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Sunday Worship Celebration

AUGUST 13, 2023 • 11:45 AM

• GATHERING •

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Jacqui Lewis

HYMN

“Sweet Sweet Spirit”

(Doris Mae Akers)

Sweet, Sweet Spirit

Doris Akers, 1962; alt.



There's a sweet, sweet Spir - it in this place, and I



know that it's the Spir - it of the Lord; there are



sweet ex - pres - sions on each face, and I



know they feel the pres - ence of the Lord.



Sweet Ho - ly Spir - it, sweet heav-en-ly Dove, stay right here



with us, fill-ing us with your love; And for these bless-ings we



lift our hearts in praise. With-out a doubt we'll know that we have



been re - vived when we shall leave this place.

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Tune: SWEET, SWEET SPIRIT
9.11.9.11. with refrain

• 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 R Perkins

LORD’S PRAYER

Rev. Natalie R Perkins

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 R Perkins

ANTHEM

“Hold On”

(trad. Spiritual / Arr. Dionne McClain-Freeney)

Noël Simoné, soloist

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 30: 1-12 (NRSV)

Rev. Jacqui Lewis

SERMON

“Every Little Thing Gonna Be Alright”

Rev. Jacqui Lewis

• RESPONDING •

INVITATION TO JOIN THE MOVEMENT

Aly Palmer

OFFERTORY

“Wade in the Water”

(trad. Spiritual / Arr. Dionne McClain-Freeney)

Noël Simoné, soloist

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DOXOLOGY From all that dwell below the skies
Let faith and hope with love arise.
Let peace, goodwill on earth be sung
Through every land, by every tongue.

(Trad.)

DEDICATION PRAYER

Rev. Natalie Perkins

HYMN

“Let There Be Peace on Earth”

(Jill-Jackson-Miller and Sy Miller)

Let there be peace on earth
And let it begin with me
Let There Be Peace on Earth
The peace that was meant to be

With God as our Parent
Family all are we
Let me walk with my family
In perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me
Let this be the moment now.
With ev'ry step I take
Let this be my solemn vow

To take each moment and live
Each moment in peace eternally
Let there be peace on earth
And let it begin with me

BENEDICTION

Rev. Jacqui Lewis

PARTICIPATING IN THE CELEBRATION

Director of Music and Choirs • John Del Cueto

Middle Church Band • Dionne McClain-Freeney, piano

Sermon Focus: What's Next?

THIS WEEK: EVERY LITTLE THING GONNA BE ALRIGHT

- God has what C.S. Lewis called "an unbounded now" to heal our souls and the world. What is our work in the meantime? My word is Repair.
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LAST WEEK: FACE TO FACE

- What will you do this week to cultivate the habit of seeing the face of God in everyone you meet?

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

A prayer for all those who Melvin holds in his heart and mind.

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, AUG 13

- 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.: [Virtual Chat & Chew](#)
- 2:00 p.m.: [Butterfly Outreach Ministry](#)

MONDAY, AUG 14

- 6:30 p.m.: [Acting Class](#)
- 7:00 p.m.: [Queer Connections](#)

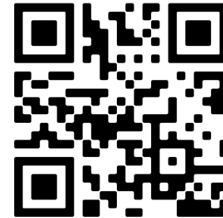
THURSDAY, AUG 17

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

SUNDAY, AUG 20

- 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.: [Sermon Talk Back—Let's Give A Damn: What Ubuntu Demands](#)
- 2:00 p.m.: [Butterfly Outreach Ministry](#)
- 7:00 p.m.: [Young Adults](#)

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Please reach out  to our Director of Congregational Life, Elise Tiralli, with any questions regarding programming— etiralli@middlechurch.org.

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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