

The UMC of New City Hybrid Worship

May 18, 2025

5th Sunday of Easter; Children's Celebration and Sunday School Recognition

Welcome	Pastor Amanda
Prelude and Lighting of the Candles	Dr. Diana Hughes
Call to Worship	Noa Almiron-Johnson

Leader: We come together before God

**People: To pray, to sing, to worship.**

Leader: We come together as God's children,

**People: And as the family of Jesus!**

**Hymn #558 (UMH)	<i>We Are the Church</i>	verses 1-4
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*(Refrain): I am the church! You are the church! We are the church together! All who follow Jesus, all around the world! Yes, we're the church together!*

1. **The church is not a building, the church is not a steeple, the church is not a resting place, the church is a people. (Refrain)**
2. **We're many kinds of people, with many kinds of faces, all colors and all ages, too, from all times and places. (Refrain)**
3. **Sometimes the church is marching, sometimes it's bravely burning, sometimes it's riding, sometimes hiding, always it's learning. (Refrain)**
4. **And when the people gather, there's singing and there's praying, there's laughing and there's crying sometimes, all of it saying: (Refrain)**

Unison Prayer: <i>(written by our Sunday School)</i>	Sekou Almiron-Johnson
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**Great Creator, we thank you for so many blessings--our friends, our family, our church and community. We know you love us because our lives are full and our hearts are whole. We pray for everyone in the world to have clean water, healthy food, homes and safety for all. May we always remember there is no such thing as other people's children, because we are all precious children of God. Amen.**

Special Music	<i>Jesus Loves Me (in English, French, and Spanish)</i>	Our Sunday School
Scripture Reading	<i>Matthew 5:1-15 (The Peace Table: A Storybook Bible)</i>	Carter Castel and Kate Nolan

*Jesus went up a mountain with his disciples and began to teach them saying "Blessed are the poor in spirit- they need others, and others need them- for they will have a heavenly home. Blessed are those who are deep in sadness, for they will be comforted and given strong defense. Blessed are those who are humble and gentle; the earth will be theirs. Blessed are those who hunger for justice and right living; they will be filled. Blessed are those who do loving kindness; they will also receive loving kindness. Blessed are those who have a clear heart and mind, for they will know God.*

*Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. Blessed are those who are hurt for seeking justice, for they will have a heavenly home. Blessed are you when people are mean and speak lies about you because you follow me. You can have joy even in those hard times, because God has a heavenly reward for you. Remember, people also hurt the prophets of God in the past. You are the salt of the earth that keeps food from becoming rotten and thrown out. You are the light of the world. You shine like a city on a hill, or a lamp on a tall stand. Let your light shine, so that others will see your good works and praise God in heaven."*

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

Message

Rev. Dr. Amanda Hemenetz

Hymn

*This Little Light of Mine*

1. **This little light of mine, I'm goin'a let it shine. This little light of mine, I'm goin'a let it shine. This little light of mine, I'm goin'a let it shine, let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.**
2. **Hide it under a bushel? No! I'm goin'a let it shine. Hide it under a bushel? No! I'm goin'a let it shine. Hide it under a bushel? No! I'm goin'a let it shine, let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.**
3. **Everywhere I go, I'm goin'a let it shine. Everywhere I go, I'm goin'a let it shine. Everywhere I go, I'm goin'a let it shine, let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.**
4. **This little light of mine, I'm goin'a let it shine. This little light of mine, I'm goin'a let it shine. This little light of mine, I'm goin'a let it shine, let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.**

Sunday School Recognition

Prayer Requests and Praises

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Led by our Sunday School

**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:**

**Gracious God, bless these gifts, and use them to your glory. We thank you that we are all your children; and as your children, we are blessed. Amen.**

1. I danced in the morning when the world was begun, and I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun, and I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth. At Bethlehem I had my birth.

*(Refrain): Dance, then, wherever you may be; I am the Lord of the Dance, said he. And I'll lead you all wherever you may be, and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.*

2. I danced for the scribe and the Pharisee, but they would not dance and they would not follow me; I danced for the fishermen, for James and John; they came to me and the dance went on.

*(Refrain)*

3. I danced on the sabbath when I cured the lame, the holy people said it was a shame; they whipped and they stripped and they hung me high; and they left me there on a cross to die.

*(Refrain)*

4. I danced on a Friday and the sky turned black; it's hard to dance with the devil on your back; they buried my body and they thought I'd gone, but I am the dance and I still go on. *(Refrain)*

5. They cut me down and I leapt up high, I am the life that'll never, never die; I'll live in you if you'll live in me; I am the Lord of the Dance, said he. *(Refrain)*

**\*\*Blessing**

**\*\* Choral Benediction #666 (UMH)**

*Shalom to You*

**Shalom to you now, shalom, my friends. May God's full mercies bless you, my friends. In all your living and through your loving, Christ be your shalom, Christ be your shalom.**

Postlude

Dr. Diana Hughes

*Please join us for a picnic lunch!*

*A special THANK YOU to our Sunday School Teachers - Johanna Almiron, Kelly Castel, and Norma Christian; and to our Sunday School Students and Families!*

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.org](mailto:umcofnewcity@gmail.org) or call (845) 634-1758.

Sunday School is "on hold" for the summer season.

For online giving, please visit our website at [newcityumc.org](http://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 ALL, including LGBTQ+ individuals and families.

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

**\*\*Indicates to please stand, if you are comfortable doing so. 'UMH' = The United Methodist Hymnal (red); 'TFWS' = The Faith We Sing (black). Both are available from the ushers.**

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