



Welcome to Hampstead United Methodist Church

Third Sunday of Easter

April 19, 2026

“Making Disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.”

10:00 in the Morning

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Please be sure to print your name in the red attendance pew pads!)

PRELUDE & BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We have come,
walking many different roads,
carrying many different stories.

People: And still—Christ meets us along the way.

Leader: Our eyes may not always see,
our hearts may not always understand—

People: But Christ is here among us.

Leader: In word and table,
in gathering and grace—

People: Christ is revealed to us.

Leader: So we come to worship—

**People: Seeking, listening,
and ready to recognize.**

Leader: Let us worship the risen Lord.

People: Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!

*OPENING WORSHIP HYMN

“Easter People, Raise Your Voices”

#304

*OPENING PRAYER

**Risen Christ,
walk with us this day.
Open our eyes
when we fail to see you.
Warm our hearts
when hope feels distant.
Reveal yourself to us
in the breaking of the bread
and in the sharing of this life together.
For we come seeking you—
and trusting that you are already here.
Amen.**

**Congregation please stand as able.*

*CONGREGATIONAL HYMN

#364

“Because He Lives”

WE LISTEN TO THE WORD OF GOD

PSALTER LESSON

Acts 2: 42-47

ANTHEM

TIME WITH THE YOUNG DISCIPLES

(At this time, all children may leave for Children’s Church.)

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Luke 24:13-35

SERMON

“Resurrection Life: Learning to Recognize”

Rev. Dr. Debbie Matthis

WE RESPOND TO THE CALL OF GOD

INVITATION

....let us confess our sin before God and one another.

CONFESSION

Merciful God, we confess that we have not always recognized you. We have walked past your presence, dismissed your voice, and turned toward other things that do not give life. Forgive us. Open our eyes. Soften our hearts. Teach us to see you again. In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray.

Amen.

Leader: Hear the good news: Christ meets us even when we do not recognize him.

Christ forgives us even when we fall short.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

People: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

All: Glory to God. Amen.

THE PEACE

WE CELEBRATE AT THE TABLE OF GOD

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing,....
....we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the Highest Blessed is he
who comes in the name of the Lord
Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son, Jesus Christ....
....as we proclaim the mystery of faith:
Christ has died; Christ has risen; Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit
....all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and forever. Amen.

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.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD & GIVING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

Please bring your offering to the front when you come to receive the bread and wine.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**Gracious God,
we thank you
that you have made yourself known to us
in the breaking of the bread.
As you have fed us with your grace,
send us now into the world—
to recognize your presence,
to listen for your voice,
and to live the life you give.
In the name of Christ,
Amen.**

WE DEPART TO SERVE GOD

*CLOSING WORSHIP HYMN

"Surely the Presence of the Lord"

#328

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

*POSTLUDE

Hampstead United Methodist Church



April 19, 2026
10:00 AM Worship Service

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~Announcements~

First Time & Frequent Visitors, we welcome you!

For information about Hampstead UMC, please see our greeters in the Narthex (lobby). If this is your first worship experience here, please let the ushers or greeters know, so we can better assist you!

A nursery is provided for worship services, located in the main building—see an usher for assistance.

If you wish to receive additional weekly updates or be contacted, please print your contact information in the red attendance pew pads or you may email the church office at office@hampsteadumc.org.

Special Offering TODAY IS Native American Ministries Sunday. As one of the six special offerings designated by the NC Conference, we are receiving an offering that directly supports Native American congregations who minister authentically within their communities while honoring creative expressions of culture and heritage. The offering also provides scholarships for Native American seminary students. If you wish to give to this offering, please make your check payable to HUMC, and write "Native American" in the memo line. If giving by cash, there are offering envelopes available in the narthex or from an usher--write your name and "Native American" on the envelope. Give now by credit/debit card (see the church website—go to “Worship Through Giving” and select “Native American Ministries” from the drop-down box).

Cobblers For A Cause! Pick up a pan + recipe in the narthex this Sunday, bake your cobbler (apple, peach, blueberry, strawberry, or cherry), and bring it *warm* to the Music Festival on May 2 (12–4 PM). We'll serve it up—with an *optional* scoop of vanilla ice cream. All to support *Share the Table*. Questions? Contact Peggy Harris (litlerr1952@gmail.com).

Altar Flowers

Today's altar flowers were given by
Cheryle Shaffer...

“Dedicated to my grandchildren and great grandchildren for the months of March and April.”

Connect Club On Wednesday, April 29th and May 6th, the Hampstead Bee Keepers will be bringing an enclosed demonstration Bee Hive for students to learn more about why bees are a vital part of the food chain. Children will play games collecting pollen on their legs with the assistance of Velcro. We are very blessed by the 12 adults who help enhance the YMCA after-school program each Wednesday for one hour. If you would like to find out more on how to be a part of this wonderful program, contact Peggy Harris (litlerr1952@gmail.com) or Shirleen Spencer (910-508-4777).

HUMC's Coastal Music Festival Is Approaching!

On Saturday, May 2nd, HUMC will host a day-long Music Festival to benefit Share the Table.

Come enjoy live music, praise bands, and food trucks on HUMC's front lawn from 12:00 PM to 8:00 PM.

Everyone is invited! Please share this with friends and family who might enjoy a great music festival.

We need your help!

To get our campus ready, we're inviting everyone to join us for a **Church Work Day this Saturday, April 25th at 8:00 AM or any time** you have available. Many hands make light work and are greatly appreciated!

Tasks will include:

- Freshening flower beds
- Weeding and trimming shrubs
- Cleaning outside windows
- Pressure washing walkways and entry areas
- General grounds cleanup

Thank you all for your time helping prepare our campus for this exciting event!

~Prayer Requests~



Kathy Barnes	Buddy Rogers
Angie Bolin	Bill Russell
Sally Jo Capozio	Vicki Russell
Dot Cotman	Dasha Sharp
Darlene David	Emily Skinner
Judy Harrelson	Karen Smith
John Harris	Carolyn Southerland
John Haverkamp	Dee Stolk
Gavin Johnson	Jane Tchouros
Laura Kiyabu	Hiram Williams
Joanne Pearson	Brian Wright
Glen Pettygrove	Rodger Wyland
Fred Phillips	

~Altar Flowers~

We still have a lot of openings left for 2026!!

May: 17
 June: 7, 28
 July: 12, 19, 26
 August: 2, 30
 September: 6, 20, 27
 October: 11, 18, 25
 November: 29
 December: 6

Each arrangement is \$50. Dates are reserved first come, first serve. Contact the church office to sign up! office@hampsteadumc.org

~ Contact Information~

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~Calendar of Events~

April 19, 2026—April 26, 2026

Sunday—4/19

10:00 AM Worship Service
 4:00 PM Power Kids (RLC)
 5:00 PM Jr./Sr. High Youth Group (FLC)

Monday—4/20

8:00 AM ROMEOs (Library)

Tuesday—4/21

9:00 AM Prayer Team (Library)
 6:00 PM Divorce Care (Rm. 9)
 7:00 PM Al-Anon/Al-Ateen (FLC)

Wednesday—4/22

3:45 PM Connect Club With the YMCA (FLC)
 6:00 PM Bible Study Fellowship (All Rooms)

Thursday—4/23

9:00 AM Bible Study “Live Free” (Rm. 5/6)
 7:00 PM Chancel Choir Practice (Sanc)

Saturday—4/25

8:00 AM *Until...* Campus-Wide Cleanup Day
 5:00 PM Coastal Carolina Emmaus (FLC)

Sunday—4/26

10:00 AM Worship Service
 4:00 PM Power Kids (RLC)
 5:00 PM Jr./Sr. High Youth Group (FLC)

HUMC Online Giving Made Simple:

We're excited to offer a new way to give! You can now support our church by scanning the QR code below with your smartphone or tablet's camera. It will take you directly to our secure online giving page.



If you need help, our greeters or office staff are happy to assist you. Thank you for your generosity!