

The UMC of New City Hybrid Worship

March 15, 2026

*4th Sunday in Lent; "Names of Jesus" - Week 4*

Welcome

Pastor Amanda

Prelude

Dr. Diana Hughes

Call to Worship

Leader: We follow the Good Shepherd,

**People: Who leads us beside the still waters.**

Leader: We follow the Good Shepherd,

**People: Who restores our souls.**

Leader: We follow the Good Shepherd;

**People: Lord Jesus, meet us here!**

\*\*Hymn #381 (UMH)

*Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us*

1. **Savior, like a shepherd lead us, much we need thy tender care; in thy pleasant pastures feed us, for our use thy folds prepare. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Thou hast bought us, thine we are. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Thou hast bought us, thine we are.**
2. **We are thine, thou dost befriend us, be the guardian of our way; keep thy flock, from sin defend us, seek us when we go astray. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Hear, O hear us when we pray. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Hear, O hear us when we pray.**
3. **Thou hast promised to receive us, poor and sinful though we be; thou hast mercy to relieve us, grace to cleanse and power to free. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! We will early turn to thee. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! We will early turn to thee.**
4. **Early let us seek thy favor; early let us do thy will; blessed Lord and only Savior, with thy love our bosoms fill. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Thou hast loved us, love us still. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Thou hast loved us, love us still.**

Unison Prayer (*inspired from Psalm 23*)

**Lord, we love you, our shepherd and friend. You bid us rest when life is busy, encouraging us to take notice of the still waters, and to refresh our souls. We thank you for walking alongside us, both when the path is peaceful and when it is difficult. You are the best company we keep. You look at us with joy and celebration, uplifting and surrounding us with all that is good, today and forevermore. For all these things, O Lord, we give you thanks, and praise your holy name. Amen.**

Children's Message

First Scripture Reading

*Psalm 23*

*The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me to lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside the still waters. He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me.*

*Your rod and your staff, they comfort me. You set a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.*

Second Scripture Reading

*John 10:7-11*

*So again Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits, but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly. I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep."*

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

Message

*"Names of Jesus" - Week 4: The Good Shepherd*

Rev. Dr. Amanda Hemenetz

Hymn #136 (UMH)

*The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want (sung to the tune of 'Amazing Grace')*

1. **The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want. / He makes me down to lie  
In pastures green; he leadeth me / the quiet waters by.**
2. **My soul he doth restore again, / and me to walk doth make  
Within the paths of righteousness, / even for his name's sake.**
3. **Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale, / yet will I fear no ill;  
For thou art with me, and thy rod / and staff me comfort still.**
4. **My table thou hast furnished in / the presence of my foes;  
My head though dost with oil anoint, / and my cup overflows.**
5. **Goodness and mercy all my life / shall surely follow me;  
And in God's house forever more / my dwelling place shall be.**

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 in all we do we may walk with the Good Shepherd, Jesus the Christ. Amen.**

**\*\*Hymn #347 (UMH)**

*Spirit Song*

**1. O let the Son of God enfold you with his Spirit and his love. Let him fill your heart and satisfy your soul. O let him have the things that hold you, and his Spirit like a dove will descend upon your life and make you whole.**

*(Refrain) Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your lambs. Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your lambs.*

**2. O come and sing this song with gladness as your hearts are filled with joy. Lift your hands in sweet surrender to his name. O give him all your tears and sadness; give him all your years of pain, and you'll enter into life in Jesus' name. (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 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.org](mailto:umcofnewcity@gmail.org) or call (845) 634-1758.

Our youngest worshippers (Pre-K through 6th grade) are invited to our "Children's Church Table" after the Children's Message.

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 the 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.**

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