

The UMC of New City Hybrid Worship

September 27, 2026

18th Sunday after Pentecost; "Beloved Community" - Final Week

Welcome

Pastor Amanda

Prelude

Dr. Diana Hughes

Call to Worship (*with 'Spirit of the Living God,' UMH #393*)

***Sung Together: Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.***

Leader: Spirit of the living God, you call us to be countercultural and intentional, not passive. We want to work for justice, to make things right for everyone.

People: Mold us and fill us, O God.

Leader: Spirit of the living God, let our love be genuine. Let us weep with those who weep. Let us overcome evil with good.

People: Mold us and fill us, O God.

Leader: Spirit of the living God, you set the bar high. Help us hold on and create your Beloved Community with an unshakeable commitment.

People: Mold us and fill us, O God.

***Sung Together: Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
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Opening Prayer (unison)

Loving God, it is so easy to imagine doing the right thing and so hard to actually do it! We come before you having failed again and again to love our neighbors as ourselves. Yet you give us so many chances to get it right! And we know exactly where to look for guidance and encouragement. As we sit at Jesus' feet this morning, continue to work on us, because we are all works in progress, seeking to bear your image and build your kingdom on earth as it is in heaven. Amen.

**Hymn #577 (UMH)

God of Grace and God of Glory

1. God of grace and God of glory, on thy people pour thy power; crown thine ancient church's story; bring her bud to glorious flower. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the facing of this hour, for the facing of this hour.
2. Lo! the hosts of evil round us scorn thy Christ, assail his ways! Fears and doubts too long have bound us; free our hearts to work and praise. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the living of these days, for the living of these days.
3. Cure thy children's warring madness, bend our pride to thy control; shame our wanton, selfish gladness, rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, lest we miss thy kingdom's goal, lest we miss thy kingdom's goal.
4. Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore; let the search for thy salvation be our glory evermore. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, serving thee whom we adore, serving thee whom we adore.

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil; hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal; be ardent in spirit; serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope; be patient in affliction; persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; pursue hospitality to strangers. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice; weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be arrogant, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine; I will repay, says the Lord." Instead, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink, for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

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

Message

"Beloved Community" - Final Week: Living It Out

Rev. Dr. Amanda Hemenetz

Sermon Prayer

Fall afresh on us, O God. Break us, melt us, mold us. Liberate us into your Beloved Community to love one another with mutual affection, to embrace and affirm our differences. It's not always easy, but we can do this, as you fill the hearts of each and every one of us and walk by our side. Amen.

Hymn #558 (UMH)

We Are the Church

verses 1-4

(Refrain): I am the church! You are the church! We are the church together! All who follow Jesus, all around the world! Yes, we're the church together!

- 1. The church is not a building, the church is not a steeple, the church is not a resting place, the church is a people. *(Refrain)***
- 2. We're many kinds of people, with many kinds of faces, all colors and all ages, too, from all times and places. *(Refrain)***
- 3. Sometimes the church is marching, sometimes it's bravely burning, sometimes it's riding, sometimes hiding, always it's learning. *(Refrain)***
- 4. And when the people gather, there's singing and there's praying, there's laughing and there's crying sometimes, all of it saying: *(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 builds the beloved community with us and within us, bless these gifts and use them to your glory. May our giving help goodness grow stronger as we strive to be your hands and feet. May these gifts be used in our community, and in the world, that others may experience and claim the hope of your presence. Amen.

****Hymn 2184 (TFWS)**

Sent Out in Jesus' Name

English: Sent out in Jesus' name, / our hands are ready now / to make the earth the place / in which the kingdom comes. (Repeat)

The angels cannot change / a world of hurt and pain / into a world of love, / of justice and of peace. / The task is ours to do, / to set it really free. / O help us to obey / and carry out your will.

Spanish: Enviado soy de Dios, / mi mano lista está / para construir con El / un mundo fraternal. (Repeat)

Los ángeles no son / enviados a cambiar / un mundo de dolor / por un mundo de paz. /

Me ha tocado a mí / hacerlo realidad; / ayúdame, Señor, / a hacer tu voluntad.

****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

Please join us for fellowship and refreshments.

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.

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.

Our worship elements today were adapted from the GNJ and EPA Commissions on Religion and Race. "Thank You" and "Happy Birthday" to Beverly Abercrombie who provided our altar flowers and refreshments.

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