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Sunday Worship Celebration

OCT 27TH, 2024 3:00 PM CHILDREN'S SABBATH

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 "Hold On (Freedom Song)"

MESSAGE FOR ALL AGES

Jillian Langford

"Siyahamba"

(Based on a South African Traditional Song)

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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Village Chorus for Children & Youth

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LORD'S PRAYER

Imani Passley

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

Ellington Tanner

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

REFLECTING

ANTHEM

"Everybody Wants to Rule the World"
Village Chorus for Children & Youth

(Ian Stanley, Roland Orzabal, Chris Hughes)

SCRIPTURE

Mark 10:46-52

Rev. Amanda Hambrick Ashcraft

⁴⁶ They came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. ⁴⁷ When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" ⁴⁸ Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" ⁴⁹ Jesus stood still and said, "Call him here." And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart; get up, he is calling you." ⁵⁰ So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. ⁵¹ Then Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man said to him, "My teacher, let me see again." ⁵² Jesus said to him, "Go; your faith has made you well." Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

SERMON Spells of Faith

Rev. Amanda Hambrick Ashcraft

INVITATION TO REFLECT



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RESPONDING

INVITATION TO JOIN THE MOVEMENT

The Enlow Family – Jason, Johanna, Maya, and Michelle

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

OFFERTORY “If You Want To Sing Out”
(Cat Stevens)

JJGC / VCCY

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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

The Enlow Family

HYMN “Brand New Day”

(Luther Vandross)

BENEDICTION

Rev. Natalie Reese Perkins

PARTICIPATING IN THE CELEBRATION

Director of Music and Choirs John Del Cueto

Middle Church Band Dionne McClain-Freney (Piano), Jon Peretz (Drums), Booker King (bass)

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, for the health and healing of Joe with his ongoing cancer treatment

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



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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. If hearing is an issue, the best place to sit in the sanctuary is front left.

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. 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.

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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 27

- 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](#)
- 2:00 p.m.: [Children's Halloween Party](#)
- **3:00 p.m.: [Worship Hybrid Celebration](#)**
- 4:00 p.m.: [Community Social Hour](#)
- 7:00 p.m.: [New New Yorkers Dinner](#)

MONDAY, OCT 28

- 6:30 p.m.: [Acting Class](#)

TUESDAY, OCT 29

- 7:00 p.m.: [Jerriese Johnson Gospel Choir](#)

WEDNESDAY, OCT 30

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

THURSDAY, OCT 31

- 1:00 p.m.: [New Adventures](#)
- 6:30 p.m.: [Creative Writing](#)

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- 4:00 p.m.: [Congregational Meeting](#)
- 4:00 p.m.: [Village Chorus for Children & Youth](#)

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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** – jlaford@middlechurch.org.



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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

MAILING Middle Collegiate Church
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New York, NY 10011

WORSHIP Sundays at 11:45 AM online & 3:00 PM
online & in-person at: Judson Memorial
Church, 55 Washington Square South,
New York, NY 10012

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WEBSITE middlechurch.org

Share our message on social media
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HYMN

“Hold On (Freedom Song)”

Chorus:

Hold on, hold on
Keep your eyes on the prize, Hold on!

Oh the one thing we did right was the day we started to fight
Keep your eyes on the prize hold on!

Got my hands on the gospel plow, wouldn't give nothin' for my
journey now.

Only chains that we can stand, are the chains of hand in hand....

When united it is clear, we don[t have to live in fear.

Building walls and spreading hate, will not make this country great

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HYMN

“Brand New Day”

(Luther Vandross)

Everybody look around
'Cause there's a reason to rejoice, you see
Everybody come out
And let's commence to singing joyfully
Everybody look up
And feel the hope that we've been waiting
on
Everybody's glad
Because our silent fear and dread is gone
Freedom, you see
Has got our hearts singing so joyfully
Just look about
You owe it to yourself to check it out
Can't you feel a brand new day? (x4)
Everybody be glad
'Cause the sun is shining just for us
Everybody wake up
Into the morning, into happiness
Hello world
It's like a different way of living now
And thank you world
We always knew that we'd be free
somehow
In harmony
Let's show the world that we've got liberty
It's such a change
For us to live so independently

Freedom, you see
Has got our hearts singing so joyfully
Just look about
You owe it to yourself to check it out
Can't you feel a brand new day?
Can't you feel a brand new day?
Everybody be glad be glad
Because the sun is shining just for us yes, it
is
Everybody wake up wake up
Into the morning, into happiness that's right
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It's like a different way of living now
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