The UMC of New City Hybrid Worship

November 8, 2026
24th Sunday after Pentecost, "Stewardship of our PRESENT"

Welcome — Konrad Soong
Prelude — Dr. Diana Hughes

Call to Worship

Leader: Every day is a gift, and every moment is an opportunity to experience God's grace.
People: We come with grateful hearts, ready to receive the gift of this day.
Leader: We cannot change yesterday, and cannot know what tomorrow will bring.
People: But today is before us, and God is present with us.
Leader: God has entrusted each of us with gifts, talents, time, and opportunities to serve.
People: May we recognize what we have been given and use it to bless others.
ALL: LET US WORSHIP GOD, GIVING THANKS FOR THE PRESENT AND COMMITTING OURSELVES TO LIVE THIS DAY WELL.

**Hymn #140 (UMH) *Great is Thy Faithfulness*

1. **Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father; there is no shadow of turning with thee; thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not; as thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.**

   (Refrain): **Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see; all I have needed thy hand hath provided; great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!**

2. **Summer and winter and springtime and harvest, sun, moon, and stars in their courses above join with all nature in manifold witness to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.** *(Refrain)*

3. **Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide; strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow, blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!** *(Refrain)*

Unison Prayer:

Gracious and loving God, THANK YOU for the gift of today. Too often, we find ourselves looking back at what has passed or worrying about what tomorrow may bring. Help us to slow down, recognize Your presence, and appreciate the blessings that are already before us. Open our hearts to Your Word. Guide us to live this day with purpose, to notice the needs of others, and to use what we have been given in ways that reflect Your love. May this time of worship renew our gratitude and strengthen our commitment to serve You. Amen.

Children's Message — Jeannine Alexandro

Old Testament Reading *Psalm 90:12* — Maureen Gallagher

Teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom.

New Testament Reading *1 Peter 4:10*

As each has received a gift, employ it for one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace.

Gospel Reading *Matthew 6:25-34*

Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you shall eat or what you shall drink, nor about your body, what you shall put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And which of you by being anxious can add one cubit to his span of life? And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin; yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O men of little faith? Therefore, do not be anxious saying, "What shall we eat?" or "What shall we drink?" or "What shall we wear?" For the Gentiles seek all these things; and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things shall be yours as well. Therefore, do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Let the day's own trouble be sufficient for the day.

Leader: This is the Word of God. **People: Thanks be to God.**

Message *Stewardship of Our PRESENT - What Will I Do with What God Has Given Me Today?* Konrad Soong

Hymn #399 (UMH) *Take My Life, and Let It Be*

1. **Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee. Take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise. Take my hands, and let them move at the impulse of thy love. Take my feet, and let them be swift and beautiful for thee.**
2. **Take my voice, and let me sing always, only, for my King. Take my lips, and let them be filled with messages from thee. Take my silver and my gold; not a mite would I withhold. Take my intellect, and use every power as thou shalt choose.**
3. **Take my will, and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine. Take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne. Take my love, my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure-store. Take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for thee.**

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 and loving God, we thank You for all that You have entrusted to us. Bless these gifts and the hands that have given them. May they support the work of this church, strengthen our ministries, and extend Your love into our community. Amen.

**Hymn #572 (UMH) *Pass It On*

1. **It only takes a spark to get a fire going, and soon all those around can warm up in its glowing. That's how it is with God's love once you've experienced it; you spread his love to everyone; you want to pass it on.**

2. **What a wondrous time is spring, when all the trees are budding; the birds begin to sing, the flowers start their blooming. That's how it is with God's love once you've experienced it; you want to sing, it's fresh like spring, you want to pass it on.**

3. **I wish for you, my friend, this happiness that I've found; you can depend on him, it matters not where you're bound. I'll shout it from the mountain top; I want my world to know; the Lord of love has come to me, I want to pass it on.**

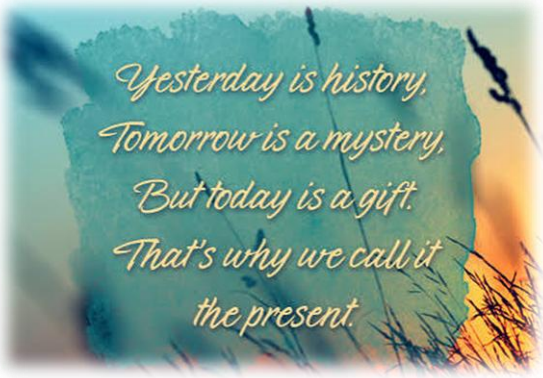
**Blessing

**Choral Benediction #672 (UMH) *God Be with You Till We Meet Again*

God be with you till we meet again; by his counsels guide, uphold you, with his sheep securely fold you; God be with you till we meet again. Till we meet, till we meet, till we meet at Jesus' feet. Till we meet, till we meet, God be with you till we meet again.

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 Judia Troia who provided our altar flowers, and to Maureen Gallagher for our refreshments.

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