The UMC of New City Hybrid Worship

November 22, 2026
Thanksgiving Celebration and Stewardship Sunday

Welcome — Pastor Amanda
Prelude — Dr. Diana Hughes

Call to Worship

Leader: The time has come to gather!
People: The time has come to praise!
Leader: With thankful hearts we come before God
People: And lift our voices in worship and song!

**Hymn #131 (UMH) *We Gather Together*

1. **We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing; he chastens and hastens his will to make known. The wicked oppressing now cease from distressing. Sing praises to his name; he forgets not his own.**
2. **Beside us to guide us, our God with us joining, ordaining, maintaining his kingdom divine; so from the beginning the fight we were winning; thou, Lord, wast at our side, all glory be thine.**
3. **We all do extol thee, thou leader triumphant, and pray that thou still our defender wilt be. Let thy congregation escape tribulation; thy name be ever praised! O Lord, make us free!**

Unison Prayer

As we look forward to turkey dinners, friends and family, a couple days off, and pumpkin pie, we first come before you, O God, in praise. You are our best and perfect gift, loving parent of us all. Your grace is sufficient for every need. Your constancy is our greatest strength. We thank you, God, for all the blessings you bestow—for bringing us this far, being present with us now, and granting us hope for the future. We love you. We praise you. We thank you. Amen and amen!

Children's Message

First Scripture Reading — *Ecclesiastes 3:1-8* — Judy Troia

For everything there is a season and a time for every matter under heaven: a time to be born and a time to die; a time to plant and a time to pluck up what is planted; a time to kill and a time to heal; a time to break down and a time to build up; a time to weep and a time to laugh; a time to mourn and a time to dance; a time to throw away stones and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace and a time to refrain from embracing; a time to seek and a time to lose; a time to keep and a time to throw away; a time to tear and a time to sew; a time to keep silent and a time to speak; a time to love and a time to hate; a time for war and a time for peace.

Second Scripture Reading — *1 Thessalonians 5:16-18*

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

Gospel Reading *Luke 17:11-19*

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten men with a skin disease approached him. Keeping their distance, they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He prostrated himself at Jesus's feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? So where are the other nine? Did none of them return to give glory to God except this foreigner?" Then he said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."

Leader: Here what the Spirit is saying to the church. **People: Thanks be to God.**

Giving and Blessing of our Stewardship Pledges

Hymn #2036 (TFWS) *Give Thanks*

Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One, give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ his Son. Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One, give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ his Son.

And now let the weak say, "I am strong;" let the poor say, "I am rich because of what the Lord has done for us." And now let the weak say, "I am strong;" let the poor say, "I am rich because of what the Lord has done for us."

(Repeat all)

Give thanks.

Blessing of Our Pledges

Leader: As we come before God today with thanksgiving, we give of ourselves, pledging to support the church financially into the coming year and beyond.

All: Gracious God, we ask that you bless these commitments, that they may come to fruition and thereby bless this church. We give out of the abundance you have given to us. We give joyfully as your people -- people who love you, serve you, and say "Thank you" to you for your grace. Amen.

Message Rev. Dr. Amanda Hemenetz

**Hymn #102 (UMH) *Now Thank We All Our God*

1. **Now thank we all our God, with heart and hands and voices, who wondrous things has done, in whom this world rejoices; who from our mothers' arms has blessed us on our way with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.**

2. **O may this bounteous God through all our life by near us, with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us; and keep us still in grace, and guide us when perplexed; and free us from all ills, in this world and next.**

3. **All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given; the Son, and him who reigns with them in highest heaven; the one eternal God, whom earth and heaven adore; for thus it was is now, and shall be evermore.**

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:

Gracious God, bless these gifts and use them to your glory. We stand before you in thanksgiving for your great and glorious grace. Amen.

**Hymn #694 (UMH) *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come*

1. **Come, ye thankful people, come, raise the song of harvest home; all is safely gathered in, ere the winter storms begin. God our Maker doth provide for our wants to be supplied; come to God's own temple, come, raise the song of harvest home.**
2. **All the world is God's own field, fruit as praise to God we yield; wheat and tares together sown are to joy or sorrow grown; first the blade and then the ear, then the full corn shall appear; Lord of harvest, grant that we wholesome grain and pure may be.**
3. **For the Lord our God shall come, and shall take the harvest home; from the field shall in that day all offenses purge away, giving angels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast; but the fruitful ears to store in the garner evermore.**
4. **Even so, Lord, quickly come, bring thy final harvest home; gather thou thy people in, free from sorrow, free from sin, there, forever purified, in thy presence to abide; come, with all thine angels, come, raise the glorious harvest home.**

**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.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 Maureen Gallagher for providing 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.