

The UMC of New City Hybrid Worship

September 6, 2026

15th Sunday after Pentecost; "Beloved Community" - Week 1; Sacrament of Holy Communion

Welcome

Pastor Amanda

Prelude

Dr. Diana Hughes

Call to Worship

Leader: Creator God, you instill in us the need and desire for belonging and community.

People: Open our eyes and ears to each other, O Creator.

Leader: Redeemer God, you have shown us how to practice agape love, to accept and include everyone, especially those we have marginalized.

People: Open our eyes and ears to each other, O Redeemer.

Leader: Sustainer God, you surround us as we go about the hard work of living and working to ensure that everyone flourishes, everywhere, right now.

People: Open our hearts to you, O Sustainer.

Hymn # 334 (UMH)

Sweet, Sweet Spirit

sung twice

There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place, and I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord; there are sweet expressions on each face, and I know they feel the presence of the Lord. Sweet Holy Spirit, sweet heavenly Dove, stay right here with us, filling us with your love; and for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise; without a doubt we'll know that we have been revived when we shall leave this place.

Unison Prayer

Lord, we come from different neighborhoods, different backgrounds, different interests, and different ideas. Through your Holy Spirit, make us one today. Transcend our divisions and show us how to live together in unity. Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and give us the power to love in ways we never thought possible. Amen.

Children's Message

Scripture Reading

Acts 2:38-47

Judy Troia

Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him." And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added. They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

Awe came upon everyone because many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in

the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

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

Message *"Beloved Community" - Week 1: Embracing the Vision*

Rev. Dr. Amanda Hemenetz

****Hymn #2236 (TFWS)**

Gather Us In

1. **Here in this place new light is streaming, now is the darkness vanished away, see in this space our fears and our dreamings, brought here to you in the light of this day. Gather us in -- the lost and forsaken, gather us in -- the blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall awaken, we shall arise at the sound of our name.**
2. **We are the young -- our lives are a myst'ry, we are the old -- who yearn for your face, we have been sung throughout all of hist'ry, called to be light to the whole human race. Gather us in -- the rich and the haughty, gather us in -- the proud and the strong; give us a heart so meek and so lowly, give us the courage to enter the song.**
3. **Here we will take the wine and the water, here we will take the bread of new birth, here you shall call your sons and your daughters, call us anew to be salt for the earth. Give us to drink the wine of compassion, give us to eat the bread that is you; nourish us well, and teach us to fashion lives that are holy and hearts that are true.**
3. **Not in the dark of buildings confining, not in some heaven, light-years away, but here in this place the new light is shining, now is the King-dom, now is the day. Gather us in and hold us forever, gather us in and make us your own; gather us in -- all peoples together, fi-re of love in our flesh and our bone.**

Sacrament of Holy Communion

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. All that we have comes from your hand. Receive these gifts as a sign of our gratitude. Bless them and bless us as we spread hope, bring people together, and share your love in ways that speak to every heart. Amen.

****Hymn #2225 (TFWS) *Who Is My Mother, Who Is My Brother (to the tune of "Morning Has Broken")***

- 1. Who is my mother, who is my brother? all those who gather round Jesus Christ: Spirit-blown people, born from the Gospel sit at the table, round Jesus Christ.**
- 2. Differently abled, differently labeled widen the circle round Jesus Christ: Crutches and stigmas, cultures' enigmas all come together round Jesus Christ.**
- 3. Love will relate us -- color or status can't segregate us, round Jesus Christ: Family failings, human derailings -- all are accepted, round Jesus Christ.**
- 4. Bound by one vision, met for one mission we claim each other, round Jesus Christ: Here is my mother, here is my brother, kindred in Spirit, through Jesus Christ.**

****Blessing**

****Choral Benediction *Amazing Grace Amen***

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 returns next Sunday!

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 written by the GNJ and EPA Commissions on Religion and Race.

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