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Sunday Worship Celebration

AUGUST 25, 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

HYMN "Hold to God's Unchanging Hand" (Jennie Bain Wilson; Franklin L. Eiland)

MESSAGE FOR ALL AGES

"Siyahamba" Village Chorus for Children & Youth
We are marching in the Light of God (Based on a South African
We are marching in the Light of God Traditional Song)
We are marching, we are marching
We are marching in the light of God.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Done Made My Vow to the Lord Marques L.A. Garrett

LORD'S PRAYER Daryl Douglas

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CONGREGATIONAL AMEN

Funky Amen

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Rev Natalie Renee Perkins

REFLECTING

ANTHEM "Come Sunday"

Charles S. Brown

READING Psalm 139

Rev Dr Jacqui Lewis

SERMON Take Your Mask Off First!

Rev Dr Jacqui Lewis

INVITATION TO REFLECT

RESPONDING

INVITATION TO JOIN THE MOVEMENT

Majora Carter

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

OFFERTORY "Unruly Heart"

Caelyn Osbern
(Chad Beguelin, Matthew Skyler)

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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 Renee Perkins

HYMN "Terrify Me"

Samantha Waite
(Toshi Reagon)

BENEDICTION

Rev Dr Jacqui Lewis

PARTICIPATING IN THE CELEBRATION

Director of Music and Choirs John Del Cueto



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July 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 July 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.

For all those Melvin 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.

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 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



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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

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



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All events are listed in ET unless noted.

Visit middlechurch.org for details and the latest updates.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 25

- 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.: [Hybrid Worship Celebration](#)**
- 4:00 p.m.: [Building Together Phase II Visioning](#)

MONDAY, AUGUST 26

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

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 28

- 7:00 p.m.: [Queer Black Men](#)

THURSDAY, AUGUST 29

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

This week, we welcome 40 campers to our annual Freedom Summer Camp! Thank you for praying with us for a successful offering.

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- 4:00 p.m.: [Community Social Hour](#)

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



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