



RECLAIM REPAIR REBUILD  
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## Sunday Worship Celebration

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MAY 5, 2024 • 11:45 AM • AAPIDA MONTH • CINCO DE MAYO

**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**

“Cantad al Señor (anon)”

(Anon.)

Cantad al Señor, un cantico nuevo  
Cantad al Señor, un cantico nuevo  
Cantad al Señor, un cantico nuevo  
Cantad al Señor, cantad al Señor.

Sing praise to the Lord  
Oh sing out a new song  
Sing praise to the Lord  
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Sing praise to the Lord  
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**PRAVERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Carlos Piñero

**LORD’S PRAYER**

John Del Cueto

O Birther! Father-Mother of the Cosmos. Your name is light that always lives within. Create your reign of unity now. Let your heart's fervent desire unite heaven and earth through our harmony. Grant what we need each day in bread and insight. Loose the cords of mistakes binding us, as we release the strands we hold of others' guilt. Deceived neither by the outer nor the inner, free us to walk your path with joy. From you is born all ruling will, the power and life to do, the song that beautifies all. Amen.

(Aramaic Prayer, Adapted from Neil Douglas-Klotz)

**CONGREGATIONAL AMEN**

(Trad.)

**PASSING OF THE PEACE**

John Del Cueto

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

• REFLECTING •

**ANTHEM**      “Al Caer La Lluvia”      (Pablo Fernández Badillo)  
Soloist – Noël Wippler      arr. John Del Cueto

**SCRIPTURE**      John 15:9-17      Rev. Natalie Perkins

**SERMON**      disOrientalism      Kate Siahaan-Rigg & Ellis Gage

**COMMUNION**      Rev. Dr. Jacqui Lewis  
John Del Cueto  
Zayn Silva

• RESPONDING •

**INVITATION TO JOIN THE MOVEMENT**      Bianca Toscano Michelczak

**OFFERTORY**      “Success”  
Soloist – Adrianna Mateo



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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**

[“The Right Hand of God/La Mano de Dios”](#)

(Patrick Prescod/Noel Dexter)

**BENEDICTION**

Rev. Dr. Jacqui Lewis

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**PARTICIPATING IN THE CELEBRATION**

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**Director of Music and Choirs** • John Del Cueto

**Middle Church Band** • Dionne McClain-Freeney (Piano), Jared Beckstead-Craan (Bass), Connor Parks (Drums)

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## Sermon Focus: What's Next?

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### THIS WEEK: DISORIENTALISM

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

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### LAST WEEK: TOWARD THE MATTER OF WHOLENESS

- Wholeness only happens when everyone has enough, is flourishing and there is shalom/salaam on the earth.

**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.**

Prayer for all the people whom Melvin holds dear.

**To make a prayer request,** request a call from a Middle pastor, or inquire about financial assistance, visit [middlechurch.org/prayer/](http://middlechurch.org/prayer/).



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**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

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**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](http://middlechurch.org).

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## GIVING AT MIDDLE—

*Dear Middle Family —*

We are called to the Rising—Middle Rising! We are in the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](http://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](http://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. 18<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:stewardship@middlechurch.org)) to discuss any questions about your giving plan.**

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# Middle Events Calendar

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All events are listed in ET unless noted.

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## SUNDAY, MAY 5

- 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](#)
- 2:00 p.m.: [Butterfly Outreach Ministry](#)
- 3:00 p.m.: [Online Worship Celebration](#)

## MONDAY, MAY 6

- 6:30 p.m.: [Acting Class](#)
- 7:00 p.m.: [disOrientalism Part 6: Year of the Dragon at Joe's Pub](#)

## TUESDAY, MAY 7

- 5:45 p.m.: [Reparations Task Force](#)

## WEDNESDAY, MAY 8

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

## THURSDAY, MAY 9

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

## 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](#)
- 10:30 a.m.: [May New Members Gathering](#)
- 11:45 a.m.: [Worship Celebration](#)
- 12:45 p.m.: [Virtual Chat & Chew](#)
- 2:00 p.m.: [Butterfly Outreach Ministry](#)
- 3:00 p.m.: [Online Worship Celebration](#)

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](mailto: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](mailto:etiralli@middlechurch.org) to get plugged in; for digital ushering, please email Rev. Natalie at [nperkins@middlechurch.org](mailto:nperkins@middlechurch.org).



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## MIDDLE COLLEGIATE CHURCH

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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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**The Right Hand of God  
La mano de Dios**

1. La ma - no de Dios is writ-ing in our land,  
 2. La ma - no de Dios is point-ing in our land,  
 3. La ma - no de Dios is strik-ing in our land,  
 4. La ma - no de Dios is heal-ing in our land,  
 5. La ma - no de Dios is plant-ing in our land,

1. Writ - ing with pow - er and with love,  
 2. Point - ing the way we must go.  
 3. Strik - ing out at en - vy, hate, and greed.  
 4. Heal - ing bro - ken bod - ies, minds, and souls.  
 5. Plant - ing seeds of free - dom, hope, and love.

1. Our con - flicts and our fears, our tri - umphs and our  
 2. So cloud - ed is the way, so eas - i - ly we  
 3. Our sel - fish - ness and lust, our pride and deeds un -  
 4. So won - drous is its touch with love that means so  
 5. In these our sa - cred lands, Let God's peo - ple all join

1. tears Are re - cord - ed by La ma - no de Dios.  
 2. stray, But we're guid - ed by La ma - no de Dios.  
 3. just Are de - stroyed by La ma - no de Dios.  
 4. much, When we're healed by La ma - no de Dios.  
 5. hands, And be one by La ma - no de Dios.

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