

The UMC of New City Hybrid Worship

May 10, 2026

6th Sunday of Easter; "Forgotten Books of the Bible" - Week 2

Welcome

Pastor Amanda

Prelude

Dr. Diana Hughes

Call to Worship: *(based on Matthew 23:37)*

Leader: Like a mother hen gathering her chicks under her wing,

People: God longs to gather us and hold us close.

Leader: We are loved by the Almighty;

People: We are loved by the Risen Christ!

**Hymn #2050 (TFWS)

Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth

1. **Mothering God, you gave me birth in the bright morning of this world. Creator, source of every breath, you are my rain, my wind, my sun.**
2. **Mothering Christ, you took my form, offering me your food of light, grain of life, and grape of love, your very body for my peace.**
3. **Mothering Spirit, nurt'ring one, in arms of patience hold me close, so that in faith I root and grow until I flow'r, until I know.**

Unison Prayer: *(selections from Rev. Magrey deVega)*

God of provision and unconditional love, on this day when we acknowledge the importance of motherhood among us, we first give thanks that you are a loving parent to us all. You have formed us in your image as your children, and gathered us together as a brood under your wing. We are grateful to be your offspring. Though our lives are marked by transition and change, your nurture and affection for all your children remains the same. Therefore, remind us to live with a child-like faith, curious to every wondrous mystery, attentive to your every instruction, obedient to your every command, and willing to share with every one of your children. We give you thanks, O God, who is a loving Mother and Father to us all, and in whose name we pray. Amen.

Children's Message

Mother's Day Litany

Leader: Mothers come in many different forms, and today we celebrate them all.

People: Thank God for mothers!

Leader: Everyone here is someone's child.

People: Thank God for my mother!

Leader: For those women who have joined God in Heaven and whom we miss dearly here on earth,

People: Thank God for the mothers of the past.

Leader: For every woman who is working to raise her children now,

People: Thank God for the mothers of today.

Leader: For all the women who are expecting, but aren't quite mothers yet,

People: Thank God for the soon-to-be-mothers.

Leader: For the women who took in others' children through adoption and foster care,

People: Thank God for the mothers with hearts so big.

Leader: For those women who have lost a child to death and must carry on,

People: Thank God for the mothers who are so strong.

Leader: For all the women who have desperately wanted to have children of their own, but chose instead to mother everyone else,

People: Thank God for the mothers in spirit.

All: We thank you, Lord, for the women who have influenced our lives in so many ways. We pray we will honor them in everything we do. Amen.

Scripture Reading

Hosea 11:1-4; 14:4-7

Chuck Delo

When Israel was a child, I loved him, and out of Egypt I called my son. The more I called them, the more they went from me; they kept sacrificing to the Baals and offering incense to idols. Yet it was I who taught Ephraim to walk; I took them up in my arms, but they did not know that I healed them. I led them with cords of human kindness, with bands of love. I was to them like those who lift infants to their cheeks. I bent down to them and fed them. . . I will heal their disloyalty; I will love them freely, for my anger has turned from them. I will be like the dew to Israel; he shall blossom like the lily; he shall strike root like the forests of Lebanon. His shoots shall spread out; his beauty shall be like the olive tree and his fragrance like that of Lebanon. They shall again live beneath my shadow; they shall flourish as a garden; they shall blossom like the vine; their fragrance shall be like the wine of Lebanon.

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

Message

"Forgotten Books of the Bible" - Week 2: Hosea

Rev. Dr. Amanda Hemenetz

Hymn #2046 (TFWS)

Womb of Life (sung to the tune of "Come Thou Font of Every Blessing")

- 1. Womb of life, and source of being, home of every restless heart, in your arms the worlds awakened; you have loved us from the start. We, your children, gather 'round you, at the table your prepare. Sharing stories, tears, and laughter, we are nurtured by your care.**
- 2. Word in flesh, our brother Jesus, born to bring us second birth, you have come to stand beside us, knowing weakness, knowing earth. Priest who shares our human struggles, Life of Life, and Death of Death, Risen Christ, come stand among us, send the Spirit by your breath.**
- 3. Brooding Spirit, move among us; be our partner, be our friend. When our memory fails, remind us whose we are, what we intend. Labor with us, aid the birthing of the new world yet to be, free of servant, lord, and master, free for love and unity.**
- 4. Mother, Brother, Holy Partner; Father, Spirit, Only Son: We would praise your name forever, One-in-three, and Three-in-one. We would share your life, your passion, share your word of world made new, ever singing, ever praising, one with all, and one with you.**

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**

Mothering God, bless these gifts, and use them to your glory. May the love and grace you bestow upon us go beyond us, that we may bestow love and grace upon others. Amen.

****Hymn #2223 (TFWS)**

They'll Know We are Christians by Our Love

1. We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord, we are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord, and we pray that all unity will one day be restored:

(Refrain) And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love; yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

2. We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand, we will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand, and together we'll spread the news that God is in our land: (Refrain)

3. We will work with each other, we will work side by side, we will work with each other, we will work side by side, and we'll guard human dignity and save human pride: (Refrain)

4. All praise to the Father, from whom all things come, and all praise to Christ Jesus, God's only Son, and all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one: (Refrain)

****Blessing**

**** Choral Benediction**

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

Postlude

Dr. Diana Hughes

Please join us for food and fellowship.



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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