

The UMC of New City Hybrid Worship

August 16, 2026

12th Sunday after Pentecost; "Jesus Calling" - Week 4

Welcome

Pastor Amanda

Prelude

Dr. Diana Hughes

Call to Worship

Leader: We have chosen

People: To come into God's presence, to steady ourselves in the midst of the world's chaos, to find ourselves in our identity as God's children.

Leader: We come together to worship;

People: Lord Jesus, meet us here.

** Hymn #2128 (TFWS)

Come and Find the Quiet Center

1. **Come and find the quiet center in the crowded life we lead, find the room for hope to enter, find the frame where we are freed: Clear the chaos and the clutter, clear our eyes that we can see all the things that really matter, be at peace, and simply be.**
2. **Silence is a friend who claims us, cools the heat and slows the pace, God it is who speaks and names us, knows our being, touches base, making space within our thinking, lifting shades to show the sun, raising courage when we're shrinking, finding scope for faith begun.**
3. **In the Spirit let us travel, open to each other's pain, let our loves and fears unravel, celebrate the space we gain: There's a place for deepest dreaming, there's a time for heart to care, in the Spirit's lively scheming there is always room to spare.**

Unison Prayer

To know we are loved, just as we are. To embrace our differences with thanksgiving. To cultivate the Spirit within, and then shine for others. These are gifts of Christ. Gracious God, who gave us Jesus, we thank you that you celebrate humanity. You created and adore each one of us, our quirks included. Help us to rise to the challenge to be our unique selves, and to recognize the unique selves around us as the gifts they really are. Amen.

Children's Message

1st Scripture Reading

Psalms 34:5

Debby Sandberg

Look to God, and be radiant, so your faces shall never be ashamed.

2nd Scripture Reading

Philippians 2:15

. . . so that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, in which you shine like stars in the world . . .

Modern Day Reading

Jesus Calling, by Sarah Young (July 20)

Seek My Face, and you will find all that you have longed for. The deepest yearnings of your heart are for intimacy with Me. I know because I designed you to desire Me. Do not feel guilty about taking time to be still in My Presence. You are simply responding to the tugs of divinity within you. I made you in My image, and I hid heaven in your heart. Your yearning for Me is a form of homesickness: longing for your true home in heaven.

Do not be afraid to be different from other people. The path I have called you to travel is exquisitely right for you. The more closely you follow My leading, the more fully I can develop your gifts. To follow Me wholeheartedly, you must relinquish your desire to please other people. However, your closeness to Me will bless others by enabling you to shine brightly in this dark world.

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

Message

"Jesus Calling" - Week 4

Rev. Dr. Amanda Hemenetz

Hymn #2130 (UMH)

The Summons

1. **Will you come and follow me if I but call your name? Will you go where you don't know and never be the same? Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known, will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?**
2. **Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name? Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same? Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare? Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?**
3. **Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name? Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same? Will you kiss the leper clean, and do such as this unseen, and admit to what I mean in you and you in me?**
4. **Will you love the "you" you hide if I but call your name? Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same? Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around, through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?**
5. **Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name. Let me turn and follow you and never be the same. In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show. Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.**

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

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. Kindle the fire of your Spirit within each of us, that we may be uniquely ourselves, and uniquely yours, as we work toward your kin-dom come on earth as it is in heaven. Amen.

****Hymn**

This Little Light of Mine

- 1. This little light of mine, I'm goin'a let it shine. This little light of mine, I'm goin'a let it shine. This little light of mine, I'm goin'a let it shine, let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.**
- 2. Hide it under a bushel? No! I'm goin'a let it shine. Hide it under a bushel? No! I'm goin'a let it shine. Hide it under a bushel? No! I'm goin'a let it shine, let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.**
- 3. Won't let Satan (puff) it out! I'm goin'a let it shine. Won't let Satan (puff) it out! I'm goin'a let it shine. Won't let Satan (puff) it out! I'm goin'a let it shine, let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.**
- 4. Everywhere I go, I'm goin'a let it shine. Everywhere I go, I'm goin'a let it shine. Everywhere I go, I'm goin'a let it shine, let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.**
- 5. This little light of mine, I'm goin'a let it shine. This little light of mine, I'm goin'a let it shine. This little light of mine, I'm goin'a let it shine, let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.**

****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."

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