALING

- Conversation will be a reflection on mothering with Min Jin Lee, author
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LAST 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.

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

We are praying for all our Middle family every day.

I have stage 4 colon cancer. I ask for prayers that God's will be done in my life and for guidance, comfort and protection for my family.; 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 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 Sheila Robinson Sheila Harding Jessi Matei Joe Tigner NATO Ukraine Puerto Rico FWCC Victoria Dillard 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 the season opener of Butterfly Outreach Mission!

We welcome you to join us at 2:00pm 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.



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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](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.

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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

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

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 Ministry](#)
- 2:00 p.m.: [Middle Players Present: The Party](#)

MONDAY, MAY 15

- 6:30 p.m.: [Acting Class](#)
- 8:00 p.m.: [Liberating Masculinity](#)

TUESDAY, MAY 16

- 8:30 p.m.: [Cry, Baby Virtual Book Launch](#)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 17

- 8:00 a.m.: [Pray to Rise East](#)
- 10:00 a.m.: [Pray to Rise West](#)
- 7:30 p.m.: [AAPIDA Heritage Month: In Our Own Words](#)

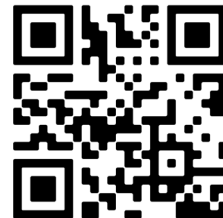
THURSDAY, MAY 18

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

SUNDAY, MAY 21

- 10:00 a.m.: [Kids Sunday Enrichment](#)
- 10:00 a.m.: [Bible in the Middle](#)
- 11:45 p.m.: [Worship Celebration](#)
- 12:45 p.m.: [Cry, Baby: Why Our Tears Matter Talkback](#)
- 1:00 p.m.: [Village Chorus for Children & Youth](#)
- 2:00 p.m.: [Butterfly Outreach Ministry](#)

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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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