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## Sunday Worship Celebration

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JUNE 9, 2024 • 11:45 AM • PRIDE 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**

“Rich Man's House”

(Anne Feeney)

Well I went down to the rich man's house  
And I took back what he stole from me  
Took it back, took it back.

Under my feet, under my feet,  
Under my feet, under my feet  
Ain't gonna let the system  
Walk all over me!

Well I went down to the landlord's house...

Well I went down to the White House....

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**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**

“Children Will Listen”

(Stephen Sondheim)

Soloist – Caelyn Osbern

**LORD’S PRAYER**

Imani Passley

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**

Imani Passley

Caelyn Osbern

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

• REFLECTING •

**ANTHEM**

“Like A Warrior”

(Jack Night)

**SCRIPTURE**

Matthew 18: 1-5

Brian McLaren

*<sup>1</sup>At that time the disciples came to Jesus and asked, “Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?” <sup>2</sup>He called a child, whom he put among them, <sup>3</sup>and said, “Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like children, you will never*



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*enter the kingdom of heaven. <sup>4</sup> Whoever becomes humble like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. <sup>5</sup> Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me.*

**SERMON**      Come as a Child

Brian McLaren

## INVITATION TO REFLECT

### • RESPONDING •

**INVITATION TO JOIN THE MOVEMENT**

Rev. Dr. Jacqui Lewis

**OFFERTORY**      “A Million Dreams”

(Benj Pasek, Justin Paul)

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**DOXOLOGY**      Praise God from whom all blessings flow.  
Praise God all creatures here below.  
Praise God above ye heavenly hosts.  
Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen.

**DEDICATION PRAYER**

Rev. Natalie Perkins

**HYMN**      “We Can Work It Out”

(Paul McCartney, John Lennon)

**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), Bernice Brooks (Drums)

**Village Chorus for Children & Youth** • Caelyn Osbern, Carlo Vizioli, Cerentha Cook, Dominick Vizioli, Ellington Tanner, Gabrielle Baen-Brook, Imani Passley, Miranda Oden, Teddy Baptiste, Yo Inaba, Louie Bengson

**May 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 May was like at Middle Church.



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**PRAYER CORNER** *Please pray with us this week for these people and concerns.*  
**We are praying for all our Middle family every day.**

Prayers for all that Melvin Cunningham holds in his heart; For Drew Wutke as he returns home from the hospital and continues recovering from his transplant; For the healing of Keith Greer; For Tina Owens and the health and healing of her mother.

**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/).

**Butterfly Outreach Ministry, our food justice ministry, invites you to volunteer on Sundays at 2:00pm!** Please email Patrick at [Ptmulcahy21@gmail.com](mailto:Ptmulcahy21@gmail.com) or Deborah at [Bergamotmusic@gmail.com](mailto:Bergamotmusic@gmail.com) for more info on what to bring and expect.

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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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**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.

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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.



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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

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.

#### DONATE BY PHONE

To make a donation to Middle Church, scan the code below with your smartphone camera.



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## Middle Events Calendar

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All events are listed in ET unless noted.

Visit [middlechurch.org](http://middlechurch.org) for details and the latest updates.

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### SUNDAY, JUNE 9

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

### MONDAY, JUNE 10

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

### TUESDAY, JUNE 11

- 7:00 p.m.: [Black, Trans & Faithful](#)

### SUNDAY, JUNE 16

- 10:00 a.m.: [Kids Sunday Enrichment](#)
- 10:00 a.m.: [Bible in the Middle](#)
- 11:45 a.m.: [Juneteenth 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.: [Young Adult Leadership Lab](#)
- 7:00 p.m.: [Young Adults](#)



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## WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12

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

## THURSDAY, JUNE 13

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

## SATURDAY, JUNE 15

- 12:00 p.m.: [Fierce Love: A Celebration of Rev. Dr. Jacqueline Lewis at Middle Collegiate Church](#)

**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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