The UMC of New City Hybrid Worship

November 15, 2026
25th Sunday after Pentecost, "Stewardship of our FUTURE"

Welcome — Pastor Amanda
Prelude — Dr. Diana Hughes

Call to Worship *(inspired by Jeremiah 29:11)*

Leader: We live today, with all its blessings.
People: We look to tomorrow, with all its possibility,
Leader: For God has plans for us;
People: We have been promised a future with hope!

**Hymn #117 (UMH) *O God, Our Help in Ages Past*

1. **O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home!**
2. **Under the shadow of thy throne, still may we dwell secure; sufficient is thine arm alone, and our defense is sure.**
3. **Before the hills in order stood, or earth received her frame, from everlasting, thou art God, to endless years the same.**
4. **A thousand ages, in thy sight, are like an evening gone; short as the watch that ends the night, before the rising sun.**
5. **Time, like an ever rolling stream, bears all who breathe away; they fly forgotten, as a dream dies at the opening day.**
6. **O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come; be thou our guide while life shall last, and our eternal home.**

Unison Prayer *Praising God of Many Names (Mechtild of Magdeburg)*

O burning Mountain, O chosen Sun, O perfect Moon, O fathomless Well, O unattainable Height, O Clearness beyond measure, O Wisdom without end, O Mercy without limit, O Strength beyond resistance, O Crown beyond all majesty: The humblest thing you created sings your praise. Amen.

Children's Message

First Scripture Reading *Genesis 28:10-28* — Edna Navarro

Jacob left Beer-sheba and went toward Haran. He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. And he dreamed that there was a stairway set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven, and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. And the Lord stood beside him and said, "I am the Lord, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring, and your offspring shall be like the dust of the

earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south, and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go and will bring you back to this land, for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you." Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, "Surely the Lord is in this place—and I did not know it!" And he was afraid and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven."

So Jacob rose early in the morning, and he took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it. He called that place Bethel, but the name of the city was Luz at the first. Then Jacob made a vow, saying, "If God will be with me and will keep me in this way that I go and will give me bread to eat and clothing to wear, so that I come again to my father's house in peace, then the Lord shall be my God, and this stone, which I have set up for a pillar, shall be God's house, and of all that you give me I will surely give one-tenth to you."

Second Scripture Reading *Jeremiah 29:11*

For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope.

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

Message *Stewardship of Our FUTURE* Rev. Dr. Amanda Hemenetz

Hymn #418 (UMH) *We Are Climbing Jacob's Ladder*

1. **We are climbing Jacob's ladder; we are climbing Jacob's ladder; we are climbing Jacob's ladder; soldiers of the cross.**
2. **Every round goes higher, higher; every round goes higher, higher; every round goes higher, higher; soldiers of the cross.**
3. **Sinner, do you love my Jesus? Sinner, do you love my Jesus? Sinner, do you love my Jesus? Soldiers of the cross.**
4. **If you love him, why not serve him? If you love him, why not serve him? If you love him, why not serve him? Soldiers of the cross.**
5. **We are climbing higher, higher; we are climbing higher, higher; we are climbing higher, higher; soldiers of the cross.**

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 remains steadfast in the past, the present, and the future, bless these gifts and use them to your glory. May we live as people who honor yesterday, serve today, and look forward to tomorrow. Amen.

**Hymn #2008 (TFWS) *Let All Things Now Living*

1. **Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving to God the Creator triumphantly raise, who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us, who guides us and leads to the end of our days. God's banners fly o'er us; God's light goes before us, a pillar of fire shining forth in the night, till shadows have vanished and darkness is banished, as forward we travel from light into light.**

2. **The law God enforces, the stars in their courses and sun in its orbit obediently shine; the hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains, the deeps of the ocean proclaim the Divine. We, too, should be voicing our love and rejoicing; with glad adoration a song let us raise, till all things now living unite in thanksgiving: To God in the highest hosanna and praise!**

**Blessing

**Choral Benediction *Amazing Grace Amen*

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.

"Thank You" to Claire Seward for providing our altar flowers, and to Edna Navarro for our refreshments.

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