

MAY 3, 2026 • 11:45 AM • EASTERTIDE • CINCO DE MAYO • AAPIDA MONTH

• GATHERING •

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Jacqui Lewi

HYMN

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

(Francisca Asuncion)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Amanda Hambrick

LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Amanda Hambrick

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

Rev. Amanda Hambrick

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

• REFLECTING •

ANTHEM

For Every Mountain

(Kurt Carr)

Jerriese Johnson Gospel Choir
Helen White

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¹³ Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁴ and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵ While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, ¹⁶ but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷ And he said to them, “What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?” They stood still, looking sad. ¹⁸ Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, “Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?”

¹⁹ He asked them, “What things?” They replied, “The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, ²⁰ and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him.

²¹ But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. ²² Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, ²³ and when they did not find his body there they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. ²⁴ Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see him.”

²⁵ Then he said to them, “Oh, how foolish you are and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! ²⁶ Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?” ²⁷ Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

²⁸ As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. ²⁹ But they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.” So he went in to stay with them. ³⁰ When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. ³¹ Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him, and he vanished from their sight. ³² They said to each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?”

³³ That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem, and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. ³⁴ They were saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!” ³⁵ Then they told what had happened on the road and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

SERMON

Transformational Moments

Rev. Dr. Jacqui Lewis

• RESPONDING •

INVITATION TO REFLECT

COMMUNION

Rev. Dr. Jacqui Lewis
 Rev. Natalie Renee Perkins
 Rev. Amanda Hambrick
 Macky Alston

POWER THIS MOVEMENT

Lulie Haddad

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OFFERTORY

How Great is Our God

(music by Chris Tomlin, Jesse Reeves, Ed Cash; arr. John Del Cueto/Dionne McClain-Freeney, Michelle Garibay-Carey, Madge Dietrich, Bianca Toscano Michalczak, Riqi Velez, ensemble)

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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

Macky Alston

HYMN

[Open the Eyes of My Heart](#)

(Paul Baloche)

BENEDICTION

Rev. Dr. Jacqui Lewis

PARTICIPATING IN THE CELEBRATION

Director of Music and Choirs • John Del Cueto
Middle Church Band • Graeme Gengas (piano)

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, Antwayn Hopper, Leslie Hahne, Julia Bartholomew-King, La'Shawna Munroe, Jeff Mummert, Mary Lou Driscoll, 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.

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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
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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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Middle Events Calendar

SUNDAY, MAY 3

- 9:30 AM [Butterfly Outreach Ministry](#)
- 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](#)
- 1:00 PM [White Christian Nationalism: How does history help us overcome it? – Hybrid](#)
- 1:00 PM [Community Social Hour](#)
- 1:15 PM [Village Chorus for Children & Youth](#)

MONDAY, MAY 4

- 8:00 AM [Prayer Shawl Project – Online only](#)
- 6:30 PM [Acting Class – Online only](#)

TUESDAY, MAY 5

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

WEDNESDAY, MAY 6

- 8:00 AM [Pray to Rise – Online](#)
- 7:00 PM [Ukuleliacs - Online](#)

THURSDAY, MAY 7

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

SUNDAY, MAY 10

- 9:30 AM [Butterfly Outreach Ministry](#)
- 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](#)
- 12:45 PM [Chat & Chew – Hybrid](#)
- 1:00 PM [Community Social Hour](#)
- 1:15 PM [Village Chorus for Children & Youth](#)

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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Score

Dear Lord Lead Me Day By Day

Francisca Asuncion (Philippine folks melody)

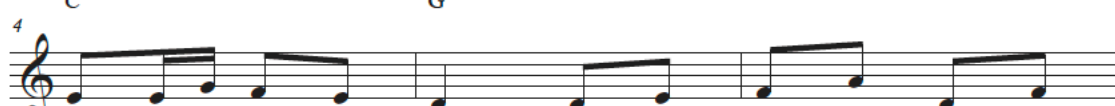
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Dear Lord, lead me day by day; make me
 Dear Lord, lead me day by day; help me
 Now with con - fi - dence I sing joy - ous

C G

4



stead - fast wise and strong; hap - py most of all to
 fol - low and o - bey. faith - ful - ly your words of
 prai - ses to our God and with up - right heart I

G C

7



know that my dear Lord loves me so. Praise to God,
 life, that your love care ev - er a - bide.
 give ten - der care and saym - pa - thy.


G

10



fount of love, Praise from morn till the set of sun.

13



Praise at home, praise at church;

C

15



praise to God ev - 'ry where on earth.

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HYMN

[Open the Eyes of My Heart](#)

(Paul Baloche)

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord
Open the eyes of my heart
I want to see You
I want to see You

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord
Open the eyes of my heart
I want to see You
I want to see You

To see you high and lifted up
Shining in the light of Your glory
Pour out Your power and love
As we sing holy, holy, holy

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