



Welcome to Hampstead United Methodist Church

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

August 9, 2026

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

10:00 in the Morning

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

PRELUDE AND LIGHTING OF CHRIST CANDLES

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Jesus calls ordinary people to follow him.

People: We come to hear his voice.

Leader: When the way seems uncertain...

People: Christ says, "Come."

Leader: When fear threatens to overwhelm us...

People: Christ reaches out his hand.

Leader: Come, let us worship the One who calls us, walks with us, and never lets us go.

People: Let us worship God!

*HYMN

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

#110

*OPENING PRAYER

Gracious and faithful God,

You are our refuge and our strength,

our hope in every storm

and our guide on every path.

As we gather in your presence,

quiet our fears,

open our hearts,

and give us courage to hear your call.

Teach us to trust your promises,

to follow where Christ leads,

and to discover the joy of walking with him,

one faithful step at a time.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

* HYMN

“Standing on the Promises”

#374

PSALTER LESSON

Psalms 46

#780-781

¹God is our refuge and strength,

A very present help in trouble.

²Therefore we will not fear though the earth should change,

though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea;

³Though its waters roar and foam,

though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

⁴There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,

**Congregation please stand as able.*

the holy habitation of the Most High.

⁵God is in the midst of the city which shall not be moved;

God will help it at the dawn of the day.

⁶The nations rage, the kingdoms totter;

God’s voice resounds, the earth melts.

⁷The Lord of hosts is with us;

the God of Jacob is our refuge.

⁸Come, behold the works of the Lord,

who has wrought desolations in the earth;

⁹Who makes wars cease to the end of the earth,

breaks the bow, shatters the spear,

and burns the shields with fire!

¹⁰“Be still, and know that I am God.

I am exalted among the nations,

I am exalted in the earth!”

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the God of Jacob is our refuge.

ANTHEM

TIME WITH THE YOUNG DISCIPLES

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 14:22-33

SERMON

“Starting to Walk”

Rev. Dr. Debbie Matthis

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORDS 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.

OFFERING

*DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER

*CONGREGATIONAL HYMN

“There’s Within My Heart a Melody”

#380

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

*POSTLUDE