

The UMC of New City Hybrid Worship

August 30, 2026

14th Sunday after Pentecost; "Jesus Calling" - Final Week

Welcome

Pastor Amanda

Prelude

Dr. Diana Hughes

Call to Worship (*with Psalm 34:1*)

Leader: I will bless the Lord at all times!

People: Even when I'm tired, even when I'm frustrated, even when all around is chaos, I will bless the Lord!

Leader: For God is good, all the time;

People: And all the time, God is good!

**Hymn #158 (UMH)

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

1. **Come, Christians, join to sing: Alleluia! Amen! loud praise to Christ our King: Alleluia! Amen! Let all, with heart and voice, before his throne rejoice; praise is his gracious choice. Alleluia! Amen!**
2. **Come, lift your hearts on high: Alleluia! Amen! Let praises fill the sky: Alleluia! Amen! He is our guide and friend; to us he'll condescend; his love shall never end: Alleluia! Amen!**
3. **Praise yet the Lord again: Alleluia! Amen! Life shall not end the strain: Alleluia! Amen! On heaven's blissful shore his goodness we'll adore, singing forevermore: Alleluia! Amen!**

Unison Prayer

To know every ending is a new beginning. To see possibility in the midst of that which is difficult. To experience the peace that passes understanding. These are gifts of Christ. Gracious God, who gave us Jesus, we thank you that there is always room for celebration. Help us to lift up the good, even in the darkness. Help us to turn to you in thanksgiving, at all times and in all places, for your very presence is reason to be glad. Claiming Christ as our own, we pray. Amen.

Children's Message

1st Scripture Reading

Habakkuk 3:17-18

Jeannine Alexandro

Though the fig tree does not blossom and no fruit is on the vines; though the produce of the olive fails and the fields yield no food; though the flock is cut off from the fold and there is no herd in the stalls, yet I will rejoice in the LORD; I will exult in the God of my salvation.

2nd Scripture Reading

Psalm 46:1

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

Modern Day Reading

Jesus Calling, by Sarah Young (November 22)

A thankful attitude opens windows of heaven. Spiritual blessings fall freely onto you through those openings into eternity. Moreover, as you look up with a grateful heart, you get glimpses of Glory

through those windows. You cannot yet live in heaven, but you can experience foretastes of your ultimate home. Such samples of heavenly fare revive your hope. Thankfulness opens you up to these experiences, which then provide further reasons to be grateful. Thus your path becomes an upward spiral: ever increasing in gladness.

Thankfulness is not some sort of magic formula; it is the language of Love, which enables you to communicate intimately with Me. A thankful mind-set does not entail a denial of reality with its plethora of problems. Instead it rejoices in Me, your Savior, in the midst of trials and tribulations. I am your refuge and strength, an ever-present and well-proved help in trouble.

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

Message

"Jesus Calling" - Final Week

Rev. Dr. Amanda Hemenetz

Hymn # 2039 (TFWS)

Holy, Holy

1. **Holy, holy, holy, holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty; and we lift our hearts before you as a token of our love, holy, holy, holy, holy.**
2. **Gracious Father, gracious Father, we're so blest to be your children, gracious Father; and we lift our hearts before you as a token of our love, gracious Father, gracious Father.**
3. **Precious Jesus, precious Jesus, we're so glad that you've redeemed us, precious Jesus; and we lift our hearts before you as a token of our love, precious Jesus, precious Jesus.**
4. **Holy Spirit, Holy Spirit, come and fill our hearts anew, Holy Spirit; and we lift our hearts before you as a token of our love, Holy Spirit, Holy Spirit.**
5. **Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah; and we lift our hearts before you as a token of our love, hallelujah, hallelujah!**

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 we remember to see the good wherever we find ourselves, and may we remember to say "Thank you." Amen.

****Hymn #98 (UMH)**

To God Be the Glory

- 1. To God be the glory, great things he hath done! So loved he the world that he gave us his Son, who yielded his life an atonement for sin, and opened the life-gate that all may go in.**

(Refrain): Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice! Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice! O come to the Father thru Jesus the Son, and give him the glory, great things he hath done!

- 2. O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood, to every believer the promise of God; the vilest offender who truly believes, that moment from Jesus a pardon receives. (Refrain)**

- 3. Great things he hath taught us, great things he hath done, and great our rejoicing thru Jesus the Son; but purer and higher, and greater will be our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see. (Refrain)**

****Blessing**

****Choral Benediction #2026 (TFWS)**

Halle, Halle, Halleluja

Halle, Halle, Halle - luja! Halle, Halle, Halle - luja! Halle, Halle, Halle - luja! Halleluja! Hal-le-lu-ja!

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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