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## Sunday Worship Celebration

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AUGUST 18, 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

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Rev. Natalie Perkins

**HYMN**

“I Love The Lord”

(Richard Smallwood)

I love the Lord,  
Who heard my cry  
And pitied ev'ry groan.  
Long as I live,  
While troubles rise  
I'll hasten to God's throne.  
I'll hasten to God's throne.

**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

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We are marching, we are marching  
We are marching in the light of God.

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Jillian Langford

**LORD'S PRAYER**

Jillian Langford

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**

Jillian Langford

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

**REFLECTING**

**ANTHEM**

"Freedom Song"  
Soloist – Ivan Anderson and Band

(Ivan Anderson)

**SCRIPTURE**

Ephesians 5:15-20

David Kim

*<sup>15</sup> Be careful, then, how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, <sup>16</sup> making the most of the time, because the days are evil. <sup>17</sup> So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. <sup>18</sup> Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit, <sup>19</sup> as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs to one another, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, <sup>20</sup> giving thanks to God at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

**SERMON**

Love, the Day After Tomorrow

David Kim

**INVITATION TO REFLECT**



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## RESPONDING

### INVITATION TO JOIN THE MOVEMENT

Mark Otto

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

### OFFERTORY "Shackles"

(Warryn Campbell, Erica Atkins, Trecina Atkins)

*Donate at [middlechurch.org/donate](http://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

Mark Otto

### HYMN ["Help Us Accept Each Other"](#)

(Fred Kaan, John Ness Beck)

### BENEDICTION

Rev. Natalie Perkins

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### PARTICIPATING IN THE CELEBRATION

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**Director of Music and Choirs** Ivan Anderson

**Middle Church Band** Dionne McClain-Freeney (Piano), Bernice Brooks (Drums), Ean Valte (bass)



**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/](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**

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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, AUGUST 18

- 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.: [Hybrid Worship Celebration](#)**
- 4:00 p.m.: [Community Social Hour](#)

## MONDAY, AUGUST 19

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

## WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 21

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

## THURSDAY, AUGUST 22

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

## 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.: [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](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, Senior Minister of Digital Church  
Jillian Langford, M.PhI, Care & Just Love Minister  
Rev. Amanda Hambrick Ashcraft, Justice & Organizing Minister  
And Team Middle

**MAILING** Middle Collegiate Church  
18 West 18<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 02-147  
New York, NY 10011

**WORSHIP** Sundays 11:45 AM online & 3:00 PM  
online & in-person at: Judson Memorial  
Church, 55 Washington Square South,  
New York, NY 10012

**E-MAIL** [middleinfo@middlechurch.org](mailto:middleinfo@middlechurch.org)

**WEBSITE** [middlechurch.org](http://middlechurch.org)

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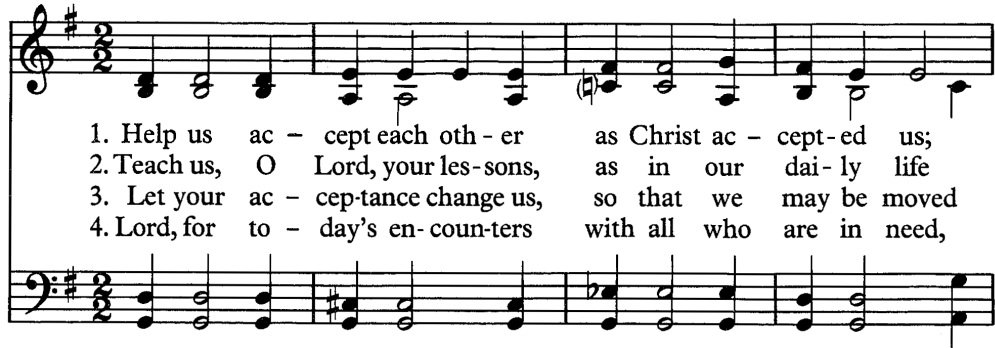
HYMN

“Help Us Accept Each Other”

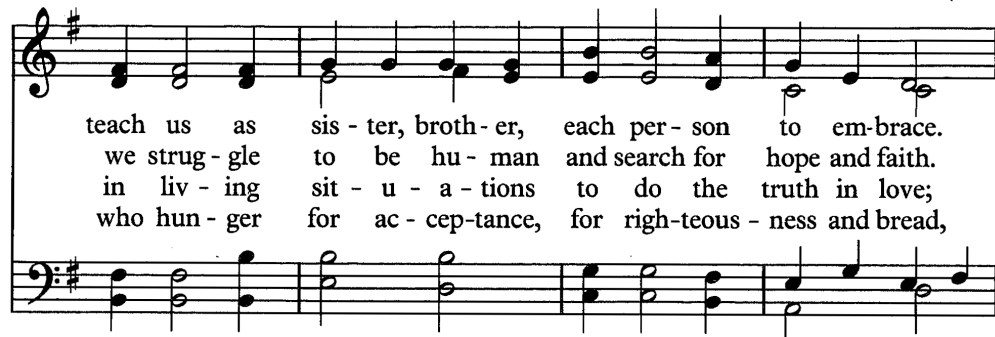
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Help Us Accept Each Other

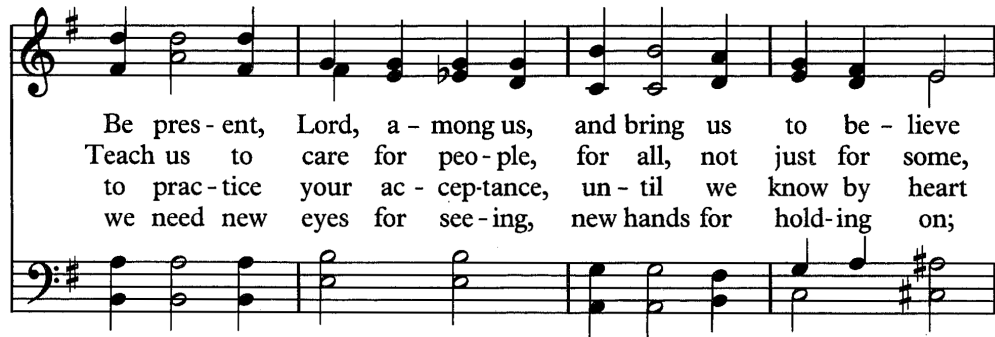
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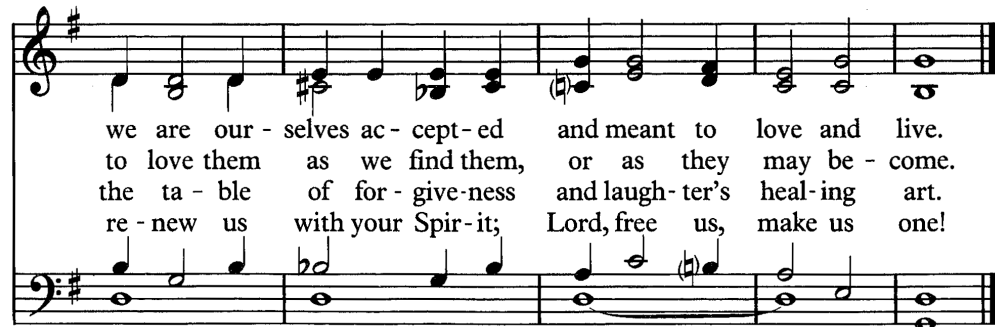
1. Help us ac - cept each oth - er as Christ ac - cept-ed us;  
 2. Teach us, O Lord, your les - sons, as in our dai - ly life  
 3. Let your ac - cep - tance change us, so that we may be moved  
 4. Lord, for to - day's en - coun - ters with all who are in need,



teach us as sis - ter, broth - er, each per - son to em - brace.  
 we strug - gle to be hu - man and search for hope and faith.  
 in liv - ing sit - u - a - tions to do the truth in love;  
 who hun - ger for ac - cep - tance, for righ - teous - ness and bread,



Be pres - ent, Lord, a - mong us, and bring us to be - lieve  
 Teach us to care for peo - ple, for all, not just for some,  
 to prac - tice your ac - cep - tance, un - til we know by heart  
 we need new eyes for see - ing, new hands for hold - ing on;



we are our - selves ac - cept - ed and meant to love and live.  
 to love them as we find them, or as they may be - come.  
 the ta - ble of for - give - ness and laugh - ter's heal - ing art.  
 re - new us with your Spir - it; Lord, free us, make us one!

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