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Sunday Worship Celebration

AUGUST 10, 2025 • 11:45 AM • JUST LOVE LIBERATES

• GATHERING •

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Natalie Renee Perkins

HYMN

[“God is Here”](#)

(Israel Houghton, Darlene Zschech, Phil Wockham)

MESSAGE FOR ALL AGES

Julie Guerrero

SIYAHAMBA

//We are marching in the light of God
We are marching in the light of God//

(Trad.)

//We are marching, marching, we are marching
Marching we are marching in the light of God//

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE [“Good Thoughts”](#)

(Ivan Anderson, Jr., Dionne McClain-Freeneey)

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 "We Remember" (Ivan Anderson, Jr., Dionne McClain-Freeneey)

SCRIPTURE Frederick Joseph

SERMON Frederick Joseph

• RESPONDING •

INVITATION TO REFLECT

INVITATION TO JOIN MOVEMENT Jeff Mummert

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

OFFERTORY "Refuge (Psalm 46)" (Ivan Anderson, Jr., Dionne McClain-Freeneey)
Lead – Tanisha Anderson

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DOXOLOGY From all that dwell below the skies (Trad.)
Let faith and hope with love arise.
Let peace, goodwill on earth be sung
Through every land, by every tongue.

DEDICATION PRAYER Jeff Mummert

HYMN ["God Be With You"](#) (Trad.)

BENEDICTION Rev. Natalie Renee Perkins



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PARTICIPATING IN THE CELEBRATION

Director of Music and Choirs • John Del Cueto

Middle Church Band • Dionne McClain-Freeneay (Pianist), Booker King (Bass), and Jonathon Peretz (Drums)



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 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.

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.

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.



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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.

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
- 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, AUGUST 10

10:00 a.m.: [Bible in the Middle](#)
11:45 a.m.: [Worship Celebration](#)
12:45 p.m.: [Virtual Chat & Chew](#)
1:00 p.m.: Community Social Hour

MONDAY, AUGUST 11

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

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 13

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

FRIDAY, AUGUST 15

6:15 p.m.: [Young Adults Cyclones Game](#)

SUNDAY, AUGUST 17

10:00 a.m.: [Bible in the Middle](#)
10:00 a.m.: [Voter Reform Group](#)
11:45 a.m.: [Worship Celebration](#)
12:45 p.m.: [Virtual Chat & Chew](#)
1:00 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** – jlangford@middlechurch.org.

The banner features a light blue background with a sun icon on the left and a paper airplane icon on the right. The text "middle church" is at the top with a colorful window icon and "JUST LOVE" below it. The main text reads "FREEDOM SUMMER CAMP SIGN UP TODAY!". Two callout boxes specify "Grades K - 3 July 9 - 11" and "Grades 4 - 6 Aug 25 - 29". Below the text are three photos of children: one sitting on the floor, one sitting on steps, and one standing and talking.

Email jlangford@middlechurch.org for more information!



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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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HYMN

“God Is Here”

(Israel Houghton, Darlene Zschech, Phil Wookham)

There is a sweet anointing in the sanctuary.
There is a stillness in the atmosphere.
Come and lay down the burdens you have carried
For in the sanctuary God is here.

God is here,
God is here
To break the yoke and lift the heavy burden
God is here,
God is here
To heal the hopeless heart and bless the broken.

Come and lay down the burdens you have carried
For in the sanctuary God is here

BACK

HYMN

“God Be With You”

(Trad.)

God be with you
God be with you
God be with you
'Til we meet again

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