

RECLAIM REPAIR REBUILD  
**WORSHIP CELEBRATION**  
REFRAME

REV. DR. JACQUI LEWIS - SENIOR MINISTER

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## Sunday Worship Celebration

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OCTOBER 29, 2023 • 9:30 AM & 11:45 AM

**PRELUDE**      *Please use this time to center yourself*

• **GATHERING** •

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Rev. Dr. Jacqui Lewis

**HYMN**

[“Sweet Sweet Spirit”](#)

(Doris Akers)

• **REFLECTING** •

**MESSAGE FOR ALL AGES**

Elise Tiralli

“Siyahamba”

(Based on a South African Traditional Song)

We are marching in the Light of God  
We are marching in the Light of God

We are marching, we are marching  
We are marching in the light of God.

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Rev. Amanda Hambrick Ashcraft

**LORD’S PRAYER** Rev. Amanda Hambrick Ashcraft

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. Amanda Hambrick Ashcraft

**ANTHEM** “Make You Feel My Love”  
Soloist Carmi Harris

(Bob Dylan)

**SCRIPTURE** Matthew 22: 34-46

Rev. Dr. Jacqui Lewis

**SERMON** “kNOw Justice, kNOw Peace”

Rev. Dr. Jacqui Lewis

• **RESPONDING** •

**INVITATION TO JOIN THE MOVEMENT**

Dr. Jamie MacArthur

**OFFERTORY** “Barley”  
Soloist Noël Wippler

(Allison Russell)

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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.

(Samba Version)

**DEDICATION PRAYER**

Rev. Natalie Perkins

**HYMN** [“Total Praise”](#)

(Richard Smallwood)

**BENEDICTION**

Rev. Dr. Jacqui Lewis



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## PARTICIPATING IN THE CELEBRATION

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**Director of Music and Choirs** • John Del Cueto

**Middle Church Band** • Dionne McClain-Freene, piano; Bernice Brooks (Drums), Tanisha Anderson (singer), Noël Whippler, Carmi Harris (Singer), Ai Ra (Tenor)

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## Sermon Focus: What's Next?

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### THIS WEEK: **KNOW** JUSTICE, **KNOW** PEACE

- As people of faith watching a world at war, our call for love and justice must include a call for peace.
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### LAST WEEK: AND A LITTLE CHILD SHALL LEAD

- Head to <https://www.childrensdefense.org/> to check out the work of the Children's Defense Fund and to see how you can get involved.

**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/](http://middlechurch.org/prayer/).

**Butterfly Outreach Ministry, our food justice ministry, invites you to volunteer on Sundays at 2:00pm!**  
Please email Patrick at [Ptmulcahy21@gmail.com](mailto:Ptmulcahy21@gmail.com) or Deborah at [Bergamotmusic@gmail.com](mailto:Bergamotmusic@gmail.com) for more info on what to bring and expect.

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# Welcome to Middle Church

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**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](http://middlechurch.org).

**Text BULLETIN to (833) 786-0733 to receive this week's bulletin to your smart device.**

**By entering the Sanctuary,** you grant Middle Collegiate Church unrestricted right to use and publish, transmit, or telecast photographs or likenesses that might be taken of you this day for use in communications related to the church. You agree that all such material will be the sole property of Middle Collegiate Church. If you are uncomfortable, you are welcome to worship in the Sanctuary balcony.

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## GIVING AT MIDDLE—

*Dear Middle Family —*

We are called to the Rising—Middle Rising! We are in the 2<sup>nd</sup> year of our rebuilding campaign that takes us through 2025. Your donations to Middle 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.

In Year One of our campaign, we saw incredible commitment to this project, and we need everyone who calls this their movement to help invest so that we can build it back to its glory for our future. **Please visit [www.middlechurch.org/rising](http://www.middlechurch.org/rising)** to make your Pledge to our Middle Rising campaign (which can be paid through 2025) so that we can plan around 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](http://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 7<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:stewardship@middlechurch.org)) to discuss any questions about your giving plan.**

### DONATE BY PHONE

To make a donation to Middle Church, scan the code below with your smartphone camera.



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# Middle Events Calendar

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All events are listed in ET unless noted.

Visit [middlechurch.org](http://middlechurch.org) for details and the latest updates.

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.

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## SUNDAY, OCT 29

- 9:30 a.m.: [Worship Celebration](#)
- 10:00 a.m.: [Kids Sunday Enrichment](#)
- 10:00 a.m.: [Bible in the Middle](#)
- 10:00 a.m.: [Voter Reform Group](#)
- 10:30 a.m.: [Children's Halloween Party](#)
- 11:45 a.m.: [Worship Celebration](#)
- 12:45 p.m.: [Virtual Chat & Chew](#)
- 1:00 p.m.: [Village Chorus for Children & Youth](#)
- 2:00 p.m.: [Butterfly Outreach Ministry](#)

## MONDAY, OCT 30

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

## WEDNESDAY, NOV 1

- 8:00 a.m.: [Pray to Rise](#)
- 7:00 p.m.: [Ukuleliacs](#)

## THURSDAY, NOV 2

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

## SATURDAY, NOV 4

- 3:30 p.m.: [Queer Art is Justice: Claiming our past, Fighting for our Future!](#)

## SUNDAY, NOV 5

- 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](#)
- 1:00 p.m.: [Village Chorus for Children & Youth](#)
- 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 Programs and Congregational Life, Elise Tiralli, with any questions regarding programming—[etiralli@middlechurch.org](mailto:etiralli@middlechurch.org).



Our ushers ministry isn't complete without you! We need in-person and digital ushers to help usher in Middle's radical welcome. Learning is easy for this mission-critical volunteer opportunity. For in-person ushering please email Elise at [etiralli@middlechurch.org](mailto:etiralli@middlechurch.org) to get plugged in; for digital ushering, please email Rev. Natalie at [nperkins@middlechurch.org](mailto:nperkins@middlechurch.org).

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## MIDDLE COLLEGIATE CHURCH

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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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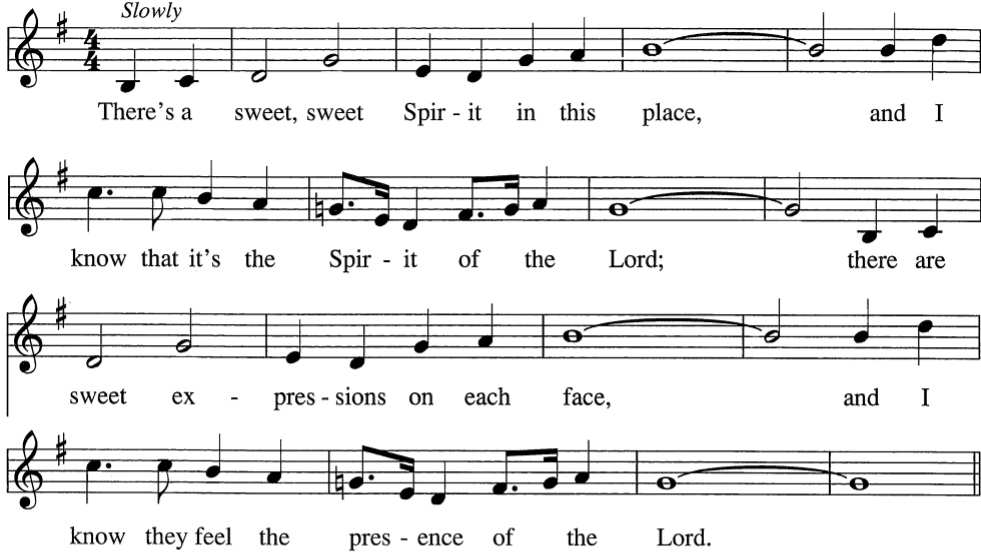


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# Sweet, Sweet Spirit


Doris Akers, 1962; alt.

*Slowly*



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.

*Refrain*



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

**BACK**

# TOTAL PRAISE

Text: Richard Smallwood  
Tune: Richard Smallwood; arr. by Stephen Key

Lord, I will lift mine eyes to the hills  
know - ing my help is com - ing from You.  
Your peace You give me in time of the storm.  
You are the source of my strength.  
You are the strength of my life.  
I lift my hands in to - tal praise to You.  
A - men.  
You. A - men, a - men. A - men.  
A - men, a - men. A - men, a - men.  
men, a - men. A - men. men, a - men, a - men.  
men, a - men. A - men. men, a - men.  
men. A - men, a - men. men. A - men, a - men.  
men. A - men, a - men. men. A - men, a - men.

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