

middle church

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Sunday Worship Celebration

SEPTEMBER 3, 2023 • 11:45 AM • LABOR DAY

• GATHERING •

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Elise Tiralli

HYMN

“Hush, Hush, Somebody's Callin' My Name”

(trad Spiritual)

Hush, Hush, Somebody's Callin' My Name

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1. Hush, hush, some-bo-dy's cal-lin' my name

1. Hush, Lor - dy, hush, Lor - dy, some-bo-dy's cal-lin' my name. Good Lor - dy,

Hush, hush, some-bo-dy's cal-lin' my name

Hush, Lor - dy, hush, Lor - dy, some-bo-dy's cal-lin' my name

Hush, hush, some-bo-dy's cal-lin' my name Oh my Lord

Hush, Lor - dy, hush, Lor - dy, some-bo-dy's cal-lin' my name. Oh my Lord

Oh my Lord - what shall I do? - What shall I do?

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- 2) Sounds like Jesus, somebody's callin' my name.
- 3) I'm so glad, trouble don't last always.
- 4) Hush, hush, somebody's callin' my name.

Words: Traditional
Music: Negro Spiritual; arr. Moses Hogan. Used by Permission.

• REFLECTING •

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Danita Branam

LORD'S PRAYER

Danita Branam

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

Danita Branam

ANTHEM

“Love is an Action”

(Tituss Burgess)

Gabbi Beauvais, soloist

SCRIPTURE

Gospel of Thomas 5:1-2

Rev. Natalie Perkins

SERMON

“Hidden Secrets of the Bible Revealed!”

Rev. Natalie Perkins

• RESPONDING •

COMMUNION

Rev. Natalie Perkins, Danita Branam & Diane Galashaw

INVITATION TO JOIN THE MOVEMENT

Dean Hubbard

OFFERTORY

“This Day”

(Edwin Hawkins)

Noël Simoné, soloist

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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

Dean Hubbard

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REJOICING
96 **Now in This Moment**

1 Now in this mo - ment, now in this day, God is cre -
2 Past, pres - ent, fu - ture, joy, sor - row, hope, we write the

at - ing and lead - ing the way; life is be - hind us, life is be -
sto - ry, and life is its scope. God's love as - sures us through the un -

fore; we write the sto - ry not heard be - fore. This is our
known, God's grace sus - tains us, we're not a - lone.

sto - ry, this is our song, prais - ing our Sav - ior all the day long. This is our

sto - ry, this is our song, prais - ing our Sav - ior all the day long.

Refrain

Words: Sts. Barbara Howard, 1930- , and Richard Howard, 1929- ; ref. Fanny J. Crosby, 1820-1915 U.S.A.
Music: Phoebe P. Knapp, 1839-1908 9.10.9.9. and refrain
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BENEDICTION

Rev. Natalie Perkins



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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: HIDDEN SECRETS OF THE BIBLE REVEALED!

- What has shifted for you as you've learned more about the canon?
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LAST WEEK: REFRAMING FORGIVENESS

- Forgiveness is a volitional act of healing, not an obligation.

PRAYER CORNER *Please pray with us this week for these people and concerns.*

We are praying for all our Middle family every day.

Praying for healing for Viola and Cordelia; 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://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, SEP 3

- 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](#)
- 3:00 p.m.: [Labor is a Movement](#)

MONDAY, SEP 4

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

TUESDAY, SEP 5

- 5:45 p.m.: [Reparations Task Force](#)

WEDNESDAY, SEP 6

- 7:00 p.m.: [Ukuleliacs](#)

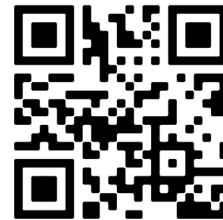
THURSDAY, SEP 7

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

SUNDAY, SEP 10

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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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