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Sunday Worship Celebration

OCTOBER 5, 2025 • 11:45 AM • HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH
WORLD WIDE COMMUNION SUNDAY

• GATHERING •

INTROIT [“Come All You People”](#) (Alexander Gondo)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Dr. Jacqui Lewis

HYMN [“Holy, Holy, Holy”](#) (Reginald Heber)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE [Interfaith Prayer](#) Monique Fortuné

LORD’S PRAYER [Multi Language Lord’s Prayer Video](#)

CHORAL AMEN (Trad.)

PASSING OF THE PEACE Monique Fortuné

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

• REFLECTING •

ANTHEM “Simunye” (PJ Morton, Jonathon Butler)

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¹ By the rivers of Babylon—there we sat down, and there we wept when we remembered Zion.² On the willows^[a] there we hung up our harps. ³ For there our captors asked us for songs, and our tormentors asked for mirth, saying, “Sing us one of the songs of Zion!”
⁴ How could we sing the LORD’s song in a foreign land? ⁵ If I forget you, O Jerusalem, let my right hand wither! ⁶ Let my tongue cling to the roof of my mouth, if I do not remember you, if I do not set Jerusalem above my highest joy. ⁷ Remember, O LORD, against the Edomites the day of Jerusalem’s fall, how they said, “Tear it down! Tear it down! Down to its foundations!” ⁸ O daughter Babylon, you devastator!^[b] Happy shall they be who pay you back what you have done to us! ⁹ Happy shall they be who take your little ones and dash them against the rock!

SERMON Singing God’s Songs In A Strange Land

Rev. Dr. Jacqui Lewis

• **RESPONDING** •

INVITATION TO REFLECT

COMMUNION

Rev. Natalie Renee Perkins
 Rev. Amanda Hambrick Ashcraft
 Monique Fortuné
 Macky Alston

INVITATION TO JOIN MOVEMENT

Marion Wise

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

OFFERTORY “Ojala Que Llueva Cafe”

(Juan Luis Guerra)

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DOXOLOGY Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
 Praise God all creatures here below.
 Praise God above ye heavenly hosts.
 Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost.
 Amen.

(Samba Version)

DEDICATION PRAYER

Macky Alston

HYMN [“The Right Hand of God \(La Mano de Dios\)”](#)

(Patrick Prescod)

BENEDICTION

Rev. Dr. Jacqui Lewis



PARTICIPATING IN THE CELEBRATION

Director of Music and Choirs • John Del Cueto

Middle Church Band • Dionne McClain-Freeney (Piano),
Booker King (Bass), Jonathon Peretz (Drums), Alfredo Colon (Saxophone)

September 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.

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GIVING AT MIDDLE

Back by Popular Demand! Our brick campaign is here again and you can still leave a lasting mark on Middle Church's future in the very foundation of our renewed home.

Bricks are a powerful way to honor loved ones, celebrate milestones, and show your commitment to love, justice, and joy. Each engraved brick will be placed on our Rising Wall or Freedom Wall, symbols of our collective story and our bold vision for the future.

Your gift not only secures your place in Middle's history, it fuels the fierce love that flows through our worship, justice work, art, and care for one another.

Give a brick today: <https://secure.everyaction.com/kUHfiP3LYUaN5yxP5lgLKw2>

Middle has always been more than a building—it's the love, justice, music, art, and community that flow within and beyond our sacred space. To keep that spirit thriving, we need your continued support for all the vital things that make Middle, Middle: our staff, programs, worship, justice work, and care for one another.

Your giving today fuels this ministry of fierce love. Together, we are not just restoring a church, we are building the movement for justice and joy our world so deeply needs.

Please give at middlechurch.org/donate/.

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

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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, OCTOBER 5

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](#)
1:15 p.m.: [Village Chorus for Children & Youth](#)

MONDAY, OCTOBER 6

8:00 a.m.: [Prayer Shawl Project - Online Only](#)
4:30 p.m.: [Blessing of the Animals](#)
6:30 p.m.: [Acting Class](#)

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 7

6:00 p.m.: [Reparations Task Force](#)
7:00 p.m.: [Digital Learning Collective](#)

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 8

8:00 a.m.: [Pray to Rise](#)
7:00 p.m.: [Upstander Training: How We Can Confront Justice As A Community](#)

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9

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

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12

10:00 a.m.: [Bible in The Middle](#)
10:00 a.m.: [Voter Reform Group](#)
11:45 a.m.: [Worship Celebration](#)
1:00 p.m.: [Reparations Task Force Salon](#)
1:15 p.m.: [Village Chorus for Children & Youth](#)

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



Want to get more involved? To learn more about programs, regular volunteer opportunities, and community groups, please reach out to our Director, Events and Community Center, **Elise Tiralli** - etiralli@middlechurch.org.

Want to host your next event at Middle? Visit middlechurch.org/rentals to find our rates and inquiry form here:



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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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person at: Middle Collegiate Church
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Holy, Holy, Holy

Reginald Heber, 1826; alt.

1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, God the Al - might - y!
 2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Saints a - dore you tru - ly,
 3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, God the Al - might - y!

Ear - ly in the morn - ing we praise your maj - es - ty.
 Cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
 All your works shall praise your name in earth and sky and sea.

Ho - ly, ho - ly ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y!
 Cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim bow be - fore you on - ly,
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y!

God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
 From the be - gin - ning, God e - ter - nal - ly.
 God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

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Tune: NICAEA 11.12.12.10. John B. Dykes, 1861

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The Right Hand of God
La mano de Dios

1. La ma - no de Dios is writ - ing in — our land,
 2. La ma - no de Dios is point - ing in — our land,
 3. La ma - no de Dios is strik - ing in — our land,
 4. La ma - no de Dios is heal - ing in — our land,
 5. La ma - no de Dios is plant - ing in — our land,

1. Writ - ing — with pow - er and with love, —
 2. Point - ing — the way — we must go. —
 3. Strik - ing out — at en - vy, hate, and greed. —
 4. Heal - ing bro - ken bod - ies, minds, and souls. —
 5. Plant - ing seeds — of free - dom, hope, and love. —

1. Our con - flicts and — our fears, our — triumphs and — our
 2. So cloud - ed is — the way, so — eas - i - ly — we
 3. Our sel - fish - ness — and lust, our — pride and deeds — un -
 4. So won - drous is — its touch with — love that means — so
 5. In these our sa - cred lands, Let God's peo - ple all — join

1. tears Are re - cord - ed — by — La ma - no de Dios.
 2. stray, But we're guid - ed — by — La ma - no de Dios.
 3. just Are de - stroyed — by — La ma - no de Dios.
 4. much, When we're healed — by — La ma - no de Dios.
 5. hands, And be one — by — La ma - no de Dios.

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