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Sunday Worship Celebration

JULY 28, 2024 • 3:00 PM • JUST LOVE PERIOD

PRELUDE *We invite you to use this time for prayer or silent meditation to center yourself and prepare for worship.*

• **GATHERING** •

INTROIT “Alleluia” (W.A. Mozart)
Soloist – Brenda Turner

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Dr. Jacqui Lewis

HYMN “Lead With Love” (Melanie DeMoore)
Lead – Rev. Natalie Perkins

//You gotta put one foot in front of the other and lead with love Put
one foot in front of the other, and lead with love.//

Don't give up hope (Don't give up hope)
You're not alone (You're not alone)
Don't you give up (Don't you give up)
Keep movin' on (Keep movin' on) chorus:

Lift up your eyes (Lift up your eyes)

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Don't you despair (Don't you despair)
Look up ahead (Look up ahead)
The path is there (The path is there) chorus:

I know you're scared (I know you're scared)
And I'm scared too (An I'm scared too)
But here I am (But here I am)
Right next to you (Right next to you) chorus

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

Rev. Natalie Perkins

LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Natalie Perkins

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

“Save the People”

(Stephen Schwartz)

Soloist – Justin Senense

SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 43:16-21

Rev. Dr. Jacqui Lewis



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*16 Thus says the Lord,
who makes a way in the sea,
a path in the mighty waters,
17 who brings out chariot and horse,
army and warrior;
they lie down; they cannot rise;
they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:
18 Do not remember the former things
or consider the things of old.
19 I am about to do a new thing;
now it springs forth; do you not perceive it?
I will make a way in the wilderness
and rivers in the desert.
20 The wild animals will honor me,
the jackals and the ostriches,
for I give water in the wilderness,
rivers in the desert,
to give drink to my chosen people,
21 the people whom I formed for myself
so that they might declare my praise.*

SERMON Can you see what I see?

Rev. Dr. Jacqui Lewis

INVITATION TO REFLECT

• RESPONDING •

INVITATION TO JOIN THE MOVEMENT

Elise Tiralli

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

OFFERTORY "Oh, Heaven is One Beautiful Place"
Soloist – Brenda Turner

(Hall Johnson)

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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.



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DEDICATION PRAYER

Jillian Langford

HYMN

[“I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me”](#)

(arr. Wendell Whalum)

BENEDICTION

Rev. Dr. Jacqui Lewis

Please stay after service for an important Congregational Meeting!

PARTICIPATING IN THE CELEBRATION

Director of Music and Choirs • John Del Cueto

Middle Church Band • Nathan Bluestein (Piano), Booker King (Bass), Jon Peretz (Drums)

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.

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.

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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. 7th 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** 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://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, JULY 28

- 10:30 a.m.: [Bible in the Middle](#)
- 11:00 a.m.: [Middle Mixer: Picnic at Prospect Park](#)
- 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.: [Congregational Meeting](#)

MONDAY, JULY 29

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

TUESDAY, JULY 30

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

THURSDAY, AUGUST 1

- 6:30 p.m.: [Creative Writing](#)

SUNDAY, AUGUST 4

- 10:00 a.m.: [Voter Reform Group](#)
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- 4:00 p.m.: [Community Social Hour](#)

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. 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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person at: Judson Memorial Church, 55
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I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

*African-American spiritual
arr. Wendell Whalum*

1 I'm gon-na live so (live so)
 2 I'm gon-na work so (work so) God can use me an - y - where, Lord,
 3 I'm gon-na pray so (pray so)
 4 I'm gon-na sing so (sing so)

an - y - time! (an-y-time!) I'm gon-na live so (live so)
 I'm gon-na work so (work so) God can
 I'm gon-na pray so (pray so)
 I'm gon-na sing so (sing so)

use me an - y - where, Lord, an - y - time!
 (my Lord) (an-y-time!)

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