

The UMC of New City Hybrid Worship

October 18, 2026

21st Sunday after Pentecost; "Like a Child" - Final Week

Welcome

Pastor Amanda

Prelude

Albert Ahlf

Call to Worship *(inspired by Mark 12:30)*

Leader: To love the Lord with all our heart, mind, soul, and strength

People: Is to walk in the way that leads to life.

Leader: Help us, O God, to rise up to our calling!

People: Meet us, O Christ, here in worship!

**Hymn #454 (UMH)

Open My Eyes, That I May See

1. **Open my eyes, that I may see glimpses of truth thou hast for me; place in my hands the wonderful key that shall unclasp and set me free. Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see. Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!**
2. **Open my ears, that I may hear voices of truth thou sendest clear; and while the wave-notes fall on my ear, everything false will disappear. Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see. Open my ears, illumine me, Spirit divine!**
3. **Open my mouth, and let me bear gladly the warm truth everywhere; open my heart and let me prepare love with thy children thus to share. Silently now I wait for thee, ready my God, thy will to see. Open my heart, illumine me, Spirit divine!**

Unison Prayer

For Courage to Do Justice

UMH #456

O Lord, open our eyes that we may see the needs of others; open our ears that we may hear their cries; open our hearts so that they need not be without succor; let us not be afraid to defend the weak because of the anger of the strong, nor afraid to defend the poor because of the anger of the rich. Show us where love and hope and faith are needed, and use us to bring them to those places. And so open our eyes and our ears that we may this coming day be able to do some work of peace for thee. Amen.

First Scripture Reading

Micah 6:6-8

Ray Boyd

"With what shall I come before the Lord and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?" He has told you, O mortal, what is good, and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice and to love kindness and to walk humbly with your God?

Second Scripture Reading

1 Peter 4:10-11

Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received. Whoever speaks must do so as one speaking the very words of God; whoever serves must do so with the strength that God supplies, so that God may be glorified in all things through Jesus Christ. To him belong the glory and the power forever and ever. Amen.

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

Children's Message

"The Tale of the Three Trees" retold by Angela Elwell Hunt

Message

"Like a Child" - Week 3: We Can Live For God

Rev. Dr. Amanda Hemenetz

Hymn #593 (UMH)

Here I Am, Lord

1. **I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry. All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save. I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright. Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?**

(Refrain): Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night. I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

2. **I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain. I have wept for love of them. They turn away. I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone. I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send? (Refrain)**
3. **I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame, I will set a feast for them. My hand will save. Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied. I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send? (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

Albert Ahlf

****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 loves us just as we are but too much to leave us that way, bless these gifts and use them to your glory. Help us to claim our calling, and to live lives pleasing to you -- lives that honor Christ. Amen.

****Hymn**

When the Saints Go Marching In

1. **Oh when the saints go marching in, oh when the saints go marching in, oh Lord I want to be in that number when the saints go marching in.**
2. **When the sun refuse to shine, oh when the sun refuse to shine, oh Lord I want to be in that number when the sun refuse to shine.**
3. **And when they crown him king of kings, oh when they crown him king of kings, oh Lord I want to be in that number when they crown him king of kings**
4. **Oh when the saints go marching in, oh when the saints go marching in, oh Lord I want to be in that number when the saints go marching in.**

****Blessing**

**** Choral Benediction**

Amazing Grace Amen

Postlude

Albert Ahlf

Please join us for fellowship and refreshments.

THANK YOU to Albert Ahlf for serving as our guest pianist this morning!

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.**

"Thank You" to Jean Almiron who provided our altar flowers and to Doug Caulk for our refreshments.

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