



RECLAIM REPAIR REBUILD
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CELEBRATION
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Sunday Worship Celebration

APRIL 6, 2025 • 3:00 PM • CELEBRATING TRANS LIVES

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. Dr. Jacqui Lewis

HYMN

["Over My Head"](#)

(Anon)

"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

Zayn Silva

LORD'S PRAYER

Zayn Silva

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

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

• REFLECTING •

ANTHEM

“Alabaster Box”

Soloist - Katy McCreary

(Janice Sjostrand)

SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 43:16-21

Rev. Dr. Jacqui Lewis

¹⁶ This is what the Lord says, Who makes a way through the sea and a path through the powerful waters, ¹⁷ Who brings out the war-wagon and the horse, the army and the strong man, (They will lie down together and will not rise again. They are destroyed, put out like the fire of a little light): ¹⁸ “Do not remember the things that have happened before. Do not think about the things of the past. ¹⁹ See, I will do a new thing. It will begin happening now. Will you not know about it? I will even make a road in the wilderness, and rivers in the desert. ²⁰ The wild animals will honor Me, the wild dogs and the ostriches. For I give waters in the wilderness, and rivers in the desert, to give drink to My chosen people. ²¹ The people whom I made for Myself will make known My praise.

SERMON

Alok Vaid-Menon

COMMUNION

Rev. Dr. Jacqui Lewis

Zayn Silva

Elise Tiralli



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• RESPONDING •

INVITATION TO JOIN MOVEMENT

Tiq Milan

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

OFFERTORY "Brand New Day"
Ensemble

(Ruthie Foster)

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.

(Trad.)

DEDICATION PRAYER

Rev. Natalie Renee Perkins

HYMN ["Guide My Feet"](#)

(Trad.)

BENEDICTION

Rev. Dr. Jacqui Lewis

PARTICIPATING IN THE CELEBRATION

Director of Music and Choirs • John Del Cueto
Middle Church Band • Drew Wutke (piano)
Booker King (bass)
Jonathon Peretz (drums)



March 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 them again or share the playlist with friends.

PRAYER CORNER *Please pray with us this week for these people and concerns.*
We are praying for all our Middle family every day.

Prayers for Matthew Giannone and family through their cancer journey; for all those Melvin holds in his heart; for the health and healing of Sierra Goodale.

To make a prayer request, speak to a minister, or inquire about financial assistance, visit middlechurch.org/prayer/.



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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 carpeted area. If hearing is an issue, the best place to sit in the sanctuary is front left.

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—Board Chair, and the entire Middle Church Board*

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

- Visit middlechurch.org/donate
- Venmo [@MiddleCollegiateChurch](https://www.venmo.com/@MiddleCollegiateChurch)

To mail contributions to Middle Church, please address them to:

- Middle Collegiate Church, Attn: Stewardship Dept.
PO Box 1400 New York NY 10276

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, APRIL 6

10:30 a.m.: [Bible in the Middle](#)
11:45 a.m.: [Online Only Worship Celebration | April 6th | 11:45 am](#)
12:45 p.m.: [Virtual Chat & Chew](#)
3:00 p.m.: [Hybrid Worship Celebration](#)
4:00 p.m.: [Community Social Hour](#)

MONDAY, APRIL 7

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

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9

8:00 a.m.: [Pray to Rise](#)

THURSDAY, APRIL 10

1:00 p.m.: [New Adventures](#)
7:00 p.m.: [Creative Writing](#)
7:00 p.m.: [Jerriese Johnson Gospel Choir](#)

Saturday, April 12

10:00 a.m.: [Middle Church's 2nd Avenue Street Fair](#)

SUNDAY, APRIL 13

10:00 a.m.: [Voter Reform Group](#)
10:30 a.m.: [Bible in the Middle](#)
11:45 a.m.: [Online Only Worship Celebration | April 13th | 11:45 am](#)
12:30 p.m.: [Virtual Chat & Chew](#)
3:00 p.m.: [Palm Sunday Worship Celebration](#)
4:00 p.m.: [Community Social Hour](#)

FOR MORE INFORMATION about Middle Church events, activities, and the latest updates, scan this code with your smartphone camera.



Want to get more involved?

Please reach out to our Director of Programs, Events, and Community Engagement, **Elise Tiralli**, to learn more about programming – etiralli@middlechurch.org.

We warmly invite you to join our ushering and hospitality ministries! Every Sunday, we need ushers to offer radical welcome and volunteers to host our Community Social Hour after worship. If you're interested in serving as an usher or sponsoring snacks for the community, please reach out to our Care Minister, **Jillian Langford** – jangford@middlechurch.org.

MIDDLE COLLEGIATE CHURCH

Rev. Dr. Jacqui Lewis, Senior Minister
Macky Alston, M.Div. Executive Minister
Rev. Natalie Renee Perkins, Executive Minister for Digital Church
Jillian Langford, MTS ABD, Minister for Care & Congregational Life
Rev. Amanda Hambrick Ashcraft, Consulting Minister for Justice & Community Organizing
And Team Middle

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

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WEBSITE middlechurch.org

Share our message on social media
and invite others to like, follow, and
connect with us.

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Facebook.com/Rev.Jacqui.Lewis

YouTube.com/MiddleNYC

Instagram.com/middlechurch

Instagram.com/revjacquilewis

Twitter.com/middlechurch

OVER MY HEAD

1. O-ver my head I hear mu - sic in the
 2. O-ver my head I hear sing - ing in the
 3. O-ver my head I see free - dom in the

air. O-ver my head I hear mu - sic in the
 air. O-ver my head I hear sing - ing in the
 air. O-ver my head I see free - dom in the

air. O-ver my head I hear mu - sic in the
 air. O-ver my head I hear sing - ing in the
 air. O-ver my head I see free - dom in the

air;
 air; There must be a God some - where!
 air;

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Guide My Feet

African-American traditional; alt.

1 Guide my feet while I run this race, guide my feet
 2 Hold my hand while I run this race, hold my hand
 3 Breathe with me while I run this race, breathe with me
 4 Stand by me while I run this race, stand by me

Yes, my God.

while I run this race, guide my feet while I run this race,
 while I run this race, hold my hand while I run this race,
 while I run this race, breathe with me while I run this race,
 while I run this race, stand by me while I run this race,

Yes, my God.

For I don't want to run this race in vain.

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