

middle church



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Sunday Worship Celebration

MAY 21, 2023 • 11:45 AM • AAPI HERITAGE MONTH

• GATHERING •

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Jacqui Lewis

HYMN

“Dear Lord, Lead Me Day By Day”

(Francisca Asuncion)

Gospel Ensemble

Chorus

Praise to God fount of love
Praise from morn till the set of sun
Praise at home praise in church
Praise to God everywhere on earth

Dear Lord lead me day by day
Make me steadfast wise and strong
Happy most of all to know
That my dear Lord loves me so

Dear Lord lead me day by day
Make me follow and obey faithfully
Your words of life
That Your love ever abide

Now with confidence I sing
Joyous praises to our God
And with upright heart I give
Tender care and sympathy



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• REFLECTING •

MESSAGE FOR ALL AGES

Jocelyn Lieu

“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 “Hallelujah”

(Leonard Cohen)

LORD’S PRAYER

Gloria Moy

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

Rev. Ben Perry

ANTHEM

“Wish for Wings ”

(Michio Yamagami & Kunihiko Murai; Taro Kijima,
arr. & English lyrics Rising Sun)

SCRIPTURE

Acts 1.6-14

Rev. Ben Perry

SERMON

“Come, let us gather our people ”

Dr. David Kyuman Kim

• RESPONDING •

INVITATION TO JOIN THE MOVEMENT

Rev. Jacqui Lewis

OFFERTORY

“River Flows in You ”

(Yurima)

Sterling Cozza, Piano solo

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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 Julie Guerrero

HYMN "Joyful Joyful " (Henry Van Dyke, Ludwig Van Beethoven)
Gospel Ensemble

Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore you, God of glo - ry, God of love;
Hearts un - fold like flowers be - fore you, open-ing to the sun a - bove.
Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, drive the storms of doubt a - way;
Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad-ness, fill us with the light of day.

All your works with joy sur-round you, earth and heaven re -flect your rays,
Stars and an - gels sing a - round you, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.
Field and for - est, vale and moun-tain, flower-y mead-ow, flash-ing sea,
Chant-ing bird and flow-ing foun-tain, teach us what our praise should be.

Mor-tals, join the might-y cho - rus which the morn-ing stars be - gan;
Bound-less love is reign - ing o'er us, re-con-cil-ing race and clan
Ev - er sing - ing, move we for - ward, faith - ful in the midst of strife,
Joy - ful mu - sic leads us on - ward in the tri - umph song of life.

BENEDICTION Rev. Jacqui Lewis and Dr. David Kyuman Kim



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PARTICIPATING IN THE CELEBRATION

Director of Music and Choirs • John Del Cueto

Middle Church Band • Sterling Cozza, piano

Gospel Ensemble • ????

Sermon Focus: What's Next?

THIS WEEK: COME, LET US GATHER OUR PEOPLE

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LAST WEEK: MOTHERING THE WORLD INTO HEALING

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

PRAYER CORNER *Please pray with us this week for these people and concerns.*
We are praying for all our Middle family every day.

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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.



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

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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 21

- 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.: [Cry, Baby: Why Our Tears Matter Talkback](#)
- 1:00 p.m.: [Village Chorus for Children & Youth](#)
- 2:00 p.m.: [Butterfly Ministry](#)

MONDAY, MAY 22

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

WEDNESDAY, MAY 24

- 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](#)
- 7:30 p.m.: [Queer Black Men](#)

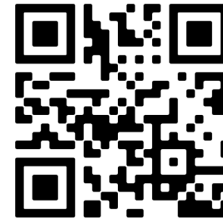
THURSDAY, MAY 25

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

SUNDAY, MAY 28

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

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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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