



RECLAIM REPAIR REBUILD **WORSHIP** **CELEBRATION** REFRAME

Sunday Worship Celebration

MAY 18, 2025 • 11:45 AM • HAITIAN FLAG DAY

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 ["Dear Lord, Lead Me Day By Day"](#)

(Francisca Asuncion)

MESSAGE FOR ALL AGES

Fabienne Doucet

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

"The Journey"
Carmi Harris

(Diane Warren)

LORD'S PRAYER

Jillian Langford, MTS

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.)

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PASSING OF THE PEACE

Jillian Langford, MTS

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

• REFLECTING •

ANTHEM

“Fix You”

(Guy Berryman, Chris Martin, Jon Buckland, Will Champion)

Justin Senense – Soloist

SCRIPTURE

John 13:31-35

Anu Gupta

31 When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. **32** If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. **33** Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' **34** I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. **35** By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

SERMON

Building Beloved Communities By Repairing The Breach

Anu Gupta

• RESPONDING •

INVITATION TO JOIN MOVEMENT

Rev. Dr. Jacqui Lewis

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

OFFERTORY

“Unity”

(Glorraine B. Moone, Rev. Freddie Washington)

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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.

(Trad.)

DEDICATION PRAYER

Rev. Ben Perry

HYMN

[“God of Love and Joy and Laughter”](#)

(Ruth Duck)

BENEDICTION

Rev. Dr. Jacqui Lewis



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PARTICIPATING IN THE CELEBRATION

Director of Music and Choirs • John Del Cueto

Middle Church Band • Dionne McClain-Freeney (Piano), Booker King (Bass), Jonathan Peretz (Drums)

April 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 Collin Marrero and family as they are remembering 3 years since the passing of their father, Richard.

Prayers for Lauren Williams as she prepares for surgery on May 26th

Prayers for Sierra Goodale's comfort and strength.

Prayers for Peter as he grieves the loss of a cherished mentor.

Prayers for the health and healing of Geraldine Smith.

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

Welcome to Middle Church

We are glad you're here today! If you are visiting for the first time, please fill out the card you were given with the bulletin and drop it in the offering bag when it comes by. We hope you'll come back often to be with us!

To learn more about the history of this church— we call it a movement — or to learn about New Members classes, or to get involved with our community groups, visit us at www.middlechurch.org.

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GIVING AT MIDDLE

Our new sacred space is almost complete! Easter Sunday 2025 is our return to 50 E. 7th Street as we near the end of Phase 1 of rebuilding on our site following our tragic fire in 2020. Thanks to our dedicated members and friends, our three-year Middle Rising "One Fund" Campaign is almost complete as well. It is now time to fund what we put into this building! We've raised \$9.3M of our \$10.5M goal to fund Middle's operations, staff, programming, and some of the construction costs. We have \$1.2 million dollars left to raise to complete our Middle Rising building campaign by June 30, 2025.

You can help us complete this campaign to Restore and Renew our Ministry Brick by Brick. Starting Easter Sunday through May 15th, you have the opportunity to purchase a commemorative brick to make your mark on this journey. Every brick you fund becomes part of Middle's story, a testament to the power of collective love and resilience. **A Commitment to Freedom Rising** - \$1,000 per brick placed near our Liberty Bell on the Freedom Wall, symbolizing our quest for justice and liberation. **A Celebration of Middle Rising** - \$250 per brick placed near our elevators, symbolizing our rise from the ashes. To purchase a brick visit <https://www.middlechurch.org/middle-rising>.



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! Please visit www.middlechurch.org/donate to make your gifts to support our ongoing operations and programming of this new building. We are the ones we've been waiting for and together, with you onboard, we will have enough!

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](https://www.middlechurch.org/donate)
- Venmo @MiddleCollegiateChurch
- To mail contributions to Middle Church, please address them to:

Middle Collegiate Church
Attn: Stewardship Dept.
50 E. 7th Street, New York, NY 10003

****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 Office (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, MAY 18

10:00 a.m.: [Bible in the Middle](#)
10:30 a.m.: [New Membership Gathering](#)
11:45 a.m.: [Worship Celebration](#)
12:45 p.m.: [Virtual Chat & Chew](#)
1:00 p.m.: [VCCY](#)
2:00 p.m.: [Middle Players Presents, "STAND CLEAR OF THE CLOSING DOORS"](#)

MONDAY, MAY 19

6:30 p.m.: [Acting Class](#)
7:00 p.m.: [Queer Connections](#)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 21

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

THURSDAY, MAY 22

1:00 p.m.: [New Adventures](#)
6:30 p.m.: [Creative Writing](#)
7:00 p.m.: [Jerriese Johnson Gospel Choir](#)

SUNDAY, MAY 25

10:00 a.m.: [Voter Reform Group](#)
10:00 a.m.: [Bible in the Middle](#)
11:45 a.m.: [Worship Celebration](#)
1:00 p.m.: [Queer & Christian: Talkback and Book Launch with Rev. Brandan Robertson](#)
1:00 p.m.: [VCCY](#)

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.



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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

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Chorus

Praise to God fount of love
Praise from morn till the set of sun
Praise at home praise in church
Praise to God everywhere on earth

Dear Lord lead me day by day
Make me steadfast wise and strong
Happy most of all to know
That my dear Lord loves me so

Dear Lord lead me day by day
Make me follow and obey faithfully
Your words of life
That Your love ever abide

Now with confidence I sing
Joyous praises to our God
And with upright heart I give

Tender care and sympathy

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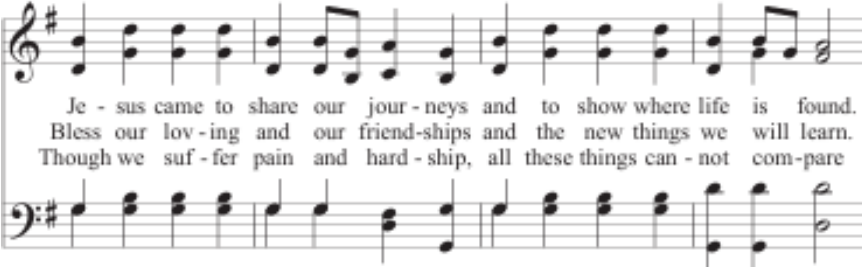
9 God of Joy and Love and Laughter



1 God of joy and love and laugh-ter, guide your peo-ple on the way.
 2 Bless our lives when all is chang-ing, Ho-ly Spir-it, help us pray.
 3 Na-ture waits in ea-ger long-ing that your will on earth be done.



Free us to re-ceive your bless-ings, free-ly of-fered ev-ery day.
 Tune our ears to your vo-ca-tion; teach new ways to rest and play.
 We your chil-dren yearn for free-dom, joy and life for ev-ery-one.



Je-sus came to share our jour-neys and to show where life is found.
 Bless our lov-ing and our friend-ships and the new things we will learn.
 Though we suf-fer pain and hard-ship, all these things can-not com-pare



Lov-ing you and all cre-a-tion paves the path where joy is found.
 Draw us clos-er, give us in-sight; grant us wis-dom to dis-cern.
 to the glo-ry that is com-ing: life re-stored for all to share.

WORDS: Ruth Duck
 MUSIC: William Moore; Columbian Harmony, 1825
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