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Sunday Worship Celebration

OCTOBER 13, 2024 11:45 AM HISPANIC HERITAGE 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

HYMN "Nada te turbe" (Joan Szymko)

MESSAGE FOR ALL AGES Bianca Toscano Michalczak

"Siyahamba"

(based on a South African Traditional song)

We are marching in the Light of God

We are marching in the Light of God

Marcharemos en la luz de Dios

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We are marching, we are marching

We are marching in the light of God

Marcharemos, Marcharemos

Marcharemos en la luz de Dios

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE “Alzare Mis Ojos A Los Montes (I Will Lift My Eyes To The Hills)”

LORD’S PRAYER Rev. Dr. Jacqui Lewis

CHORAL AMEN Middle Family

PASSING OF THE PEACE Rev. Dr. Jacqui Lewis

REFLECTING

ANTHEM “How Great Is Our God” (Chris Tomlin, Jesse Reeves, Ed Cash; arr. John Del Cueto)

READING Exodus 17.1-7 Rev. Dr. Jacqui Lewis

SERMON A Wilderness Kind of Faith Rev. Dr. Jacqui Lewis

INVITATION TO REFLECT

RESPONDING

INVITATION TO JOIN THE MOVEMENT Carlos Piñero

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

OFFERTORY “La Vida Es Un Carnaval” (Victor Daniel)
Soloist – Ellie Attal-Capdeville

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DOXOLOGY 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 Rev. Amanda Hambrick Ashcraft

HYMN “En Santa Hermandad (United By God’s Love)” Jerriese Johnson Gospel Choir
(William Loperena and Carolyn Jennings; arr. John Del Cueto)



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BENEDICTION

PARTICIPATING IN THE CELEBRATION

Director of Music and Choirs John Del Cueto

Jerriese Johnson Gospel Choir

Village Chorus for Children & Youth

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



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

For all those Melvin holds in his heart

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

Butterfly Outreach Ministry, our food justice ministry, invites you to volunteer on Sundays at 2:00pm! Please email Patrick at Ptmulcahy21@gmail.com or Deborah at Bergamotmusic@gmail.com for more info on what to bring and expect.

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.



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GIVING AT MIDDLE—

Dear Middle Family—

We are called to the Rising—Middle Rising! We are now in the 3RD and FINAL YEAR of PHASE 1 of our rebuilding campaign that takes us through 2025!

Your pledges, recurring contributions and one-time donations to Middle land in 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. We are in construction on our 50 E. 7th Street building as Phase 1 and aim to have us back in that building in early 2025. We still 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*

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.



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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 Oct 13th is our **Blessing of the Animals!** Join Rev. Natalie on the steps before and after worship with your beloved pet or stuffy to receive a blessing!

SUNDAY, OCT 13

- 10:00 a.m.: [Voter Reform Group](#)
- 10:30 a.m.: [Bible in the Middle](#)
- **11:45 a.m.: [Online Worship Celebration](#)**
- 12:45 p.m.: [Virtual Chat & Chew](#)
- 2:00 p.m.: [Butterfly Outreach Ministry](#)
- **3:00 p.m.: [Worship Celebration](#)**
- 4:00 p.m.: [Community Social Hour](#)
- 4:00 p.m.: [Village Chorus for Children & Youth](#)

MONDAY, OCT 14

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

TUESDAY, OCT 15

- 7:00 p.m.: [Defeating Project 2024 & Voting Just Love](#)

WEDNESDAY, OCT 16

- 8:00 a.m.: [Pray To Rise](#)
- 7:00 p.m.: [Ukuleliacs](#)

THURSDAY, OCT 17

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

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- 4:15 p.m.: [Breaking Bias Middle Book Event](#)

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



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Alzare Mis Ojos A Los Montes (I will lift my eyes to the hills)

Psalm 121 :1-4

I lift up my eyes to the hills from where will my help come?

My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth

God will not let your foot be moved; God who keeps you will not slumber

God who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.

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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