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Sunday Worship Celebration

MAY 19, 2024 • 11:45 AM • AAPIDA MONTH

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

["It Only Takes a Spark"](#)

(Kurt Kaiser)

MESSAGE FOR ALL AGES

Majora Carter

(Reparations Task Force)

"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

Danita Branam

(Reparations Task Force)

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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

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

• REFLECTING •

ANTHEM "Sweet Holy Spirit"

(Bishop Larry Trotter)

SCRIPTURE Romans 8:22-27

Rev. Dr. Jacqui Lewis

We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience. Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

SERMON Birthing Pains

Rev. Dr. Jacqui Lewis

INVITATION TO REFLECT



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• RESPONDING •

INVITATION TO JOIN THE MOVEMENT

Kim Irwin
(Reparations Task Force)

OFFERTORY “Presence of the Lord”

(Kurt Carr)

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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

Kristin Bebelaar
(Reparations Task Force)

HYMN “[Every Time I Feel the Spirit](#)”

(trad. Negro Spiritual)

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)

Thank you to the Reparations Task Force for joining us in worship!

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 that Melvin holds in his heart.

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.



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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://www.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 19

- 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](#)
- 1:30 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](#)

MONDAY, MAY 20

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

WEDNESDAY, MAY 22

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

THURSDAY, MAY 23

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

SUNDAY, MAY 26

- 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](#)
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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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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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It Only Takes a Spark (Pass It On)

Words and music: Kurt Kaiser, 1969

1 It on - ly takes a spark to get a fire
 2 What a won - drous time is spring when all the trees are
 3 I wish for you, my friend, this hap - pi - ness that

go - ing, and soon all those a - round can warm up in its
 bud - ding, the birds be - gin to sing, the flow - ers start their
 I've found — on God you can de - pend, it mat - ters not where

glow - ing; that's how it is with God's love,
 bloom - ing; that's how it is with God's love,
 you're bound; I'll shout it from the moun - tain top;

once you've ex - pe - ri - enced it: you spread God's love to
 once you've ex - pe - ri - enced it: you want to sing, it's
 I want my world to know: the Lord of love has

ev - ery - one, you want to pass it on.
 fresh like spring, you want to pass it on.
 come to me, I want to pass it on.

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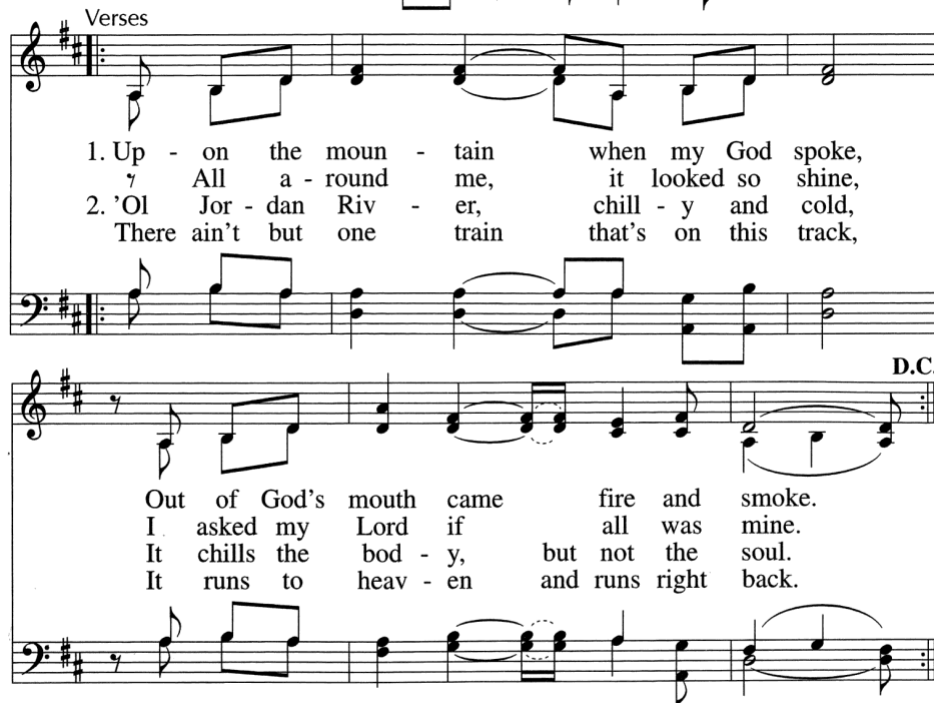
EVERY TIME I FEEL THE SPIRIT

Refrain



Ev - 'ry time I feel the Spir - it mov - ing
in my heart, I will pray. Ev - 'ry time I feel the
Spir - it mov - ing in my heart, I will pray.

Verses



1. Up - on the moun - tain when my God spoke,
7 All a - round me, it looked so shine,
2. 'Ol Jor - dan Riv - er, chill - y and cold,
There ain't but one train that's on this track,

D.C.
Out of God's mouth came fire and smoke.
I asked my Lord if all was mine.
It chills the bod - y, but not the soul.
It runs to heav - en and runs right back.

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Text: Negro spiritual
Tune: FEEL THE SPIRIT, 98 98 with refrain

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