

The UMC of New City Hybrid Worship

May 17, 2026

Ascension Sunday; "Forgotten Books of the Bible" - Week 3

Welcome

Pastor Amanda

Prelude

Alessandro Simone

Call to Worship:

Leader: Jesus lived -

People: He walked this world, taught, healed, suffered, and saved.

Leader: Jesus died -

People: He understands our hardest moments because he lived and died through his.

Leader: Jesus rose -

People: The Risen Christ appeared to many before ascending to heaven.

Leader: Jesus will come again -

People: Until then, he is with us in spirit.

ALL: THANKS BE TO GOD! AMEN.

**Hymn #2161 (TFWS)

To Know You More

1. **To know you in all of your glory, to love you with all that I am. With all of my heart, Lord, this is my prayer: To know you more.**
2. **To know you in all of your power, to trust you with all that I am. With all of my heart, Lord, this is my prayer: To know you more.**
3. **To know you in all of your mercy, to serve you with all that I am. With all of my heart, Lord, this is my prayer: To know you more.**
4. **To know you in all of your power, to trust you with all that I am. With all of my heart, Lord, this is my prayer: To know you more. To know you more.**

Unison Prayer: *(from the Scottish Book of Common Prayer)*

Almighty God, your blessed Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, ascended far above all heavens, that he might fill all things. Mercifully give us faith to perceive that, according to his promise, he abides with his Church on earth, even to the end of the world; through the same your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Children's Message

Scripture Reading

Malachi 3:1-7

Mary Carol Bate

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like washers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present

offerings to the LORD in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD, as in the days of old and as in former years. Then I will draw near to you for judgment; I will be swift to bear witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against those who swear falsely, against those who oppress the hired workers in their wages, the widow, and the orphan, against those who thrust aside the alien and do not fear me, says the LORD of hosts. For I the LORD do not change; therefore you, O children of Jacob, have not perished. Ever since the days of your ancestors you have turned aside from my statutes and have not kept them. Return to me, and I will return to you, says the LORD of hosts. But you say, "How shall we return?"

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

Message "Forgotten Books of the Bible" - Week 3: Malachi Rev. Dr. Amanda Hemenetz

Hymn #398 (UMH) *Jesus Calls Us*

1. **Jesus calls us o'er the tumult of our life's wild, restless sea; day by day his sweet voice soundeth, saying, "Christian, follow me!"**
2. **As of old apostles heard it by the Galilean lake, turned from home and toil and kindred, leaving all for Jesus' sake.**
3. **Jesus calls us from the worship of the vain world's golden store, from each idol that would keep us, saying, "Christian, love me more!"**
4. **In our joys and in our sorrows, days of toil and hours of ease, still he calls, in cares and pleasures, "Christian, love me more than these!"**
5. **Jesus calls us! By thy mercies, Savior, may we hear thy call, give our hearts to thine obedience, serve and love thee best of all.**

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

Alessandro Simone

**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, who gave us Jesus, bless these gifts and use them to your glory. May we readily follow the Risen Lord wherever he leads, and serve him in thought, word, and action. Amen.

****Hymn #733 (UMH)**

Marching to Zion

- 1. Come, we that love the Lord, and let our joys be known; join in a song with sweet accord, join in a song with sweet accord and thus surround the throne, and thus surround the throne.**

(Refrain): We're marching to Zion, beautiful, beautiful Zion; we're marching upward to Zion, the beautiful city of God.

- 2. Let those refuse to sing who never knew our God; but children of the heavenly King, but children of the heavenly King may speak their joys abroad, may speak their joys abroad. (Refrain)**

- 3. The hill of Zion yields a thousand sacred sweets before we reach the heavenly fields, before we reach the heavenly fields, or walk the golden streets, or walk the golden streets. (Refrain)**

- 4. Then let our songs abound and every tear be dry; we're marching through Emmanuel's ground, we're marching through Emmanuel's ground, to fairer worlds on high, to fairer worlds on high. (Refrain)**

****Blessing**

****Choral Benediction #672 (UMH)**

God Be with You Till We Meet Again

God be with you till we meet again; by his counsels guide, uphold you, with his sheep securely fold you; God be with you till we meet again. Till we meet, till we meet, till we meet at Jesus' feet. Till we meet, till we meet, God be with you till we meet again.

Postlude

Alessandro Simone

A special THANK YOU to Alessandro Simone for serving as our guest pianist for this service.

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."

**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.

Pastor Amanda will be at Annual Conference in Wildwood today thru Tuesday, May 19 and then will be taking a vacation day on Wednesday, May 20. She'll be back in the office on Thursday, May 21.

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