

The UMC of New City Hybrid Worship

May 3, 2026

5th Sunday of Easter; Sacrament of Holy Communion; "Forgotten Books of the Bible" - Week 1

Welcome

Pastor Amanda

Prelude

Yuka Yanagi

Call to Worship (with Revelation 21:5)

Leader: You, O God, say from heaven,

People: "Behold, I make all things new."

Leader: Fill us with newness this Easter season;

People: May we again discover the joy of working with our Savior, Jesus the Christ.

**Hymn #357 (UMH)

Just as I Am, Without One Plea

verses 1, 3, 5, 6

1. **Just as I am, without one plea, but that thy blood was shed for me, and that thou bidst me come to thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**
3. **Just as I am, though tossed about with many a conflict, many a doubt, fightings and fears within, without, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**
5. **Just as I am, thou wilt receive, wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve; because thy promise I believe, o Lamb of God, I come, I come.**
6. **Just as I am, thy love unknown hath broken every barrier down; now, to be thine, yea, thine alone, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**

Unison Prayer

Creator God, we are co-creators with you. What a challenge. What a gift. What a responsibility. What we do matters, because what we do affects your creation, and your creation matters. Lead us in such a way that the things we craft on this earth inch all creation a little closer to heaven. When we are right in what we are creating, encourage and sustain us. When we are wrong in what we are creating, please interfere. May we be artists whose art is aligned with your will, that our creative spirits may be seen as beautiful--if not always in human eyes, then in yours. Amen.

Children's Message

Scripture Reading

Ezra 9:5-9

Gray Persaud

At the evening sacrifice I got up from my fasting, with my garments and my mantle torn, and fell on my knees, spread out my hands to the LORD my God, and said, "O my God, I am too ashamed and embarrassed to lift my face to you, my God, for our iniquities have risen higher than our heads, and our guilt has mounted up to the heavens. From the days of our ancestors to this day we have been deep in guilt, and for our iniquities we, our kings, and our priests have been handed over to the kings of the lands, to the sword, to captivity, to plundering, and to utter shame, as is now the case. But now for a brief moment favor has been shown by the LORD our God, who has left us a remnant and given us a stake in his holy place, in order that he may brighten our eyes and grant us a little sustenance in our

slavery. For we are slaves; yet our God has not forsaken us in our slavery but has extended to us his steadfast love before the kings of Persia, to give us new life to set up the house of our God, to repair its ruins, and to give us a wall in Judea and Jerusalem.

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

Message

Rev. Dr. Amanda Hemenetz

Hymn #555 (UMH)

Forward Through the Ages

- 1. Forward through the ages, in unbroken line, move the faithful spirits at the call divine; gifts in different measure, hearts of one accord, manifold the service, one the sure reward.**
(Refrain): Forward through the ages, in unbroken line, move the faithful spirits at the call divine.
- 2. Wider grows the kingdom, reign of love and light; for it we must labor, till our faith is sight. Prophets have proclaimed it, martyrs testified, poets sung its glory, heroes for it died. (Refrain)**
- 3. Not alone we conquer, not alone we fall; in each loss or triumph lose or triumph all. Bound by God's far purpose in our living whole, move we on together to the shining goal. (Refrain)**

Sacrament of Holy Communion

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

Yuka Yanagi

**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 all we build here may be a reflection of your love and grace, until Christ comes again. Amen.

**Hymn #568 (UMH)

Christ for the World We Sing

- 1. Christ for the world we sing, the world to Christ we bring, with loving zeal; the poor, and them that mourn, the faint and overborne, sin-sick and sorrow-worn, whom Christ dost heal.**

2. **Christ for the world we sing, the world to Christ we bring, with fervent prayer; the wayward and the lost, by restless passions tossed, redeemed at countless cost, from dark despair.**
3. **Christ for the world we sing, the world to Christ we bring, with one accord; with us the work to share, with us reproach to dare, with us the cross to bear, for Christ our Lord.**
4. **Christ for the world we sing, the world to Christ we bring, with joyful song; the newborn souls, whose days, reclaimed from error's ways, inspired with hope and praise, to Christ belong.**

**Blessing

** Choral Benediction #666 (UMH)

Shalom to You

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

Yuka Yanagi

Please join us for food and fellowship.

Thank you to Yuka Yanagi for serving as our guests pianist today!

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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