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Sunday Worship Celebration

MAY 12, 2024 • 11:45 AM • AAPIDA MONTH • VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION

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

“Ode 13: Halleluiah”

(N. Perkins/L. Thomas)

Look the Lord God is our mirror
Open your eyes and see God in them.
Learn the manner of your faces
And announce to the Spirit praises.

Wipe the dirt from your faces
Love the Lord's holiness and put it on.
Then you will not, at anytime
Be blemished in front of God.

Halleluiah, Halleluiah, Halleluiah
Sing praise!

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MESSAGE FOR ALL AGES

Kaede Helck

“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

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

• REFLECTING •

ANTHEM

“Banner Over Me”
Lead – Shari Gill

(Ivan Anderson)

SERMON

Breaking Bias

Anu Gupta

INVITATION TO REFLECT

• RESPONDING •

INVITATION TO JOIN THE MOVEMENT

Rev. Dr. Jacqui Lewis



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OFFERTORY "Louder Than Words"
Soloist – Justin Senense

(Jonathon Larson)

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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. Dr. Jacqui Lewis

HYMN "[Great is Your Faithfulness](#)"

(Thomas Chisholm, William Runyan)

BENEDICTION

Rev. Dr. Jacqui Lewis

PARTICIPATING IN THE CELEBRATION

Director of Music and Choirs • John Del Cueto

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

Invitation To Reflect

THIS WEEK: BREAKING BIAS

LAST WEEK: DISORIENTALISM

- Our movements are intersectional. Our worship is fusion. Let's move together toward liberation and joy.

April 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 April 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.

For all Melvin Cunningham holds in his heart; For the safety and success of Gerdine Den Hartog and the University of Toronto Encampment for Liberation; For Monique Fortune as she mourns the loss of her mother, Joan Tyson Fortune; For the intentions of Viola Cleo Bradshaw.



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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.

OFFERING OF LETTERS FOR A CEASE FIRE

Middle is participating in an "Offering of Letters for a Cease Fire" organized by Christians for a Free Palestine. Our letters, which will be delivered the week of May 13th to Dan Goldman's office, call for a permanent and immediate ceasefire in Gaza, an end to the blockade of Gaza, and for all hostages to be returned.

Please find Rev Amanda in the lobby before or after worship on 5/5 and 5/12 to sign a letter. For more information visit: <https://www.middlechurch.org/israel-palestine/>.



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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, MAY 12

- 10:00 a.m.: [Kids Sunday Enrichment](#)
- 10:00 a.m.: [Bible in the Middle](#)
- 10:00 a.m.: [Voter Reform Group](#)
- 10:00 a.m.: [Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast](#)
- 10:30 a.m.: [May New Members 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](#)
- **3:00 p.m.:** [Online Worship Celebration](#)

MONDAY, MAY 13

- 6:30 p.m.: [Acting Class](#)
- 7:00 p.m.: [Queer Connections](#)

TUESDAY, MAY 14

- 7:00 p.m.: [Introducing Thunder: Perfect Mind](#)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 15

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

THURSDAY, MAY 16

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

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- 10:00 a.m.: [Bible in the Middle](#)
- **11:45 a.m.:** [Worship Celebration](#)
- 12:45 p.m.: [Village Chorus for Children & Youth](#)
- 2:00 p.m.: [Young Adult Leadership Lab](#)
- 2:00 p.m.: [Butterfly Outreach Ministry](#)
- **3:00 p.m.:** [Online Worship Celebration](#)
- 4:00 p.m.: [Newest New Yorkers Community Dinner](#)
- 7:00 p.m.: [Young Adults](#)

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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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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. Amanda Hambrick Ashcraft – *Consulting Community Minister*

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

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Great Is Your Faithfulness

Thomas O. Chisholm, 1923; alt.

1 Great is your faith - ful - ness, O God, Cre - a - tor,*
 2 Sum - mer and win - ter, and spring - time and har - vest,
 3 Par - don for sin and a peace so en - dur - ing,

with you no shad - ow of turn - ing we see.
 sun, moon, and stars in their cours - es a - bove,
 your own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide.

You do not change, your com - pas - sions they fail not;
 Join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness
 Strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row,

all of your good - ness for - ev - er will be.
 to your great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.
 bless - ings all mine with ten thou - sand be - side.

Refrain
 Great is your faith - ful - ness! Great is your faith - ful - ness! Morn - ing by
 morn - ing new mer - cies I see; All I have need - ed your
 hand has pro - vid - ed, Great is your faith - ful - ness, God, un - to me!

BACK

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Tune: FAITHFULNESS 11.10.11.10. with refrain
 William M. Runyan, 1923



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