



APRIL 26, 2026 • 11:45 AM • EASTERTIDE

• GATHERING •

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Jacqui Lewis

HYMN [Just As I Am](#)

(Charlotte Elliott)

MESSAGE FOR ALL AGES

Grace Semler

SIYAHAMBA

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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Psalm 23

(Bobby McFerrin)

Jerriese Johnson Gospel Choir

LORD'S PRAYER

Monique Fortuné

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.**

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.

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• REFLECTING •

ANTHEM He Will Supply (Kirk Franklin)
Jerriese Johnson Gospel Choir

SCRIPTURE Acts 2:42-47 Macky Alston

⁴² They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. ⁴³ Awe came upon everyone because many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. ⁴⁴ All who believed were together and had all things in common; ⁴⁵ they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶ Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, ⁴⁷ praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

SERMON In It Together Macky Alston

• RESPONDING •

INVITATION TO REFLECT

POWER THIS MOVEMENT Harold Slazer

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

OFFERTORY Aint'a That Good News (arr. Michael Picket)
Jerriese Johnson Gospel Choir

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DOXOLOGY (Trad.)

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 Harold Slazer

HYMN [Ode 13: Halleluiah](#) (N. Perkins and L. Thomson)

BENEDICTION Macky Alston



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PARTICIPATING IN THE CELEBRATION

Director of Music and Choirs • John Del Cueto
Middle Church Band • Jerriese Johnson Gospel Choir (JJGC)

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 We are praying for all our Middle family every day.

Please pray with us this week for these people:

Allan Dabrio Marrero & Matthew, Piero Bracamonte and Peter Calderon his uncle, Kathe Lovegren, Tonya & Susan Evans, Troy Pinkney, Sheryl Williams & friend Jo Anne, Stephen Hanna & little Maverick, Carol Geu, Tere Blessings, Elise Tiralli, Rev. Amanda Hambrick, Antwayn Hopper, Leslie Hahne, Julia Bartholomew-King, Yuvania Espino, La'Shawna Munroe, Shirley Pettis, Donna Johnson, Dale Dorlin, for all of those whom Melvin Cunningham holds in his heart, the LGBTQIA+ community, and for the safety and well-being of all in our Middle community.

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're here today! If you are visiting for the first time, we invite you to head to middlechurch.org/welcome to learn more about Middle and to get connected. 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 middlechurch.org.

By entering the Sanctuary, you grant Middle 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 Church.

HERE ARE ALL THE WAYS YOU CAN SUPPORT MIDDLE CHURCH

Back by Popular Demand! 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: bit.ly/4su4wHr 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.

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! 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*

MAKE A DONATION TO MIDDLE CHURCH

Charitable Giving will require a search by EIN 90-0458939 Congregational Collegiate Collective in order to select Middle Church. Congregational Collegiate Collective is a nonprofit organization recognized by the Internal Revenue Service as exempt from federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

Our new legal name is Middle Ministry, LLC, as a wholly owned subsidiary, but we are authorized to do business and be known as Middle Church. All donations should be written to Middle Church.

Please reach out to our Stewardship Office (stewardship@middlechurch.org) to discuss any questions about your giving plan.

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

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

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

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

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MIDDLE COLLEGIATE CHURCH

Rev. Dr. Jacqui Lewis, Senior Minister, Public Theology and Partnerships
Macky Alston, M.Div. Executive Minister, Operations and Development
Rev. Natalie Renee Perkins, Executive Minister, Hybrid Church
Rev. Amanda Hambrick, Community Minister for Justice & Organizing
Making it Happen: Middle Church Staff, and YOU!

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DENOMINATIONAL AFFILIATION

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Middle Events Calendar

SUNDAY, APRIL 26

- 10:00 AM [Voter Reform Group – Online](#)
- 10:00 AM [Just Love Family Programming](#)
- 10:00 AM [Bible in the Middle](#)
- 11:45 AM** [Worship Celebration](#)
- 12:00 PM [Just Love Kids](#)
- 12:00 PM [Storytime & Children's Concert](#)
- 12:45 PM [Chat & Chew – Hybrid](#)
- 1:00 PM [Community Social Hour](#)
- 1:30 PM [Film: The Greening of the Bronx](#)
- 1:15 PM [Village Chorus for Children & Youth](#)

MONDAY, APRIL 27

- 6:30 PM [Acting Class – Online](#)
- 8:00 PM [How to Fight Racism: 250 Years, Now What? – Online](#)

TUESDAY, APRIL 28

- 6:00 PM Creative Writing – Salmagundi Club
- 7:00 PM [East Village Group – AA](#)
- 7:30 PM [Praying Dangerously – Online](#)
- 8:30 PM [East Village Group – AA](#)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29

- 8:00 AM [Pray to Rise – Online](#)

THURSDAY, APRIL 30

- 1:00 PM [New Adventures – Online](#)
- 6:30 PM [Creative Writing – Online](#)
- 6:30 PM [Leadership Lab – Online Cohort](#)
- 7:00 PM [Jerriese Johnson Gospel Choir](#)

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- 1:30 PM [White Christian Nationalism and How We Overcome It](#)

All events are listed in ET unless noted.

Visit middlechurch.org for details and updates.

FOR MORE INFORMATION about Middle Church events, activities, and the latest updates, visit middlechurch.org/events or scan this QR code.



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 or scan this QR code to find our rates and inquiry form here:



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HYMN

Just As I Am

(Charlotte Elliott)

Just as I Am

Charlotte Elliott, 1836; alt.

1 Just as I am, though tossed a - bout with man - y a
 2 Just as I am, you will re - ceive, will wel - come,
 3 Just as I am, your love un - known has bro - ken

con - flict, many a doubt, Fight - ings and fears with -
 par - don, cleanse, re - lieve; Be - cause your prom - ise
 ev - ery bar - rier down; Now to be yours, and

in, with - out, O Lamb of God, I come, I come!
 I be - lieve, O Lamb of God, I come, I come!
 yours a - lone, O Lamb of God, I come, I come!

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Tune: WOODWORTH L.M. *William B. Bradbury, 1849*

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Score

Ode 13: Halleluiah

N. Perkins and L. Thomson

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Voice

Look the Lord God is our mir - ror, O - pen your eyes and see God in them. Learn the man - ner

6 of your fa - ces and an - nounce to the Spi - rit prai - ses. Wipe the dirt from your fa - ces

11 Love the Lord's ho - li - ness and put it on. Then you will not, at a - ny time, be blem - ished

16 in front of God. Ha - le - lu - ia. Ha - le - lu - ia.

B Ha - le - lu - ia. Ha - le - lu - ia.

21 Ha - le - lu - ia, sing praise.

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