

The UMC of New City Hybrid Worship

March 22, 2026

*5th Sunday in Lent; "Names of Jesus" - Week 5*

Welcome

Pastor Amanda

Prelude

Dr. Diana Hughes

Call to Worship (*with Matthew 11:28*)

Leader: Jesus said,

**People: "Come to me, all who are weary and heavy-laden, and I will give you rest."**

Leader: Meet us here, O Christ.

**People: We come into your presence seeking healing.**

\*\*Hymn #263 (UMH)

*When Jesus the Healer Passed Through Galilee*

all verses

1. When Jesus the healer passed through Galilee -- **Heal us, heal us today!**  
The deaf came to hear and the blind came to see -- **Heal us, Lord Jesus!**
2. A paralyzed man was let down through a roof -- **Heal us, heal us today!**  
His sins were forgiven, his walking the proof -- **Heal us, Lord Jesus!**
3. The death of his daughter caused Jairus to weep -- **Heal us, heal us today!**  
The Lord took her hand, and he raised her from sleep -- **Heal us, Lord Jesus!**
4. When blind Bartimaeus cried out to the Lord -- **Heal us, heal us today!**  
His faith made him whole and his sight was restored -- **Heal us, Lord Jesus!**
5. The lepers were healed and the demons cast out -- **Heal us, heal us today!**  
A bent woman straightened to laugh and to shout -- **Heal us, Lord Jesus!**
6. The twelve were commissioned and sent out in twos -- **Heal us, heal us today!**  
To make the sick whole and to spread the good news -- **Heal us, Lord Jesus!**
7. There's still so much sickness and suffering today -- **Heal us, heal us today!**  
We gather together for healing and pray -- **Heal us, Lord Jesus!**

Unison Prayer

**God, we come to you for healing, for solace, for grace. We come to you for hope, for help, for understanding. We come to you for strength, for peace, for newness of life. Hear our prayers, this day. Forgive us where we have fallen short, and fill us with the assurance of love only you can provide. Give us all we need to heed to your will and your way, and keep us in your care everlasting. Amen.**

Children's Message

First Scripture Reading

*John 5:2-9a*

*Now in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate there is a pool, called in Hebrew Beth-zatha, which has five porticoes. In these lay many ill, blind, lame, and paralyzed people. One man was there who had been ill for thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him lying there and knew that he had been there a long time, he said to him, "Do you want to be made well?" The ill man answered him, "Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up, and while I am making my way someone else steps down ahead of me." Jesus said to him, "Stand up, take your mat and walk." At once the man was made well, and he took up his mat and began to walk.*

Second Scripture Reading

Mark 5:1-13, 18-21

*They came to the other side of the lake, to the country of the Gerasenes. And when he had stepped out of the boat, immediately a man out of the tombs with an unclean spirit met him. He lived among the tombs; and no one could restrain him anymore, even with a chain; for he had often been restrained with shackles and chains, but the chains he wrenched apart, and the shackles he broke in pieces; and no one had the strength to subdue him. Night and day among the tombs and on the mountains he was always howling and bruising himself with stones. When he saw Jesus from a distance, he ran and bowed down before him; and he shouted at the top of his voice, 'What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I adjure you by God, do not torment me.' For he had said to him, 'Come out of the man, you unclean spirit!' Then Jesus asked him, 'What is your name?' He replied, 'My name is Legion; for we are many.' He begged him earnestly not to send them out of the country. Now there on the hillside a great herd of swine was feeding; and the unclean spirits begged him, 'Send us into the swine; let us enter them.' So he gave them permission. And the unclean spirits came out and entered the swine; and the herd, numbering about two thousand, rushed down the steep bank into the lake, and were drowned in the lake. . . As Jesus was getting into the boat, the man who had been possessed by demons begged him that he might be with him. But Jesus refused, and said to him, 'Go home to your friends, and tell them how much the Lord has done for you, and what mercy he has shown you.' And he went away and began to proclaim in the Decapolis how much Jesus had done for him; and everyone was amazed.*

Third Scripture Reading

Mark 2:16-17

*When the scribes of the Pharisees saw that he was eating with sinners and tax collectors, they said to his disciples, "Why does he eat with tax collectors and sinners?" When Jesus heard this, he said to them, "Those who are well have no need of a physician but those who are sick; I have not come to call the righteous but sinners."*

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

Message

*"Names of Jesus" - Week 5: The Great Physician*

Rev. Dr. Amanda Hemenetz

Silent Prayers of Healing

Hymn #2193 (TFWS)

*Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying*

**Lord, listen to your children praying, Lord, send your Spirit in this place; Lord, listen to your children praying, send us love, send us power, send us grace.**

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 those who enter here may feel the healing power of Jesus, the Great Physician. Amen.**

**\*\*Hymn #707 (UMH)**

*Hymn of Promise*

- 1. In the bulb there is a flower, in the seed, an apple tree; in cocoons, a hidden promise: butterflies will soon be free! In the cold and snow of winter there's a spring that waits to be, unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.**
- 2. There's a song in every silence, seeking word and melody; there's a dawn in every darkness, bringing hope to you and me. From the past will come the future; what it holds, a mystery, unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.**
- 3. In our end is our beginning; in our time, infinity; in our doubt there is believing; in our life, eternity. In our death, a resurrection; at the last, a victory, unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.**

**\*\*Blessing**

**\*\* Choral Benediction**

*Amazing Grace Amen*

Postlude

Dr. Diana Hughes

*Please stay for lunch and a presentation from our Fundraising Committee.*

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.

### **Holy Week Schedule of Services**

**Next Sunday, March 29: Palm Sunday. Worship begins in our courtyard at 10:30am.**

**Thursday, April 2: Maundy Thursday Worship with Holy Communion @ Congers UMC (3 Old Haverstraw Rd, Congers, NY) at 7:00pm.**

**Friday, April 3: Good Friday Worship @ Pearl River UMC (130 Franklin Ave, Pearl River, NY) at 7:00pm. Combined Choir rehearsal at 6:00pm.**

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