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Sunday Worship Celebration

APRIL 14, 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 ["Completely Yes"](#)

(Sandra Crouch, arr. Stephen Key)

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 "Burden Down"

(Jennifer Hudson, Lindy Robbins,

Soloist – Carmi Harris

Jamie Hartman)

LORD'S PRAYER

Jillian Langford

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

Jillian Langford

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

• REFLECTING •

ANTHEM "I Know I've Been Changed" (trad. Spiritual, arr. John Del Cueto)

SCRIPTURE 1 John 3:1-4 Rev. Dr. Jacqui Lewis

SERMON We Know We've Been Changed Rev. Dr. Jacqui Lewis

• RESPONDING •

INVITATION TO JOIN THE MOVEMENT Dr. Allen Singleton

OFFERTORY "Blackbird" (Paul McCartney, John Lennon)
Soloist – Melrose Johnson

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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 Rev. Natalie Perkins

HYMN "[Guide My Feet](#)" (Negro Spiritual, harm. Dr. Wendell P. Whalum)



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PARTICIPATING IN THE CELEBRATION

Director of Music and Choirs • John Del Cueto

Middle Church Band • Dionne McClain-Freeney (Piano), Jonathon Peretz (Drums), Booker King (Bass), Hajime Yoshida (Guitar)

Sermon Focus: What's Next?

THIS WEEK: WE KNOW WE'VE BEEN CHANGED

- Easter is about coming out as children of God. How do we claim that identity?
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LAST WEEK: A LITTLE LESS THAN GOD

- Truth is amplified by the trans experience.

March 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 March 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.

Prayer for all the people whom Melvin holds dear.; Prayer for all: That you feel love in your heart always. "May you feel the gentle touch of God's Blessings on your heart." Today and Always.

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.

SUNDAY, APR 14

- 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.: [April New Member Gathering](#)
- **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](#)
- 2:00 p.m.: [Spring Leadership Training](#)
- **3:00 p.m.:** [Online Worship Celebration](#)

MONDAY, APR 15

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

WEDNESDAY, APR 17

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

THURSDAY, APR 18

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

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- **3:00 p.m.:** [Online Worship Celebration](#)
- 4:00 p.m.: [Interfaith Family Dinner with Asylum Seekers from Children's Workshop School](#)
- 7:00 p.m.: [Young Adults](#)

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 Community Engagements, 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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You. Move. The World.
Freedom Rising 2024: An Election Year Gathering

JOIN A THREE-DAY CONVENING TO NURTURE COLLECTIVE LIBERATION IN THE ELECTION YEAR.

The time to act is now: Our healing starts with us. This spring, join scholars, artists, prophets, and activists to find rest, organize political power, and dream expansively about the world we deserve. When freedom rises, we all flourish.

Get your tickets at freedomrising.org.

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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COMPLETELY YES

Chorus

1. “Yes, Lord! Yes, Lord!” From the
 (2.) love you! I love you! From the

bot - tom of my heart to the depths of my soul.
 bot - tom of my heart to the depths of my soul. I

“Yes, Lord!” Com - plete - ly yes! My soul says,
 love you! I real - ly do. My soul says,

1. “yes!” 2. I “yes!” 3. My soul says, “yes, yes, yes!”

Yes, Lord!” From the bot - tom of my heart,

“Yes, Lord!” To the depths of my soul. “Yes, Lord!”

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GUIDE MY FEET

1. Guide my feet
 2. Hold my hand while I run this race,
 3. Stand by me
 4. I'm Your child

Oh, Lord,

Guide my feet
 Hold my hand while I run this race,
 Stand by me
 I'm Your child

Oh, Lord,

Guide my feet
 Hold my hand while I run this race, For I
 Stand by me
 I'm Your child

vain.
 don't want to run this race in vain, race in vain.
 vain.

Text: Negro spiritual
Tune: GUIDE MY FEET, 888 10; Negro spiritual; harm. by Dr. Wendell P. Whalum, © estate of Wendell Whalum

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