

middle church



JUST LOVE

Sunday Worship Celebration

JUNE 18, 2023 • 9:30 AM; 11:45 AM • JUNETEENTH SUNDAY

• GATHERING •

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Jacqui Lewis

HYMN

“I Love the Lord”

(Richard Smallwood)

Gospel Ensemble

I love the Lord, who heard my cry
And pitied ev'ry groan.
Long as I live, as troubles rise
I'll hasten to God's throne.

• REFLECTING •

MESSAGE FOR ALL AGES

Rev. Natalie Perkins

“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



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LORD’S PRAYER

Rev. Ben Perry (9:30)
Allen Singleton (11:45)

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 (9:30)
Allen Singleton (11:45)

ANTHEM

“Wonderful”

(Ivan Anderson/ arr. by Dionne McClain-Freeney)

Gospel Ensemble, Ivan Anderson, Soloist

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 116: 1-19

Rev. Jacqui Lewis

SERMON

“Seen. Heard. Loved. Called.”

Rev. Jacqui Lewis

• **RESPONDING** •

INVITATION TO JOIN THE MOVEMENT

Danita Branam (9:30)
Antwayn Hopper (11:45)

OFFERTORY

“Just As I Am”

(Ivan Anderson/ arr. by Dionne McClain-Freeney)

Gospel Ensemble, Ivan Anderson, Soloist

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DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him, all creatures here below
Praise Him above ye heavenly host
Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen!

(Trad.)

DEDICATION PRAYER

Geraldine Smith (9:30)
Jonathan Lucas (11:45)



Gospel Ensemble

Lift every voice and sing
Till earth and heaven ring,
Ring with the harmonies of Liberty;
Let our rejoicing rise
High as the listening skies,
Let it resound loud as the rolling sea.
Sing a song full of the faith
That the dark past has taught us,
Sing a song full of the hope
That the present has brought us,
Facing the rising sun of our new day begun
Let us march on till victory is won.

Stony the road we trod,
Bitter the chastening rod,
Felt in the days when hope unborn had died;
Yet with a steady beat,
Have not our weary feet
Come to the place for which our fathers sighed?
We have come over a way
That with tears have been watered,
We have come, treading our path
Through the blood of the slaughtered,
Out from the gloomy past,
Till now we stand at last
Where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.

God of our weary years,
God of our silent tears,
Thou who has brought us thus far on the way;
Thou who has by Thy might
Led us into the light,
Keep us forever in the path, we pray.
Lest our feet stray from the places,
Our God, where we met Thee;
Lest, our hearts drunk
With the wine of the world, we forget Thee;

Shadowed beneath Thy hand,
May we forever stand.
True to our GOD,
True to our native land.

BENEDICTION

Rev. Jacqui Lewis



PARTICIPATING IN THE CELEBRATION

Director of Music and Choirs • John Del Cueto

Middle Church Band • Dionne McClain-Freeney, piano; Booker King, Bass; Jonathon Peretz, drums

Gospel Ensemble • Tina Owens, Sandra Santana, Ailah Inaba, Madge Dietrich, Sam Waite, Alex Betrand, Robert Hughes, Maurice Russell

Sermon Focus: What's Next?

THIS WEEK: SEEN. HEARD. LOVED. CALLED.

- The God who sees us and hears our cries for help enlists us in the repairing of the world. Time to suit up and get in the game.
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LAST WEEK: THIS IS WHAT HEALING LOOKS LIKE.

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

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 Ukraine Puerto Rico FWCC Victoria Dillard James Cunningham Gwen Kingsberry Dominique Atchison Sheila Robinson Sheila Harding Jessi Matei Joe Tigner NATO 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://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, JUN 18

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

MONDAY, JUN 19

- 6:30 p.m.: [Acting Class](#)
- 7:00 p.m.: [Juneteenth Now: Let Freedom Dance](#)
- 8:00 p.m.: [Liberating Masculinity](#)

TUESDAY, JUN 20

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

WEDNESDAY, JUN 21

- 8:00 a.m.: [Pray to Rise East](#)
- 10:00 a.m.: [Pray to Rise West](#)
- 6:00 p.m.: [Creating Space: A Conversation on the Future of LGBTQIA+ Inclusion in the Church with LOVEboldly and Rev. Dr. Jacqui Lewis](#)
- 6:00 p.m.: [Hablamos & AAPIDA Unite](#)
- 7:00 p.m.: [Ukuleliacs](#)

THURSDAY, JUN 22

- 1:00 p.m.: [New Adventures](#)
- 6:30 p.m.: [Creative Writing](#)
- 7:00 p.m.: [Jerriese Johnson Gospel Choir](#)
- 7:00 p.m.: [Safe Space Concert with Trey Pearson](#)

SUNDAY, JUN 25

- 10:00 a.m.: [Kids Sunday Enrichment](#)
- 10:00 a.m.: [Bible in the Middle](#)
- 10:00 a.m.: [Voter Reform Group](#)
- 10:00 a.m.: [Celebrating Community Group Leaders](#)
- 11:45 a.m.: [Worship Celebration](#)
- 12:45 p.m.: [Virtual Chat & Chew](#)
- 2:00 p.m.: [Butterfly Outreach Ministry](#)
- 2:00 p.m.: [Young Adults](#)
- 3:45 p.m.: [March with Middle for Pride](#)

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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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