Sunday Worship Celebration

AUGUST 20, 2023 • 11:45 AM

• GATHERING •

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN “Amazing Grace” (John Newton)
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• REFLECTING •

MESSAGE FOR ALL AGES

Lauren MacDonald

“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

Sophia Diehl

LORD’S PRAYER

Rev. Natalie 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 Perkins

ANTHEM

“Infinite Joy”

(William Finn)

Kathleen Butler-Duplessis, soloist

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 15: 21-28

Rev. Amanda Hambrick Ashcraft

SERMON

“Power, Location and Transformation”

Rev. Amanda Hambrick Ashcraft

• RESPONDING •

INVITATION TO JOIN THE MOVEMENT

Tom Smucker

OFFERTORY

“Change”

(Tracy Chapman)

Kathleen Butler-Duplessis, 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. 

DEDICATION PRAYER  
Tom Smucker

HYMN  
“This Light Of Mine”  
(trad spiritual)
BENEDICTION

Rev. Amanda Hambrick Ashcraft
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: POWER, LOCATION AND TRANSFORMATION

• In our quick-to-cancel and call-out culture, how can we create space for teachable and transformable dialogue?

LAST 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?

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.; Prayers of well being for myself and my family

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

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 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
• 1:00 p.m.: Sermon Talk Back—Let’s Give A Damn: What Ubuntu Demands
• 1:00 p.m.: Young Adults Mixer: Spicy Moon!
• 2:00 p.m.: Butterfly Outreach Ministry
• 7:00 p.m.: Young Adults

MONDAY, AUG 21
• 9:00 a.m.: Freedom Summer
• 6:30 p.m.: Acting Class
• 7:00 p.m.: Middle Mixer: Virtual Pub Trivia

TUESDAY, AUG 22
• 9:00 a.m.: Freedom Summer

WEDNESDAY, AUG 23
• 9:00 a.m.: Freedom Summer
• 7:30 p.m.: Queer Black Men

THURSDAY, AUG 24
• 9:00 a.m.: Freedom Summer
• 1:00 p.m.: New Adventures
• 6:30 p.m.: Creative Writing

FRIDAY, AUG 25
• 9:00 a.m.: Freedom Summer

SUNDAY, AUG 27
• 10:00 a.m.: Kids Sunday Enrichment
• 10:00 a.m.: Bible in the Middle
• 10:45 a.m.: Young Adults Mixer: Coffee at the Bean
• 11:45 a.m.: Worship Celebration
• 12:45 p.m.: Virtual Chat & Chew
• 2:00 p.m.: Butterfly Outreach Ministry

FOR MORE INFORMATION about Middle Church events, activities, and the latest updates, scan the code below with your smartphone camera.

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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