



RECLAIM REPAIR REBUILD  
**WORSHIP**  
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## Sunday Worship Celebration

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JULY 21, 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**      “God is Here”

Jerriese Johnson Gospel Choir

**MESSAGE FOR ALL AGES**

Elise Tiralli

“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**      “Great Is Their Faithfulness”

Deborah Berg McCarthy

**LORD’S PRAYER**

Zayn Silva

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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

Zayn Silva

### • REFLECTING •

**ANTHEM**      "Strong God"  
Lead – Ivan Anderson      Jerriese Johnson Gospel Choir

**SCRIPTURE**      Psalm 23      Rev. Dr. Jacqui Lewis

*<sup>1-3</sup> God, my shepherd!  
I don't need a thing.  
You have bedded me down in lush meadows,  
you find me quiet pools to drink from.  
True to your word,  
you let me catch my breath  
and send me in the right direction.*

*<sup>4</sup> Even when the way goes through  
Death Valley,  
I'm not afraid  
when you walk at my side.  
Your trusty shepherd's crook  
makes me feel secure.*

*<sup>5</sup> You serve me a six-course dinner  
right in front of my enemies.  
You revive my drooping head;  
my cup brims with blessing.*

*<sup>6</sup> Your beauty and love chase after me  
every day of my life.  
I'm back home in the house of God  
for the rest of my life.*



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**SERMON** Chased by Love

Rev. Dr. Jacqui Lewis

**INVITATION TO REFLECT**

• **RESPONDING** •

**INVITATION TO JOIN THE MOVEMENT**

Alijha Kirksey

*If you'd like to join our movement for love and justice, go to [middlechurch.org/join](https://middlechurch.org/join).*

**OFFERTORY** "Let Your Little Light Shine"  
Soloist – Tina Owens

Jerriese Johnson Gospel Choir

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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**

Amanda Hambrick Ashcraft

**HYMN** "Guide My Feet"

Jerriese Johnson Gospel Choir

**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

**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.**



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**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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**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.

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### GIVING AT MIDDLE—

*Dear Middle Family —*

We are called to the Rising—Middle Rising! We are now in the 3RD and FINAL YEAR of PHASE 1 of our rebuilding campaign that takes us through 2025!

Your pledges, recurring contributions and one-time donations to Middle land in 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. We are in construction on our 50 E. 7<sup>th</sup> Street building as Phase 1 and aim to have us back in that building in early 2025. We still 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*



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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.

### SUNDAY, JULY 21

- 10:00 a.m.: [Voter Reform Group](#)
- 10:30 a.m.: [Bible in the Middle](#)
- 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](#)
- 7:00 p.m.: [Young Adults](#)

### MONDAY, JULY 22

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

### TUESDAY, JULY 23

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

### WEDNESDAY, JULY 24

- 6:00 a.m.: [Mass Inter-Faith Protest in Washington, D.C.](#)
- 7:00 p.m.: [Queer Black Men](#)

### THURSDAY, JULY 25

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

### SUNDAY, JULY 28

- 10:30 a.m.: [Bible in the Middle](#)
- 11:00 a.m.: [Picnic in the Park](#)
- 11:45 a.m.: [Online Worship Celebration](#)
- 12:45 p.m.: [Virtual Chat & Chew](#)
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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](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. 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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New York, NY 10011

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