

The UMC of New City Hybrid Worship

July 12, 2026

7th Sunday after Pentecost; "Jesus Calling" - Week 1

Welcome

Pastor Amanda

Prelude

Angelica Poltarakov

Leader: We come to worship; we come in prayer;

People: We come to rest; we come for renewal;

Leader: We come for healing; we come for forgiveness;

People: We come for hope; we come in faith.

Leader: We come to feel God's presence.

People: Lord, meet us here.

**Hymn #496 (UMH)

Sweet Hour of Prayer

1. **Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer, that calls me from a world of care, and bids me at my Father's throne make all my wants and wishes known. In seasons of distress and grief, my soul has often found relief, and oft escaped the tempter's snare by thy return, sweet hour of prayer!**
2. **Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer, the joys I feel, the bliss I share of those whose anxious spirits burn with strong desires for thy return! With such I hasten to the place where God my Savior shows his face, and gladly take my station there, and wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer!**
3. **Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer, thy wings shall my petition bear to him whose truth and faithfulness engage the waiting soul to bless. And since he bids me seek his face, believe his word, and trust his grace, I'll cast on him my every care, and wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer.**

Unison Prayer

To feel God's closeness. To be assured of Jesus' love. To hear the calling of the Holy Spirit. These are our desires, O Lord. This is why we come to you. We feel you beckoning to us, and we answer by our presence here this morning. Do not leave us disappointed. May we find here what we need - assurance, forgiveness, purpose, understanding, hope, faith. May we find you, and may we come away fulfilled, knowing we are deeply connected to you, our creator. Amen.

Children's Message

1st Scripture Reading

Romans 12:2

Betsy McMann

Do not be conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of the mind, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

2nd Scripture Reading

Jeremiah 29:11

For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the LORD, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope.

Modern Day Reading

Jesus Calling, by Sarah Young (January 1)

Come to Me with a teachable spirit, eager to be changed. A close walk with Me is a life of continual newness. Do not cling to old ways as you step into a new year. Instead, seek My Face with an open mind, knowing that your journey with Me involves being transformed by the renewing of your mind. As you focus your thoughts on Me, be aware that I am fully attentive to you. I see you with a steady eye, because My attention span is infinite. I know and understand you completely; My thoughts embrace you in everlasting Love. I also know the plans I have for you: plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Give yourself fully to this adventure of increasing attentiveness to My Presence.

Leader: Gifts of the Spirit! **People: Thanks be to God!**

Message

"Jesus Calling" - Week 1

Rev. Dr. Amanda Hemenetz

Hymn #2025 (TFWS)

As the Deer

1. **As the deer pants for the water, so my soul longs after you. You alone are my heart's desire, and I long to worship you.**

(Refrain): You alone are my strength, my shield; to you alone may my spirit yield. You alone are my heart's desire, and I long to worship you.

2. **I want you more than gold or silver; only you can satisfy. You alone are the real joy-giver and the apple of my eye. (Refrain)**
3. **You're my friend and you are my brother, even though you are a king. I want you more than any other, so much more than anything. (Refrain)**

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

Angelica Poltarakov

**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 is with us always, bless these gifts and use them to your glory. May they help us, and others, find you in this adventure called "life." Amen.

**Hymn

Friendship with Jesus (to the tune of 'Amazing Grace')

1. **A friend of Jesus, oh, what bliss that one so weak as I should ever have a Friend like this to lead me to the sky.**
2. **A Friend when other friendships cease. A Friend when others fail; a Friend who gives me joy and peace, a Friend who will prevail.**
3. **A Friend to lead me in the dark, a Friend who knows the way; a Friend to steer my weak, frail bark, a Friend my debts to pay.**
4. **A Friend when sickness lays me low, a Friend when death draws near; a Friend as through the vale I go, a Friend to help and cheer.**
5. **A Friend when life's rough voyage is o'er, a Friend when death is past; a Friend to greet on Heaven's shore, a Friend when Home at last.**

**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

Angelica Poltarakov

THANK YOU to Angelica Poltarakov for serving as our guest pianist today!

Fellowship hour is on hold for the summer months. Thank you to all who baked, bought, and organized during our 2025-2026 season!

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.