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Sunday Worship Celebration

MAY 28, 2023 • 11:45 AM • AAPIDA MONTH • PENTECOST • MEMORIAL DAY

IT'S NAME TAG SUNDAY!

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• GATHERING •

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Natalie Perkins

HYMN

“Stand By Me”

(Jerry Leiber, Mike Stoller, Ben E. King)

Verse 1

When the night has come
And the land is dark
And the moon is the only light we'll see
No, I won't be afraid
Oh, I won't be afraid
Just as long as you stand, stand by me

Chorus

So Holy Spirit, stand by me
Oh, stand by me
Oh, stand
Stand by me, stand by me

Verse 2

If the sky that we look upon



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Should tumble and fall
Or the mountains should crumble to the sea
I won't cry, I won't cry
No, I won't shed a tear
Just as long as you stand, stand by me

Chorus

And Holy Spirit stand by me
Oh, stand by me
Woah, stand now
Stand by me, stand by me

• REFLECTING •

MESSAGE FOR ALL AGES

Julie Guerrero

“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

Rev. Natalie Perkins

LORD’S PRAYER

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. Natalie Perkins

ANTHEM

“Unity”

(Glorraine B. Moone, Rev. Freddie Washington)

SCRIPTURE

Acts 2.1-13

Phil Tom

SERMON

“Standing Together! The Power of Unity”

Phil Tom

• RESPONDING •

INVITATION TO JOIN THE MOVEMENT

Rev. Jacqui Lewis

OFFERTORY “We Are the World ”

(Michael Jackson and Lionel Richie)

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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

Gloria Moy

HYMN “Guide My Feet”

(Trad)

Guide my feet, while I run this race.

Guide my feet, while I run this race.

Guide my feet, while I run this race.

For I don't want to run this race in vain!

2) Hold my hand...

3) Stand by me...

4) I'm Your Child

5) Search my heart

6) Guide my feet

BENEDICTION

Rev. Natalie Perkins

PARTICIPATING IN THE CELEBRATION

Director of Music and Choirs • John Del Cueto

Middle Church Band • Sterling Cozza, piano; Jonathon Peretz, drums; Booker King, Bass

Sermon Focus: What's Next?

THIS WEEK: MAKING IT KNOWN: STANDING TOGETHER! THE POWER OF UNITY

- United we rise, divided we fall.

LAST WEEK: COME, LET US GATHER OUR PEOPLE

- How do we ready our hearts to gather our people in prayerful solidarity for the hard days ahead?

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

We are praying for all our Middle family every day.

For the 2 young boys who were recently found dead in Harlem. For their souls and for their family. I am so so sad thinking about these boys and the loss their loved ones are experiencing. May they rest in peace and may their families feel God's love and comfort real and close.;I am a bit sick with food poisoning, the lady I live with poisoned me. I feel really sick now. I really need some help to heal my broken and infected tooth. I also really need help for my ex boyfriend to talk to me, I repent for what I did or said or sent him to make him not talk to me. I really want him to forgive me and talk to me. My heart is broken. I really need help to find a new place to live urgently and a job urgently to get away from them. I also need peace in the house and peace when I sleep.;I have stomach pain, back pain, tooth pain, urinary tract, bladder and bowel infection.;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 James Cunningham 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.

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 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 a.m.: [Worship Celebration](#)
- 12:45 p.m.: [Virtual Chat & Chew](#)
- 1:00 p.m.: [Village Chorus for Children and Youth](#)
- 1:00 p.m.: [Young Adults: Visit to Pearl Mart](#)
- 2:00 p.m.: [Butterfly Outreach Ministry](#)
- 2:00 p.m.: [Young Adults](#)

MONDAY, MAY 29

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

WEDNESDAY, MAY 31

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

THURSDAY, JUN 1

- 1:00 p.m.: [New Adventures](#)
- 6:30 p.m.: [Creative Writing](#)

SUNDAY, JUN 4

- 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.: [I Wish My Dad: The Power of Vulnerable Conversations Between Fathers and Sons](#)
- 1:00 p.m.: [Village Chorus for Children & Youth](#)
- 2:00 p.m.: [Butterfly Outreach Ministry](#)
- 2:00 p.m.: [Queer Connections](#)

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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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