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Sunday Worship Celebration

AUGUST 6, 2023 • 11:45 AM

• GATHERING •

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Elise Tiralli

HYMN

“We’ve Come this Far By Faith”

(Albert A. Goodson)

WE'VE COME THIS FAR BY FAITH

Refrain

We've come this far by faith, Lean-ing on the
 Lord; Trust-ing in God's ho-ly word,
 God nev-er failed me yet. Oh
 can't turn a-round, We've come this far by faith.

Verse 1

1. Don't be dis-cour-aged when trou-ble's in your
 life, He'll bear your bur-dens and
 move all mis-er-y and strife. That's why we've

2. Just the other day I heard someone say
 He didn't believe in God's word;
 But I can truly say that God has made a way,
 And She's never failed me yet.
 That's why we've...

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• REFLECTING •

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Diane Galashaw

LORD'S PRAYER

Diane Galashaw

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

Diane Galashaw

ANTHEM

“I Done, Done”

(Trad. Spiritual)

Tanisha Anderson, soloist

SCRIPTURE

Exodus 34:29-35

Nick Laparra

SERMON

“Face to Face”

Nick Laparra

• RESPONDING •

COMMUNION

Nick Laparra & Sandra Santana

INVITATION TO JOIN THE MOVEMENT

Sandra Santana

OFFERTORY

“How Great is Our God”

(Chris Tomlin, Jesse Reeves and Ed Cash)

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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

Sandra Santana

HYMN

“Let Your Little Light Shine”

(Trad.; arr. Pamela Warrick-Smith)

Let your little light Shine, shine, shine
Let your little light Shine, oh my Lord,
There might be Someone down in the valley tryin' to get home.

Well it may be Me and it may be you
It might be Your sister or your brother too
It might be Someone down in the valley tryin' to get home.

BENEDICTION

Nick Laparra

PARTICIPATING IN THE CELEBRATION

Director of Music and Choirs • John Del Cueto

Middle Church Band • Sterling Cozza, piano

Sermon Focus: What's Next?

THIS WEEK: FACE TO FACE

- What will you do this week to cultivate the habit of seeing the face of God in everyone you meet?
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LAST WEEK: AGREEMENTS WITH GOD

- What do you ask of God?

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 6

- 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](#)
- 2:00 p.m.: [Butterfly Outreach Ministry](#)

MONDAY, AUG 7

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

WEDNESDAY, AUG 9

- 6:00 p.m.: [¡Hablamos! Otra Vez!](#)
- 7:30 p.m.: [Queer Black Men](#)

THURSDAY, AUG 10

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

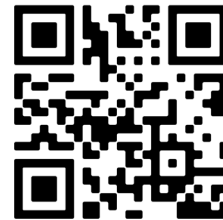
SATURDAY, AUG 12

- 10:00 a.m.: [Middle Mixer: Beach Day at Coney Island](#)

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](#)

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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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