

The UMC of New City Hybrid Worship

August 13, 2026

13th Sunday after Pentecost; "Jesus Calling" - Week 5

Welcome

Pastor Amanda

Prelude

Dr. Diana Hughes

Call to Worship (*with Psalm 118:24*)

Leader: Today is a gift, a chance to begin anew.

People: Today is upon us, with all its possibility.

Leader: This is the day the Lord has made;

People: We will rejoice and be glad in it!

**Hymn #383 (UMH)

This Is a Day of New Beginnings

verses 1-4

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.**

Unison Prayer

To walk with the Risen Jesus, each and every day. To know we never face anything alone. To be loved, and supported, and guided. These are gifts of Christ. Gracious God, who gave us Jesus, we thank you for sending us such a compassionate companion. You saw us in our weakness and sent Jesus to be our strength. Help us to turn to him, and to you, more often as we travel this journey called life. Amen.

Children's Message

1st Scripture Reading

John 10:14-15

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I am the good shepherd. I know my own, and my own know me, just as the Father knows me, and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep.

2nd Scripture Reading

Isaiah 26:7

The way of the righteous is level; straight is the path of the righteous that you clear.

3rd Scripture Reading

Proverbs 3:25-26

Then you will not be afraid of sudden panic or of the storm that strikes the wicked, for the LORD will be your confidence and will keep your foot from being caught.

Go gently through this day, keeping your eyes on Me. I will open up the way before you as you take steps of trust along your path. Sometimes the way before you appears to be blocked. If you focus on the obstacle or search for a way around it, you will probably go off course. Instead, focus on Me, the Shepherd who is leading you along your life-journey. Before you know it, the "obstacle" will be behind you and you will hardly know how you passed through it.

That is the secret of success in My kingdom. Although you remain aware of the visible world around you, your primary awareness is of Me. When the road before you looks rocky, you can trust Me to get you through that rough patch. My Presence enables you to face each day with confidence.

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

Message

"Jesus Calling" - Week 5

Rev. Dr. Amanda Hemenetz

Hymn #381 (UMH)

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

1. **Savior, like a shepherd lead us, much we need thy tender care; in thy pleasant pastures feed us, for our use thy folds prepare. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Thou hast bought us, thine we are. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Thou hast bought us, thine we are.**
2. **We are thine, thou dost befriend us, be the guardian of our way; keep thy flock, from sin defend us, seek us when we go astray. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Hear, O hear us when we pray. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Hear, O hear us when we pray.**
3. **Thou hast promised to receive us, poor and sinful though we be; thou hast mercy to relieve us, grace to cleanse and power to free. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! We will early turn to thee. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! We will early turn to thee.**
4. **Early let us seek thy favor; early let us do thy will; blessed Lord and only Savior, with thy love our bosoms fill. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Thou hast loved us, love us still. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Thou hast loved us, love us still.**

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 this church be one that turns to Jesus in all things. And, as individuals, may we do the same. Amen.

****Hymn #380 (UMH)**

There's Within My Heart a Melody

verses 1, 3, 5

1. **There's within my heart a melody Jesus whispers sweet and low: Fear not, I am with thee, peace, be still, in all of life's ebb and flow.**

(Refrain): Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, sweetest name I know, fills my every longing, keeps me singing as I go.

3. **Though sometimes he leads through waters deep, trials fall across the way, though sometimes the path seems rough and steep, see his footprints all the way. (Refrain)**

5. **Soon he's coming back to welcome me far beyond the starry sky; I shall wing my flight to worlds unknown; I shall reign with him on high. (Refrain)**

****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

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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