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Sunday Worship Celebration

MAY 26, 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. Natalie Perkins

HYMN ["Holy, Holy, Holy"](#)

(Reginald Heber)

MESSAGE FOR ALL AGES

Jillian Langford

"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

Kashimi Asai

LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Natalie Perkins

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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. Natalie Perkins

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

• REFLECTING •

ANTHEM "Oceans (Where Feet May Fail)"
Soloist – John Del Cueto

(Matt Crocker, Joel Houston,
Salomon Lighthelm)

SCRIPTURE Isaiah 29: 15-21

David Kim

¹⁵ Woe to those who hide a plan too deep for the Lord, whose deeds are in the dark, and who say, "Who sees us? Who knows us?" ¹⁶ You turn things upside down! Shall the potter be regarded as the clay? Shall the thing made say of its maker, "He did not make me," or the thing formed say of the one who formed it, "He has no understanding"? ¹⁷ Shall not Lebanon in a very little while become a fruitful field and the fruitful field be regarded as a forest? ¹⁸ On that day the deaf shall hear the words of a scroll, and freed from gloom and darkness the eyes of the blind shall see. ¹⁹ The meek shall obtain fresh joy in the Lord, and the neediest people shall exult in the Holy One of Israel. ²⁰ For the tyrant shall be no more, and the scoffer shall cease to be; all those alert to do evil shall be cut off—²¹ those who cause a person to lose a lawsuit, who set a trap for the arbiter in the gate and undermine justice for the one in the right.

SERMON Uncommon Dreams

David Kim

INVITATION TO REFLECT



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INVITATION TO JOIN THE MOVEMENT

Joy Lau

OFFERTORY "You Will Be Found"

(Benj Pasek, Justin Paul - arr. Craig McLeish)

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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

Jillian Langford

HYMN "[God of Love and Joy and Laughter](#)"

(Jane Parker Huber)

BENEDICTION

Rev. Natalie Perkins

PARTICIPATING IN THE CELEBRATION

Director of Music and Choirs • John Del Cueto

Middle Church Band • Dionne McClain-Freeney (Piano), Jared Beckstead-Craan (Bass) Bernice Brooks (Drums)

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.

A prayer for all those Melvin Cunningham holds in his heart; for the health, healing, and wellness of Diane Bedlin.

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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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.

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 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](#)
- 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.: [Celebrating AAPIDA Month at the Asia Society Museum](#)

MONDAY, MAY 27

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

WEDNESDAY, MAY 29

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

THURSDAY, MAY 30

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

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- 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 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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HYMN

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

(Reginald Heber)

Holy, Holy, Holy

Reginald Heber, 1826; alt.

1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, God the Al - might - y!
 2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Saints a - dore you tru - ly,
 3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, God the Al - might - y!

Ear - ly in the morn - ing we praise your maj - es - ty.
 Cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
 All your works shall praise your name in earth and sky and sea.

Ho - ly, ho - ly ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y!
 Cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim bow be - fore you on - ly,
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y!

God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
 From the be - gin - ning, God e - ter - nal - ly.
 God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

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Tune: NICAIA 11.12.12.10. John B. Dykes, 1861

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God of Love and Joy and Laughter

Jane Parker Huber,
1985

1 God of love and joy and laugh-ter, Call-ing us to fruit-ful days,
2 When we join in cel-e-bra-tion, Grate-ful for a-bun-dant gifts,
3 Now we ask your ben-e-dic-tion— Bless-ing, chal-lenge, all in one.

May we be the ech-oes af-ter Church and peo-ple sing your praise.
Send a-gain that rev-e-la-tion Of your grace that heals all rifts.
Calm our stress, but use its fric-tion That, through us, your will be done.

Your love calls our love to be-ing, Grows, sur-rounds, up-builds, and holds,
Grant us love that's deep-er, strong-er, As the days turn in-to years,
Keep our hope as fresh as morn-ing. Keep our zeal warm as the sun.

Clears our eyes for keen-ly see-ing All the world your love en-folds.
Wis-dom full-er, pa-tience long-er, Faith and hope through joy and tears.
Keep our joy, as spring a-born-ing Cheers the hearts of ev-ery-one.

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HYMN TO JOY Ludwig van Beethoven, 1824
Arr. by Edward Hodges (1796-1867)

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