

The UMC of New City Hybrid Worship

June 7, 2026

2nd Sunday after Pentecost; "Forgotten Books of the Bible" - Week 4; Sacrament of Holy Communion

Welcome

Pastor Amanda

Prelude

Dr. Diana Hughes

Call to Worship:

Leader: This is a day of new beginnings -

People: A new month, leading toward a new season; a new morning with new possibilities.

Leader: This is a day of new beginnings -

People: Another chance to follow Christ; another opportunity to feel God's love in our hearts and in the world.

Leader: This is a day of new beginnings -

People: Let us worship God!

**Hymn #383 (UMH)

This Is a Day of New Beginnings

1. **This is a day of new beginnings, time to remember and move on, time to believe what love is bringing, laying to rest the pain that's gone.**
2. **For by the life and death of Jesus, God's mighty Spirit, now as then, can make for us a world of difference, as faith and hope are born again.**
3. **Then let us, with the Spirit's daring, step from the past and leave behind our disappointment, guilt, and grieving, seeking new paths, and sure to find.**
4. **Christ is alive, and goes before us to show and share what love can do. This is a day of new beginnings; our God is making all things new.**
5. **In faith we'll gather round the table to taste and share what love can do. This is a day of new beginnings; our God is making all things new.**

Unison Prayer

The Prayer of Saint Francis

Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace; where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; and where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved, as to love; for it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned, and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

Children's Message

Scripture Reading

Titus 2:11-3:8

Janice Raiford Shaw

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, while

we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds. Declare these things; exhort and reprove with all authority. Let no one look down on you.

Remind them to be subject to rulers and authorities, to be obedient, to be ready for every good work, to speak evil of no one, to avoid quarreling, to be gentle, and to show every courtesy to everyone. For we ourselves were once foolish, disobedient, led astray, slaves to various passions and pleasures, passing our days in malice and envy, despicable, hating one another. But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of any works of righteousness that we had done, but according to his mercy, through the water of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit. This Spirit he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life. The saying is sure. I desire that you insist on these things, so that those who have come to believe in God may be careful to devote themselves to good works; these things are excellent and profitable to everyone.

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

Message

"Forgotten Books of the Bible" - Week 4: Titus

Rev. Dr. Amanda Hemenetz

Hymn #451 (UMH)

Be Thou My Vision

- 1. Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me, save that thou art. Thou my best thought, by day or by night, waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.**
- 2. Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word; I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord; thou and thou only, first in my heart, great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.**
- 3. Great God of heaven, my victory won, may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun! Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O Ruler of all.**

Introduction to the Sacrament of Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving: *(adapted from the United Methodist Book of Worship)*

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Leader: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, almighty God, creator of heaven and earth. You made all things in your image, calling us and everyone "good." Your goodness dwells in all of creation, including in humanity, including in each of us gathered here.

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

All (sung): Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blest is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Leader: Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ, who came to live among us to show us what true goodness really is. Through Jesus we learned, and continue learning, that true goodness is strong teaching, standing up for others, loving all as you would want to be loved yourself. It's bravery, and sacrifice, and speaking truth to power. It's gentleness, service, and a constant offering of hope.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, Jesus took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take. Eat. This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over, he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples and said, "Drink from this, all of you. This is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many, for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of our faith.

All (singing): Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Leader: Almighty God, pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and drink. Make them somehow be for us the true presence of Christ, that we may be united in him in ministry. By your Spirit make us one with Jesus our Savior, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes again in final victory, and we all feast at his heavenly banquet. Through your son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, and in this your holy church, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and forever.

All (singing): Amen (3xs).

Receiving of the Bread and the Cup

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, who gave us Jesus, bless these gifts and use them to your glory. Help us to be the best we can be, so that your grace shines through us to a hurting world. Amen.

****Hymn #569 (UMH)**

We've a Story to Tell to the Nations

- 1. We've a story to tell to the nations, that shall turn their hearts to the right, a story of truth and mercy, a story of peace and light, a story of peace and light.**

(Refrain): For the darkness shall turn to dawning, and the dawning to noonday bright; and Christ's great kingdom shall come on earth, the kingdom of love and light.

- 2. We've a song to be sung to the nations, that shall lift their hearts to the Lord, a song that shall conquer evil and shatter the spear and sword, and shatter the spear and sword. (Refrain)**
- 3. We've a message to give to the nations, that the Lord who reigneth above hath sent us his Son to save us, and show us that God is love, and show us that God is love. (Refrain)**
- 4. We've a Savior to show to the nations, who the path of sorrow hath trod, that all the world's great peoples might come to the truth of God, might come to the truth of God. (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."

****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.**

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