



RECLAIM REPAIR REBUILD
WORSHIP
CELEBRATION
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Sunday Worship Celebration

JULY 14, 2024 • 11:45 AM • JUST LOVE PERIOD

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

“Lift Every Voice and Sing”

Dionne McClain-Freeney

MESSAGE FOR ALL AGES

Elise Tiralli

“Siyahamba”

(Based on a South African Traditional Song)

We are marching in the Light of God

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We are marching, we are marching

We are marching in the light of God.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE “I Choose Love”

Jerriese Johnson Gospel Choir

LORD’S PRAYER

George M. Edwards-Stimola

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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
Congregation

• REFLECTING •

ANTHEM “Lovey Day” Jerriese Johnson Gospel Choir

SCRIPTURE Psalm 71:1-3, Matthew 13:54-58 Rev. Dr. Jacqui Lewis

*¹ In you, O Lord, I take refuge;
let me never be put to shame.*

*² In your righteousness deliver me and rescue me;
incline your ear to me and save me.*

*³ Be to me a rock of refuge,
a strong fortress to save me,
for you are my rock and my fortress.*

⁵⁴ He came to his hometown and began to teach the people in their synagogue, so that they were astounded and said, “Where did this man get this wisdom and these deeds of power? ⁵⁵ Is not this the carpenter’s son? Is not his mother called Mary? And are not his brothers James and Joseph and Simon and Judas? ⁵⁶ And are not all his sisters with us? Where then did this man get all this?” ⁵⁷ And they took offense at him. But Jesus said to them, “Prophets are not without honor except in their own hometown and in their own house.” ⁵⁸ And he did not do many deeds of power there, because of their unbelief.

SERMON Christianity Without Jesus Ain’t Christian Rev. Dr. Jacqui Lewis

INVITATION TO REFLECT

• RESPONDING •



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INVITATION TO JOIN THE MOVEMENT

Rev. Amanda Hambrick Ashcraft

If you'd like to join our movement for love and justice, go to middlechurch.org/join.

OFFERTORY "My Lord, Thou Art in Every Breath I Take" Middle Church Choir

Donate at middlechurch.org/donate or Venmo @MiddleCollegiateChurch

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 Parron Allen Edwards-Stimola

HYMN "Be Now My Vision" Middle Church Choir

BENEDICTION Rev. Dr. Jacqui Lewis

PARTICIPATING IN THE CELEBRATION

Director of Music and Choirs • John Del Cueto

Middle Church Band and Choir

Jerriese Johnson Gospel Choir



June 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 June 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 Melvin Cunningham 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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Sunday Worship and programs happen thanks to our clergy, staff, musicians, volunteers, and all of you who participate in-person and online. We can't do it without you.

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



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To support our ongoing ministry, programs, operations, and rebuilding:

- Visit middlechurch.org/donate
- Venmo @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.

DONATE BY PHONE

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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, JULY 14

- 10:00 a.m.: [Kids Sunday Enrichment](#)
- 10:30 a.m.: [Bible in the Middle](#)
- 10:30 a.m.: [July New Members Gathering](#)
- 11:45 a.m.: [Online Worship Celebration](#)
- 12:45 p.m.: [Virtual Chat & Chew](#)
- 2:00 p.m.: [Butterfly Outreach Ministry](#)
- 3:00 p.m.: [Worship Celebration](#)
- 4:00 p.m.: [Community Social Hour](#)

MONDAY, JULY 15

- 6:30 p.m.: [Acting Class](#)
- 6:30 p.m.: [Fierce Love & Antiracist Practice: Rev. Drs. Jacqui Lewis and Jen Harvey](#)

TUESDAY, JULY 16

- 7:00 p.m.: [Fierce Love Summer Book Club](#)

THURSDAY, JULY 18

- 1:00 p.m.: [New Adventures](#)
- 6:30 p.m.: [Creative Writing](#)

FRIDAY, JULY 19

- 7:00 p.m.: [Young Adults: Trip to the Brooklyn Cyclones](#)

SUNDAY, JULY 21

- 10:00 a.m.: [Kids Sunday Enrichment](#)
- 10:00 a.m.: [Voter Reform Group](#)
- 10:30 a.m.: [Bible in the Middle](#)
- 11:45 a.m.: [Online Worship Celebration](#)
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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



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to get plugged in; for digital ushering, please email Rev. Natalie at nperkins@middlechurch.org..

MIDDLE COLLEGIATE CHURCH

Rev. Dr. Jacqui Lewis, Senior Minister
Macky Alston, M.Div. Executive Minister
Rev. Natalie Renee Perkins, Digital Minister
Jillian Langford, M.PhI, Care & Just Love Minister
Rev. Amanda Hambrick Ashcraft, Justice & Organizing Minister
And Team Middle

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WORSHIP Sundays at 11:45 AM online & in-person at:
East End Temple, 245 East 17th Street,
New York, NY 10003

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