

The UMC of New City Hybrid Worship

March 8, 2026

3rd Sunday in Lent; "Names of Jesus" - Week 3

Welcome

Pastor Amanda

Prelude and Lighting of the Candles

Dr. Diana Hughes

Call to Worship

Leader: Look to God,

People: Whose brightness disturbs the darkness;

Leader: Look to Christ,

People: Who shines with love and grace;

Leader: Look to the Spirit,

People: Who fills our hearts with light!

**Hymn #206 (UMH)

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

1. **I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to follow Jesus. God set the stars to give light to the world. The star of my life is Jesus.**

(Refrain): In him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike. The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

2. **I want to see the brightness of God. I want to look at Jesus. Clear Sun of Righteousness, shine on my path, and show me the way to the Father. (Refrain)**

3. **I'm looking for the coming of Christ. I want to be with Jesus. When we have run with patience the race, we shall know the joy of Jesus. (Refrain)**

Unison Prayer

You, O God, are our light, our love, our hope. Through the dark days of winter, we are reminded that spring is coming. Even in the cold, your light still shines. May that light lead us forward, into warmer days and shorter nights, that we may approach each moment with hope and the assurance of your presence. You continue to be our light in the darkness, even today, even now, and we are thankful. Amen.

Children's Message

First Scripture Reading

Matthew 5:13-16

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In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overtake it.

Second Scripture Reading

John 8:12; 9:4-5

Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, 'I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life. . . We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.'

Third Scripture Reading

1 John 1:5

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all.

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

Message

"Names of Jesus" - Week 3: Light of the World

Rev. Dr. Amanda Hemenetz

Hymn 178 (UMH)

Hope (Light) of the World

- 1. Light of the world, thou Christ of great compassion, speak to our fearful hearts by conflict rent. Save us, thy people, from consuming passion, who by our own false hopes and aims are spent.**
- 2. Light of the world, God's gift from highest heaven, bringing to hungry souls the bread of life, still let thy Spirit unto us be given, to heal earth's wounds and end all bitter strife.**
- 3. Light of the world, afoot on dusty highways, showing to wandering souls the path of light, walk thou beside us lest the tempting byways lure us away from thee to endless night.**
- 4. Light of the world, who by thy cross didst save us from death and dark despair, from sin and guilt, we render back the love thy mercy gave us; take thou our lives, and use them as thou wilt.**
- 5. Light of the world, O Christ o'er death victorious, who by this sign didst conquer grief and pain, we would be faithful to thy gospel glorious; thou art our Lord! Thou dost forever reign.**

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 follow Jesus, the Light of the World, who outshines the darkness. Amen.

**Hymn #2173 (TFWS)

Shine, Jesus, Shine

(Refrain) Shine, Jesus, shine--fill this land with the Father's glory; blaze, Spirit blaze--set our hearts on fire; flow, river, flow--flood the nations with grace and mercy; send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light.

1. **Lord, the light of your love is shining, in the midst of the darkness shining; Jesus, Light of the World, shine upon us, set us free by the truth you now bring us. Shine on me; shine on me.**
(Refrain)
2. **Lord, I come to your awesome presence, from the shadows into your radiance; by the blood I may enter your brightness; search me, try me, consume all my darkness. Shine on me; shine on me.**
(Refrain)
3. **As we gaze on your kingly brightness, so our faces display your likeness; ever changing from glory to glory, mirrored here may our lives tell your story. Shine on me; shine on me.** *(Refrain)*

**Blessing

**Choral Benediction

Praise God (to the tune of "Amazing Grace")

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 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."

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