

The UMC of New City Hybrid Worship

July 26, 2026

9th Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome

Norma Christian

Prelude

Dr. Diana Hughes

Call to Worship

Leader: Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.

People: We gather today to remind ourselves of who God is. He is our rock, our comforter, and our guide.

Leader: Be still, and know that I am God.

People: We quiet our minds. We rest in God's healing presence.

ALL: THE LORD IS OUR REFUGE AND STRENGTH. IN HIS SHADOW, WE FIND PERFECT PEACE.

**Hymn 128 (UMH)

He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought

1. **He leadeth me: O blessed thought! O words with heavenly comfort fraught! What e'er I do, where e'er I be, still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me.**

(Refrain): He leadeth me, he leadeth me, by his own hand he leadeth me; his faithful follower I would be, for by his hand he leadeth me.

2. **Sometimes mid scenes of deepest gloom, sometimes where Eden's bowers bloom, by waters still, o'er troubled sea, still 'tis his hand that leadeth me. (Refrain)**
3. **Lord, I would place my hand in thine, nor ever murmur nor repine; content, whatever lot I see, since 'tis my God that leadeth me. (Refrain)**
4. **And when my task on earth is done, when by thy grace the victory's won, e'en death's cold wave I will not flee, since God through Jordan leadeth me. (Refrain)**

Unison Prayer (from Proverbs 3:5-6)

O God, help us to trust in you with our whole hearts, instead of leaning only on our own understanding. In all our ways, may we submit to you, for you will make our paths straight. Amen.

Children's Message

1st Scripture Reading

Psalm 23:1-3

Shana Christian

The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing. He makes me to lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, he refreshes my soul. He guides me along the right paths for his name's sake.

2nd Scripture Reading

Isaiah 40:28-31

Do you not know? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He will not grow tired or weary, and his understanding no one can fathom. He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak. Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men

stumble and fall; but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar with wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.

3rd Scripture Reading

Philippians 4:6-7

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

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

Message

Spiritual Peace

Norma Christian

Hymn #463 (UMH)

Lord, Speak to Me

1. **Lord, speak to me, that I may speak in living echoes of thy tone; as thou hast sought, so let me seek thine erring children lost and lone.**
2. **O strengthen me, that while I stand firm on the rock, and strong in thee, I may stretch out a loving hand to wrestlers with the troubled sea.**
3. **O teach me, Lord, that I may teach the precious things thou dost impart; and wing my words, that they may reach the hidden depths of many a heart.**
4. **O fill me with thy fullness, Lord, until my very heart o'erflow in kindling thought and glowing word, thy love to tell, thy praise to show.**
5. **O use me, Lord, use even me, just as thou wilt, and when, and where, until thy blessed face I see, thy rest, thy joy, thy glory share.**

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

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****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 your peace. Amen.

****Hymn 534 (UMH)**

Be Still, My Soul

- 1. Be still, my soul: the Lord is on your side. Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain; leave to your God to order and provide; in every change God faithful will remain. Be still, my soul: your best, your heavenly friend through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.**
- 2. Be still, my soul: your God will undertake to guide the future, as in ages past. Your hope, your confidence let nothing shake; all now mysterious shall be bright at last. Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know the Christ who ruled them while he dwelt below.**
- 3. Be still, my soul: the hour is hastening on when we shall be forever with the Lord, when disappointment, grief, and fear are gone, sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored. Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past, all safe and blessed we shall meet at last.**

****Blessing**

****Choral Benediction #672 (UMH)**

God Be with You Till We Meet Again

God be with you till we meet again; by his counsels guide, uphold you, with his sheep securely fold you; God be with you till we meet again. Till we meet, till we meet, till we meet at Jesus' feet. Till we meet, till we meet, God be with you till we meet again.

Postlude

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THANK YOU to Norma Christian for preaching and leading worship this morning!

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 is currently on vacation and will return 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.