

middle church

JUST LOVE

Sunday Worship Celebration

JUNE 11, 2023 • 11:45 AM • PRIDE MONTH • GRAD SUNDAY

• GATHERING •

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Jacqui Lewis

HYMN

“Woke up this Morning”

(Trad)

Woke up this morning with my mind
stayed on freedom

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stayed on freedom

Refrain:

Hallelu, hallelu, hallelujah

Ain't no harm to keep your mind
stayed on freedom

Ain't no harm to keep your mind
stayed on freedom

Ain't no harm to keep your mind
stayed on freedom (refrain)



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Walkin' and talkin' with my mind
stayed on freedom

Walkin' and talkin' with my mind
stayed on freedom

Walkin' and talkin' with my mind
stayed on freedom (refrain)

• REFLECTING •

MESSAGE FOR ALL AGES

VCCY and John Del Cueto/Tina Owens

“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

Christian Unthank

LORD’S PRAYER

Christian Unthank

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

Christian Unthank

ANTHEM

“Something Inside So Strong”

(Labi Siffri)

SCRIPTURE

Matt 9:8-13, 18-27

Rev. Jacqui Lewis

SERMON

“This is What Healing Looks Like”

Rev. Jacqui Lewis

• RESPONDING •

INVITATION TO JOIN THE MOVEMENT

Alijah Kirksey



OFFERTORY

"Unruly Heart"

(Chad Beguelin, Matthew Skylar)

Caelyn Osbern, Soloist

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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

Imani Paisley

HYMN

"I Lift My Voice"

When I lift my voice, let it be in song
A defiant note, in the face of wrong
I won't stand alone, we'll stand side by side
'Cause we know that love is always justified.

Chorus:

When they try to divide us, It will only unite us.
I lift my voice, I lift my voice

When I lift my voice, let it be for good
Let me care as much as I know I should
I I won't stand alone, we'll stand side by side
'Cause we know that love is always justified. (*Chorus*)

When I lift my voice, let it heal all wounds
Let us lift each other to the sun and moon
I won't stand alone, we'll stand side by side
'Cause we know that love is always justified. (*chorus*)

BENEDICTION

Rev. Jacqui Lewis

PARTICIPATING IN THE CELEBRATION

Director of Music and Choirs • John Del Cueto

Middle Church Band • Dionne McClain-Freeney, piano

VCCY • Axel Crowe, Caelyn Osbern, Carlo Vizioli, Cerentha Cook, Christian Unthank, Dominick Vizioli, Ellington Tanner, Gabrielle Baen-Brook, Imani Passley, Miranda Oden Cook, Sabrina Cote, Teddy Baptiste, Yo Inaba

Sermon Focus: What's Next?

THIS WEEK: THIS IS WHAT HEALING LOOKS LIKE.

- In a culture that valued neither girls nor women, this text prophesies the revolutionary, boundary shifting, culture creating movement of Jesus.

LAST WEEK: THE LIGHT, THE SHADOW & EVERYTHING IN BETWEEN

- We can trust God's co-creative process as we work healing in our lives and in the world. We can trust this solidarity in the chaos, in the darkness and in the light

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 Acquaaah 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 James Cunningham Gwen Kingsberry Dominique Atchison 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/.

Butterfly Outreach Mission invites YOU to volunteer on Sundays at 2:00pm!

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://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, JUN 11

- 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](#)
- 1:00 p.m.: [Village Chorus for Children & Youth](#)
- 1:00 p.m.: [Celebrating Grads Party](#)
- 1:00 p.m.: [PrideXPurpose Compassionate Convo: Reclaiming Queerness in Spirituality](#)
- 2:00 p.m.: [Butterfly Ministry](#)

MONDAY, JUN 12

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

TUESDAY, JUN 13

- 7:00 p.m.: [Feeling Queer: Holy Grief, Rage, Tenderness, & Joy](#)

WEDNESDAY, JUN 14

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

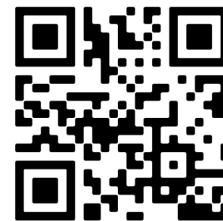
THURSDAY, JUN 15

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

SUNDAY, JUN 18

- 9:30 p.m.: [Juneteenth Worship Celebration](#)
- 10:00 a.m.: [Kids Sunday Enrichment](#)
- 10:00 a.m.: [Bible in the Middle](#)
- 10:30 p.m.: [Sermon & Book Talk Back with Rev. Jacqui & Rev. Natalie](#)
- 11:00 p.m.: [Juneteenth Community Food](#)
- 11:45 p.m.: [Juneteenth Worship Celebration](#)
- 12:45 p.m.: [Sermon & Book Talk Back with Rev. Jacqui & Rev. Natalie](#)
- 1:15 p.m.: [Juneteenth Community Food](#)
- 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*

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

Rev. Amanda Hambrick Ashcraft – *Consulting Community Minister*

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