

The UMC of New City Hybrid Worship

October 11, 2026

20th Sunday after Pentecost; "Like a Child" - Week 2

Welcome

Pastor Amanda

Prelude

Dr. Diana Hughes

Call to Worship *(based on 1 Corinthians 12:14-31, written by Ann B. Day)*

Leader: We are the body of Christ! The hand clapping, toe tapping, heart pumping,

People: Mouth tasting, arms embracing, justice seeking, hymn singing,

Leader: Love making, bread breaking, risk taking

People: Body of Christ!

Leader: Baptized by one Spirit, we are members of one body. Many and varied in gender, color, sexuality, age, class, and ability,

People: We are members of God's beautiful body.

Leader: None of us can say to another, "I have no need of you." For only together can we find wholeness.

People: No one can say to another, "I will not care for you." For we are connected like muscle and bone.

Leader: If one suffers, we all suffer.

People: If one rejoices, we all rejoice!

Leader: Thanks be to God who in Christ has made us one.

People: Let us worship God!

**Opening Hymn #62 (UMH)

All Creatures of Our God and King

verses 1-5

1. **All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voice and with us sing, O praise ye! Alleluia! O brother sun with golden beam, O sister moon with silver gleam!**

Refrain: O praise ye! O praise ye! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

2. **O brother wind, air, clouds, and rain, by which all creatures ye sustain, O praise ye! Alleluia! Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice, ye lights of evening, find a voice! (Refrain)**
3. **O sister water, flowing clear, make music for thy Lord to hear, Alleluia! Alleluia! O brother fire who lights the night, providing warmth, enhancing sight, (Refrain)**
4. **Dear mother earth, who day by day unfoldest blessings on our way, Alleluia! Alleluia! The flowers and fruits that in thee grow, let them God's glory also show! (Refrain)**
5. **All ye who are of tender heart, forgiving others, take your part, O praise ye! Alleluia! Ye who long pain and sorrow bear, praise God and on him cast your care! (Refrain)**

Unison Prayer *(from "Shaping Sanctuary: Proclaiming God's Grace in an Inclusive Church")*

Weaver God, you have woven your creation together using your relationship with us and ours with each other to give rich, intricate and diverse patterns to all of life. Forgive us when our choices tear the fabric of our lives; forgive us when we want only to connect with those who are like us. Challenge us to accept our differences as divine gifts, for all are created in your image. Help us to weave our lives together as we connect through these special gifts from you. Amen.

First Scripture Reading

Romans 12:3-8

Bill Hughes

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the encourager, in encouragement; the giver, in sincerity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

Second Scripture Reading

Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-13

I, therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace: there is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all. But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. He himself granted that some are apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ.

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

Children's Message

"Giraffes Can't Dance" written by Giles Andrede

Message

"Like a Child" - Week 2: We Are Gifted

Rev. Dr. Amanda Hemenetz

Hymn #261 (UMH)

Lord of the Dance

- 1. I danced in the morning when the world was begun, and I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun, and I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth. At Bethlehem I had my birth.**

(Refrain): Dance, then, wherever you may be; I am the Lord of the Dance, said he. And I'll lead you all wherever you may be, and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.

- 2. I danced for the scribe and the Pharisee, but they would not dance and they would not follow me; I danced for the fishermen, for James and John; they came to me and the dance went on. (Refrain)**
- 3. I danced on the sabbath when I cured the lame, the holy people said it was a shame; they whipped and they stripped and they hung me high; and they left me there on a cross to die. (Refrain)**

4. I danced on a Friday and the sky turned black; it's hard to dance with the devil on your back; they buried my body and they thought I'd gone, but I am the dance and I still go on. *(Refrain)*
5. They cut me down and I leapt up high, I am the life that'll never, never die; I'll live in you if you'll live in me; I am the Lord of the Dance, said he. *(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 has gifted us with so many blessings, bless these gifts and use them to your glory. Give us the courage to dance to our own songs, and to see beauty in the uniqueness all around us. Amen.

****Hymn #2235-b (TFWS)**

We Are Marching (Caminando)

1. We are mar-ching in the light of God, we are marching in the light of God. We are mar-ching in the light of God, we are marching in the light of God. We are marching, we are marching, oooo, we are marching in the light of God. We are marching, we are marching, oooo, we are marching in the light of God.
2. Caminan-do en la luz de Dios, caminado en la luz de Dios. Caminan-do en la luz de Dios, caminado en la luz de Dios. Caminando, caminando, oooo, caminando en la luz de Dios. Caminando, caminando, oooo, caminando en la luz de Dios.
3. We are dan-cing in the light of God, we are dancing in the light of God. We are dan-cing in the light of God, we are dancing in the light of God. We are dancing, we are dancing, oooo, we are dancing in the light of God. We are dancing, we are dancing, oooo, we are dancing in the light of God.
4. Baila-mos en la luz de Dios, bailamos en la luz de Dios. Baila-mos en la luz de Dios, bailamos en la luz de Dios. Bailamos, bailamos, oooo, bailamos en la luz de Dios. Bailamos, bailamos, oooo, bailamos en la luz de Dios.

****Blessing**

**** Choral Benediction**

Praise God (to the tune of "Amazing Grace")

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.com 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.**

"Thank You" to Mihea Kim who provided our altar flowers and to Lyn Harper for our refreshments.

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

