

The UMC of New City Hybrid Worship

April 28, 2024

Fifth Sunday of Easter; "Jesus Sightings" -- Week 2

Welcome

Pastor Amanda

Prelude and Lighting of the Candles

Dr. Diana Hughes/Acolyte -- Carter Castel

Call to Worship

Leader: Christ is risen!

People: Jesus lives!

Leader: We are never alone;

People: Thanks be to God.

**Hymn #304 (UMH)

Easter People, Raise Your Voices

1. **Easter people, raise your voices, sounds of heaven in earth should ring. Christ has brought us heaven's choices; heavenly music, let it ring. Alleluia! Alleluia! Easter people, let us sing!**
2. **Fear of death can no more stop us from our pressing here below. For our Lord empowered us to triumph over every foe. Alleluia! Alleluia! On to victory now we go.**
3. **Every day to us is Easter, with its resurrection song. When in trouble move the faster to our God who rights the wrong. Alleluia! Alleluia! See the power of heavenly throngs.**

Unison Prayer:

As the leaves of the trees bud and begin to dance, and the birds sing again, and children play in the yard, we thank you, O God, for waking up the world in spring. We thank you for waking up Christ at Easter. We thank you for waking up our senses of hope and wonder, as we walk along this journey of life, trusting in you, and following our Lord and Savior. It is in his wonderful name we pray. Amen.

Children's Message

Scripture Reading

John 21:1-14

Kelly Castel

After these things Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. Simon Peter said to them, 'I am going fishing.' They said to him, 'We will go with you.' They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, 'Children, you have no fish, have you?' They answered him, 'No.' He said to them, 'Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some.' So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, 'It is the Lord!' When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and

jumped into the lake. But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off.

When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, 'Bring some of the fish that you have just caught.' So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred and fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, 'Come and have breakfast.' Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, 'Who are you?' because they knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God. **People: Thanks be to God.**

Spirit Stories

Jesus Sightings -- Week 2

Konrad Soong, Ronnie Wynne, Chuck Delo

Hymn #2272 (TFWS)

Holy Ground

We are standing on holy ground, and I know that there are angels all around; let us praise Jesus now; we are standing in his presence on holy ground.

Prayer Requests and Praises

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Announcements

The Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings

Dr. Diana Hughes

**Doxology #95 (UMH)

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host -- Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

**Prayer of Dedication

Almighty God, bless these gifts, and use them to your glory, that we may learn to better see you at work in our lives, and truly praise our Risen Christ. Amen.

**Hymn #310 (UMH)

He Lives

1. I serve a risen Savior, he's in the world today; I know that he is living, whatever foes may say. I see his hand of mercy, I hear his voice of cheer, and just the time I need him, he's always near.

(Refrain): He lives, he lives, Christ Jesus lives today! He walks with me and talks with me along life's narrow way. He lives, he lives, salvation to impart! You ask me how I know he lives? He lives within my heart.

2. **In all the world around me I see his loving care, and though my heart grows weary, I never will despair. I know that he is leading through all the stormy blast; the day of his appearing will come at last.** *(Refrain)*

3. **Rejoice, rejoice, O Christian, lift up your voice and sing eternal hallelujahs to Jesus Christ the King! The hope of all who seek him, the help of all who find; none other is so loving, so good and kind.** *(Refrain)*

**Blessing and Sending

**Choral Benediction

Praise God (to the tune of Amazing Grace)

Postlude

Dr. Diana Hughes

You are invited to join us for fellowship and refreshments.

Thank you for joining us in worship today. You are always welcome here! To be added to our email list, ask questions, request pastoral care, or explore the possibility of membership, contact the church office at umcofnewcity@gmail.com or call (845) 634-1758.

Sunday School for children pre-k (potty trained) through 6th grade is held during the worship service, directly following the Children's Message.

For online giving, please visit our website at newcityumc.org

Our thrift shop, Angel's Attic, is open Saturdays 9am-2pm and Thursdays 10am-12pm.

We are a Reconciling Church; we fully love and accept LGBTQ+ individuals and families.

Our Mission Statement is "Serving God through Serving Our Community."

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May you go in Christ's peace, assured of God's love.

