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Sunday Worship Celebration

JUNE 23, 2024 • 11:45 AM • PRIDE MONTH

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

“Terrify Me”

(Toshi Reagon)

Lead – Sam Waite

Well I go...higher (higher),
higher (higher), higher (higher) Higher!
And I won't bow down

MESSAGE FOR ALL AGES

Jillian Langford

“Siyahamba”

(Based on a South African Traditional Song)

Siyahamb' ekukhanyeni kwenkos
Siyahamb' ekukhanyeni kwenkos
Siyahamb', Siyahamb'
Siyahamb' ekukhanyeni kwenkos
Siyahamb', Siyahamb'

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Siyahamb' ekukhanyeni kwenkos

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

“Lean On Me”

LORD’S PRAYER

Penny Lane

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.)

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Penny Lane

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

• REFLECTING •

ANTHEM

“Peace Be Still”

(James Cleveland)

SCRIPTURE

Mark 4:26-34

Rev. Dr. Jacqui Lewis

²⁶ He also said, “The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground ²⁷ and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. ²⁸ The earth produces of itself first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. ²⁹ But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle because the harvest has come.” ³⁰ He also said, “With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? ³¹ It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth, ³² yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.” ³³ With many such parables he spoke the word to them as they were able to hear it; ³⁴ he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

SERMON

Ain't Got Time to Die, Part 2

Rev. Dr. Jacqui Lewis

RESPONSE

Rev. Dr. Angela Yarber



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INVITATION TO REFLECT

• RESPONDING •

INVITATION TO JOIN THE MOVEMENT

Julie Guerrero

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

OFFERTORY "Trouble At The River"

(Margaret Douroux)

Donate at middlechurch.org/donate or Venmo @MiddleCollegiateChurch

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.

DEDICATION PRAYER

Julie Guerrero

HYMN ["Lead Me, Guide Me"](#)

(Doris Akers)

BENEDICTION

Rev. Dr. Jacqui Lewis

PARTICIPATING IN THE CELEBRATION

Director of Music and Choirs • John Del Cueto

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

May 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 it back again or share the playlist with a friend to let them see what May was like at Middle Church.



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PRAYER CORNER *Please pray with us this week for these people and concerns.*
We are praying for all our Middle family every day.

Prayer for all Melvin Cunningham holds in his heart; For Aiyana Stern as she mourns the loss of her friend, Keith Greer.

To make a prayer request, request a call from a Middle pastor, or inquire about financial assistance, visit middlechurch.org/prayer/.

Welcome to Middle Church

We are glad you are worshipping with us today. If you are visiting for the first time, we invite you to return often and make Middle Church a home for you, your family, and friends. Sign up for updates or weekly emails at middlechurch.org.

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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.

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. If you are uncomfortable, you are welcome to worship in the Sanctuary balcony.

GIVING AT MIDDLE—

Dear Middle Family —

We are called to the Rising—Middle Rising! We are in the 2nd year of our rebuilding campaign that takes us through 2025. Your donations to Middle go to our “ONE FUND” to support Middle’s operations, staff, programming, and fundraising for our new building. This streamlined giving process helps Middle plan, grow, and rise from the ashes stronger to achieve our budget needs and help endow the future of this movement. The fire that destroyed Middle’s historic East Village site has not stopped us from putting our Fierce Love out in the world.

In Year One of our campaign, we saw incredible commitment to this project, and we need everyone who calls this their movement to help invest so that we can build it back to its glory for our future. **Please visit www.middlechurch.org/rising** to make your Pledge to our Middle Rising campaign (which can be paid through 2025) so that we can plan around your support toward our ongoing operations, programming, and fundraising for our new building. We are the ones we’ve been waiting for and together, with you onboard, we will have enough! We’re grateful for who you are as part of this community.

Love— *Jacqui, Vickie Burns—Consistory Chair, and the entire Middle Church Consistory*



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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.
18 W. 18th Street, Suite 02-147, New York, NY 10011

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 Director, Devon Mosley (stewardship@middlechurch.org) to discuss any questions about your giving plan.

DONATE BY PHONE

To make a donation to Middle Church, scan the code below with your smartphone camera.



Middle Events Calendar

All events are listed in ET unless noted.

Visit middlechurch.org for details and the latest updates.

SUNDAY, JUNE 23

- 10:00 a.m.: [Kids Sunday Enrichment](#)
- 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.: [Village Chorus for Children & Youth](#)
- 1:00 p.m.: [Stuyvesant Park Action](#)
- 2:00 p.m.: [Butterfly Outreach Ministry](#)

MONDAY, JUNE 24

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

TUESDAY, JUNE 25

- 7:00 p.m.: [Black, Trans & Faithful](#)

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 26

- 8:00 a.m.: [Pray to Rise](#)
- 7:00 p.m.: [Queer Black Men](#)

THURSDAY, JUNE 27

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

SUNDAY, JUNE 30

- 9:30 a.m.: [Pride Worship Celebration](#)
- 10:00 a.m.: [Kids Sunday Enrichment](#)
- 10:00 a.m.: [Bible in the Middle](#)
- 12:45 p.m.: [Virtual Chat & Chew](#)
- 2:00 p.m.: [Butterfly Outreach Ministry](#)

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

Please reach out to our Director of Programs and Community Engagements, Elise Tiralli, with any questions regarding programming—etiralli@middlechurch.org.



We are heading to Queer Liberation March on Sunday,

June 30th! Following the end of our morning worship, we will make our way to Sheridan Square. The official meetup time is at 11am and the march to Battery Park begins at 11:30am. If you're meeting us there, shoot for the Five Guys (296 Bleecker St, New York, NY 10014) as a meet-up place or find us in the crowd! Bring water and comfy shoes. For questions, email Elise at etiralli@middlechurch.org.



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SATURDAY, JUNE 29

- [Mass Poor People's and Low-Wage Workers' Assembly and Moral March on Washington, D.C. and to the Polls](#)

MIDDLE COLLEGIATE CHURCH

Rev. Dr. Jacqui Lewis, Senior Minister
Macky Alston, M.Div. Executive Minister
Rev. Natalie Renee Perkins, Digital Minister
Jillian Langford, M.PhI, Care & Just Love Minister
Rev. Amanda Hambrick Ashcraft, Justice & Organizing Minister
And Team Middle

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WORSHIP Sundays at 11:45 AM online & in-person at:
East End Temple, 245 East 17th Street,
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LEAD ME, GUIDE ME

Text: Doris M. Akers, b.1922

Tune: Doris M. Akers, b.1922; harm. by Richard Smallwood

Refrain

Lead me, guide me, a - long the way,
 For if You lead me, I can - not stray.
 Lord, let me walk each day with Thee.
 Lead me, oh Lord, lead me.

Verses

1. I am weak and I need your strength and pow'r to
 2. I am lost if You take your hand from me, I am
 help me o - ver my weak - est hour. Help me through the dark-ness
 blind with - out your Light to see, Lord, just al - ways let me
 D.C.
 Your face to see, Lead me, oh Lord, lead me.
 Your ser - vant be. Lead me, oh Lord, lead me.

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