

The UMC of New City Hybrid Worship

October 4, 2026

19th Sunday after Pentecost; World Communion Sunday; "Like a Child" - Week 1

Welcome

Pastor Amanda

Prelude

Dr. Diana Hughes

Call to Worship

Leader: To know we are loved, and forgiven, and held, and whole,

People: Such is the assurance granted by Christ.

Leader: To believe we are cherished children of God,

People: Such is our privilege as people of faith.

Leader: To live as ones who are never alone,

People: Such is the promise of the Gospel.

**Hymn #191 (UMH)

Jesus Loves Me

1. **Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so. Little ones to him belong; they are weak, but he is strong.**

(Refrain): Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

2. **Jesus loves me! This I know, as he loved so long ago, taking children on this knee, saying, "Let them come to me." (Refrain)**

3. **Jesus loves me still today, walking with me on my way, wanting as a friend to give light and love to all who live. (Refrain)**

Unison Prayer *(from The Upper Room Worshipbook)*

New every morning is your love, great God of light, and all day long you are working for good in the world. Stir up in us desire to serve you, to live peacefully with our neighbors and all your creation, and to devote each day to your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

First Scripture Reading

1 Corinthians 13:1-7; 13

Mary Carol Bate

If I speak in the tongues of humans and of angels but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers and understand all mysteries and all knowledge and if I have all faith so as to remove mountains but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away all my possessions and if I hand over my body so that I may boast but do not have love, I gain nothing. Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable; it keeps no record of wrongs; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. . . And now faith, hope, and love remain, these three, and the greatest of these is love.

Second Scripture Reading

1 John 4:16-17

So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them.

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

Children's Message

"Wherever You Are My Love Will Find You" by Nancy Tillman

Message

"Like a Child" - Week 1: We Are Loved

Rev. Dr. Amanda Hemenetz

Hymn #170 (UMH)

O How I Love Jesus

1. **There is a name I love to hear, I love to sing its worth; it sounds like music in my ear, the sweetest name on earth.**

(Refrain) O how I love Jesus, O how I love Jesus, O how I love Jesus, because he first loved me!

2. **It tells me of a Savior's love, who died to set me free; it tells me of his precious blood, the sinner's perfect plea.** *(Refrain)*
3. **It tells of one whose loving heart can feel my deepest woe; who in each sorrow bears a part that none can bear below.** *(Refrain)*

Introduction to the Sacrament of Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving: *(adapted from "A Global Table of Grace - World Communion 2026 Worship Resource," Global Ministries of the Christian Church [Disciples of Christ] and the United Church of Christ)*

Leader: From every corner of the earth, Christ calls us to the table.

People: We come from many people, many places, many traditions.

Leader: We come with the songs of our ancestors and the prayers of those who came before us.

People: We come carrying stories of faith, struggle, hope, and joy.

Leader: From the villages of Africa and the islands of the Pacific, from the mountains of Asia and the cities of the Americas, from the churches of Europe and the Middle East--

People: We come as one people, gathered in Christ.

Leader: Some come to this table with abundance. Some come longing for daily bread.

People: Christ welcomes all.

Leader: Some come singing. Some come grieving. Some come with questions. Some come with gratitude.

People: Christ welcomes all.

Leader: Today, the walls that divide us do not have the final word. Language does not divide us. Geography does not divide us. Culture does not divide us.

People: At Christ's table, there is room for all.

One: Come, people of God. Come with open hands and open hearts.

People: We come to receive. We come to remember. We come to share. We come to be made one.

All (sung): Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blest is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Leader: Holy are you, O God, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. On the night before he was betrayed, Jesus took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, and shared it with his friends, saying: "Take. Eat. This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, and shared it as a sign of a new covenant--a promise of love stronger than violence, hope stronger than despair, and life stronger than death. "Drink from this, all of you," he said. "This is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many, for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of our faith.

All (singing): Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Leader: Holy Spirit, breathe upon this bread and this cup. Make them somehow be for us the true presence of Christ, that we may be united in him in ministry. As Christians around the world gather today, make us mindful of one another: of those who worship in crowded churches and those who gather in small communities; of those who celebrate with joyful music and dancing and those whose worship is quiet and contemplative; of those who have enough to eat and those who cry out for bread; of those who worship in freedom and those who gather amid conflict, displacement, or persecution. Make us one in the love of Christ.

People: As this bread is broken and this cup is shared, teach us that communion is more than what happens here. Make us people who share what we have, who welcome the stranger, who seek reconciliation, who stand with those who suffer, and who work for the peace and flourishing of all creation.

Leader: Through your son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, and in this your holy church, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and forever.

All (singing): Amen (3xs).

Receiving of the Bread and the Cup

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 loves us with a love everlasting, bless these gifts and use them to your glory.
May the love we find here go with us, so we can share your love with others. Amen.**

****Hymn 2126 (TFWS)**

All Who Hunger

- 1. All who hunger gather gladly; holy manna is our bread. Come from wilderness and wandering. Here, in truth, we will be fed. You that yearn for days of fullness, all around us is our food. Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.**
- 2. All who hunger, never strangers; seeker, be a welcome guest. Come from restlessness and roaming. Here, in joy, we keep the feast. We that once were lost and scattered in communion's love have stood. Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.**
- 3. All who hunger, sing together; Jesus Christ is living bread. Come from loneliness and longing. Here, in peace, we have been led. Blest are those who from this table live their lives in gratitude. Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.**

****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

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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.**

"Thank You" to Debby Sandberg who provided our altar flowers and to Judy Troia for our refreshments.

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