

The UMC of New City Hybrid Worship

May 24, 2026

*Celebration of Asian American & Pacific Islander Month; Pentecost Sunday*

Welcome

Pastor Amanda

Prelude

Dr. Diana Hughes

Call to Worship:

Sekou Almiron-Johnson

Leader: In India, Sri Lanka, and Cambodia

**People: The grace of God is inspiring.**

Leader: In China, Taiwan, and Japan

**People: The love of God is reaching.**

Leader: In the Philippines, Korea, and Hawaii

**People: The power of God is uplifting.**

Leader: In all nations, all places, and all hearts

**People: The Spirit of God has made a home.**

\*\*Hymn #2225 (TFWS) *Who Is My Mother, Who Is My Brother (to the tune of "Morning Has Broken")*

1. **Who is my mother, who is my brother? all those who gather round Jesus Christ: Spirit-blown people, born from the Gospel sit at the table, round Jesus Christ.**
2. **Differently abled, differently labeled widen the circle round Jesus Christ: Crutches and stigmas, cultures' enigmas all come together round Jesus Christ.**
3. **Love will relate us -- color or status can't segregate us, round Jesus Christ: Family failings, human derailings -- all are accepted, round Jesus Christ.**
4. **Bound by one vision, met for one mission we claim each other, round Jesus Christ: Here is my mother, here is my brother, kindred in Spirit, through Jesus Christ.**

Unison Prayer: *(adapted from "The Rice of Life" by Maria Ling)*

Konrad Soong

**O Lord of the exiled Hebrews, God of the sojourning Jews, come alongside us as we journey through this land. Some are here because we were birthed here. Some are here because we have chosen to come here. We all have roots that grow deep tying us to this place. We have all been born anew to spread our branches to bear the burdens of others, to reach with love toward the downtrodden, and to pull up those who have been pressed down. O Lord of the wandering faithful, God of the seeking saints, come empower us as we work for your kingdom's sake. Come dwell in the praises of your people here today. Amen.**

Children's Message

Dr. Johanna Almiron

Scripture Readings

Edna Navarro

*Revelation 7:9 - After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands.*

*James 1:12 - Blessed in anyone who endures temptation. Such a one has stood the test and will receive the crown of life that the Lord has promised to those who love him.*

*Romans 5:3-4 - And not only that, but we also boast in our afflictions, knowing that affliction produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope.*

*Ruth 1:16 - But Ruth said, "Do not press me to leave you, to turn back from following you! Where you go, I will go; where you lodge, I will lodge; your people shall be my people and your God my God."*

*Matthew 2:13-15 - Now after they had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you, for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him." Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, "Out of Egypt I have called my son."*

*Proverbs 31:8-9 - Speak out for those who cannot speak, for the rights of all the destitute. Speak out; judge righteously; defend the rights of the poor and needy.*

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

Message *Diversity Is Not an Accident; It Is God's Intention* Mihea Kim, Esq.

Reflection through Music *Akin Kalulwa (My Soul)* written & performed by Christian Almiron

Prayer Requests and Praises Mihea Kim, Esq.  
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 Pastor Amanda  
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 Noa Almiron-Johnson

**Almighty God, who created us in diversity and love, bless these gifts and use them to your glory. Help us to see Christ's image in all we encounter, and celebrate the gift of God that is the diversity of the human race. Amen.**

\*\*Hymn #114 (UMH) *Many Gifts, One Spirit*

**1. God of change and glory, God of time and space, when we fear the future, give to us your grace. In the midst of changing ways give us still the grace to praise.**

*(Refrain): Many gifts, one Spirit, one love known in many ways. In our difference is blessing, from diversity we praise one Giver, one Lord, one Spirit, one Word known in many ways, hallowing our days. For the Giver, for the gifts, praise, praise, praise!*

2. God of many colors, God of many signs, you have made us different, blessing many kinds. As the old ways disappear, let your love cast out our fear. *(Refrain)*
3. Freshness of the morning, newness of each night, you are still creating endless love and light. This we see, as shadows part, many gifts from one great heart. *(Refrain)*

\*\*Blessing

Mihea Kim, Esq.

\*\* Choral Benediction #666 (UMH)

*Shalom to You*

with hula by Jean Almiron

**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

*A special THANK YOU to Mihea Kim for offering our message today, and to all our AAPI brothers and sisters for leading this morning!*

*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](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.

*QR Code for*



*online giving*

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