



RECLAIM REPAIR REBUILD
WORSHIP CELEBRATION
REFRAME

REV. DR. JACQUI LEWIS - SENIOR MINISTER

Sunday Worship Celebration

JANUARY 21, 2024 • 11:45 AM

PRELUDE *We invite you to use this time for prayer or silent meditation to center yourself and prepare for worship.*

• **GATHERING** •

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Jacqui Lewis

HYMN

“I Love the Lord”

(Richard Smallwood)

Lead – Rev. Natalie Perkins

MESSAGE FOR ALL AGES

Julie Guerrero

“Siyahamba”

(Based on a South African Traditional Song)

We are marching in the Light of God

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We are marching, we are marching

We are marching in the light of God.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Dianne Galashaw

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LORD'S PRAYER

Dianne 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

Dianne Galashaw

As you are able, please make your way to the microphone to also greet those worshipping with us online.

• REFLECTING •**ANTHEM** "He's Sweet I Know"

(trad. Gospel Hymn)

SCRIPTURE Mark 1: 14-20

Rev. Dr. Jacqui Lewis

SERMON "Close Encounters of the Kin-Dom Kind"

Rev. Dr. Jacqui Lewis

• RESPONDING •**INVITATION TO JOIN THE MOVEMENT**

Natalie Runyon

OFFERTORY "I Go To The Rock"

(Dottie Rambo)

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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

Natalie Runyon

HYMN "[Here I Am, Lord](#)"

(Dan Schette)



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PARTICIPATING IN THE CELEBRATION

Director of Music and Choirs • John Del Cueto

Middle Church Band • Dionne McClain-Freeney (Piano), Jon Peretz (Drums), Booker King (Bass)

Sermon Focus: What's Next?

THIS WEEK: CLOSE ENCOUNTERS OF THE KIN-DOM KIND

- The Reign of God is close enough to see and touch; we must look for signs.
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LAST WEEK: LET THE RIVER RUN WITH JUSTICE

- Yes, King Day is a celebration of a fallen leader; AND we are all called to create a more just society. What will you do?

December Playlist: Did you miss anything at Middle last month? Check out our monthly recap for a selection of moving musical performances and a touching sermon. Watch it back again or share the playlist with a friend to let them see what December was like at Middle Church.



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 Ministry, our food justice ministry, invites you to volunteer on Sundays at 2:00pm! 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 the 2nd 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** 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
- Venmo [@MiddleCollegiateChurch](https://venmo.com/@MiddleCollegiateChurch)

To mail contributions to Middle Church, please address them to:

- Middle Collegiate Church, Attn: Stewardship Dept.
18 W. 18th Street, Suite 02-147, New York, NY 10011

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.

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, JAN 21

- 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](#)
- 1:00 p.m.: [Village Chorus for Children & Youth](#)
- 2:00 p.m.: [Butterfly Outreach Ministry](#)
- 3:00 p.m.: [Online Worship Celebration](#)
- 7:00 p.m.: [Young Adults](#)

MONDAY, JAN 22

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

TUESDAY, JAN 23

- 6:30 p.m.: [Let's All Go to the Movies – James Baldwin Abroad \(209 W Houston St, New York, NY 10014\)](#)

WEDNESDAY, JAN 24

- 8:00 a.m.: [Pray to Rise](#)
- 7:30 p.m.: [Queer Black Men](#)

THURSDAY, JAN 25

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

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- 4:00 p.m.: [Interfaith Family Dinner with Asylum Seekers from Children's Workshop School \(East End Temple 245 E 17th St, New York\)](#)
- 5:00 p.m.: [16th Annual Spiritual Sounds \(Town and Village Synagogue 334 E 14th St., New York\)](#)

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.

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 to get plugged in; for digital ushering, please email Rev. Natalie at nperkins@middlechurch.org.



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MIDDLE COLLEGIATE CHURCH

Rev. Jacqueline J. Lewis, Ph.D. – *Senior Minister and Public Theologian*

Rev. Natalie Renee Perkins – *Minister for Digital Strategy and Engagement*

Rev. Benjamin Perry – *Consulting Minister, Public Theology*

Rev. Amanda Hambrick Ashcraft – *Consulting Community Minister*

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Unison
Here I Am, Lord



1. I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo-ple cry.
I who made the stars of night, I will make their dark-ness bright.

2. I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo-ple's pain.
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a- lone.

3. I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame,
Fin-est bread I will pro-vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.

1.



All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.
Who will bear my light to them?
I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way.
I will speak my word to them.
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.
I will give my life to them.

2.

Refrain (Harmony)



Whom shall I send? Here I am, Lord.
Whom shall I send?
Whom shall I send?



Is it I, Lord? I have heard you call-ing in the



night. I will go, Lord, if you lead me.



I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

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