

The UMC of New City Hybrid Worship

July 19, 2026

8th Sunday after Pentecost; "Jesus Calling" - Week 2

Welcome

Pastor Amanda

Prelude

Dr. Diana Hughes

Call to Worship:

Leader: There is no greater love than that of Christ.

People: There is no higher calling than to be a disciple of Jesus.

Leader: We come to worship. We come to learn.

People: We come to love and be loved.

Leader: We come to feel God's presence.

People: Lord, meet us here.

**Hymn #100 (UMH)

God, Whose Love Is Reigning o'er Us

1. **God, whose love is reigning o'er us, source of all, the ending true; hear the universal chorus raised in joyful praise to you: Alleluia, Alleluia, worship ancient, worship new.**
2. **Word of God from nature bringing springtime green and autumn gold; mountain streams like children singing, ocean waves like thunder bold: Alleluia, Alleluia, as creation's tale is told.**
3. **Holy God of ancient glory, choosing man and woman, too; Abr'am's faith and Sarah's story formed a people bound to you. Alleluia, Alleluia, to your cove-nant keep us true.**
4. **Cove-nant, new again in Jesus, Starchild born to set us free; sent to heal us, sent to teach us how love's children we might be. Alleluia, Alleluia, risen Christ, our Savior he!**
5. **Lift we then our human voices in the songs that faith would bring; live we then our human choices lives that, like our music, sing: Alleluia, Alleluia, joined in love our praises ring!**

Unison Prayer

To be understood and accepted. To be fully known and fully loved. To be forgiven and offered new beginning after new beginning. These are gifts of Christ. Gracious God, who sent us Jesus, we thank you for the assurance you gave through him that we are truly loved by you. We are your precious children. You hold us with a perfect love, unconditional compassion, and unwavering strength. What a gift to be your people. What peace to know you are near. What joy comes from this truth repeated -- We are loved! We are loved! We are loved! Amen.

Children's Message

1st Scripture Reading

Psalm 139:1-4

Winsome Downie Rainford

O LORD, you have searched me and known me. You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away. You search out my path and my lying down and are acquainted with all my ways. Even before a word is on my tongue, O LORD, you know it completely.

2nd Scripture Reading

Joshua 1:5

No one shall be able to stand against you all the days of your life. As I was with Moses, so I will be with you; I will not fail you or forsake you.

Modern Day Reading

Jesus Calling, by Sarah Young (March 17)

Come to Me for understanding since I understand you far better than you know yourself. I comprehend you in all your complexity; no detail of your life is hidden from Me. I view you through eyes of grace, so don't be afraid of My intimate awareness. Allow the Light of My healing Presence to shine into the deepest recesses of your being -- cleansing, healing, refreshing, and renewing you. Trust Me enough to accept the full forgiveness that I offer you continually. This great gift, which cost Me My Life, is yours for all eternity. Forgiveness is at the very core of My abiding Presence. I will never leave you or forsake you.

When no one else seems to understand you, simply draw closer to Me. Rejoice in the One who understands you completely and loves you perfectly. As I fill you with My Love, you become a reservoir of love, overflowing into the lives of other people.

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

Message

"Jesus Calling" - Week 2

Rev. Dr. Amanda Hemenetz

Hymn #191 (UMH)

Jesus Loves Me

1. **Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so. Little ones to him belong; they are weak, but he is strong.**

(Refrain): Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

2. **Jesus loves me! This I know, as he loved so long ago, taking children on this knee, saying, "Let them come to me." (Refrain)**

3. **Jesus loves me still today, walking with me on my way, wanting as a friend to give light and love to all who live. (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

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 is with us always, bless these gifts and use them to your glory. May they help this be a place of love, where all who enter feel the love of Christ. Amen.

****Hymn #111 (UMH)**

How Can We Name a Love

- 1. How can we name a Love that wakens heart and mind, indwelling all we know or think or do or seek or find? Within our daily world, in every human face, Love's echoes sound and God is found, hid in the commonplace.**
- 2. If we awoke to life built on a rock of care that asked no great reward but firm, assured, was simply there, we can, with parents' names, describe, and thus adore, Love unconfined, a father kind, a mother strong and sure.**
- 3. When people share a task, and strength and skills unite in projects old or new, to make or do with shared delight, our Friend and Partner's will is better understood, that all should share, create, and care, and know that life is good.**
- 4. So in a hundred names, each day we all can meet a presence, sensed or shown at work, at home, or in the street. Yet every name we see, shines in a brighter sun: In Christ alone is Love full grown and life and hope begun.**

****Blessing**

**** Choral Benediction**

Praise God (to the tune of "Amazing Grace")

Postlude

Dr. Diana Hughes

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.

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

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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Pastor Amanda will be on vacation this afternoon thru Monday July 27, returning Tuesday July 28. Pastor Woo Lim Kwak is on-call for pastoral care emergencies. His cell: 908-922-6673.

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