



# Welcome to Hampstead United Methodist Church

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

July 5, 2026

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

10:00 in the Morning

## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE & BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: God the Creator gives life, freedom, and purpose to all people.

**People: We belong to the One who made us and calls us by name.**

Leader: Jesus Christ invites the weary to come and find rest.

**People: We come to Christ, who is gentle and humble in heart.**

Leader: The Holy Spirit joins us together as one body in love.

**People: The Spirit strengthens us to carry one another's burdens.**

Leader: Come, let us worship the Triune God— Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**People: We come to worship, to learn from Christ, and to grow together in grace.**

**\*OPENING PRAYER**

**Gracious God, You know the burdens we carry, the worries that weigh upon us, and the responsibilities that sometimes seem too heavy to bear.**

**In a noisy and demanding world, you invite us to come to Christ, to learn from him, and to find rest for our souls. Gather us into your presence this day.**

**Open our hearts to your grace, our minds to your Word, and our lives to the transforming power of your Spirit.**

**Teach us to trust you more fully, to bear one another's burdens, and to grow together as your people.**

**Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**\*OPENING HYMN**

*“America the Beautiful”*

#696

PRAYER FOR OUR NATION

**\*CONGREGATIONAL HYMN**

*“God of Grace and God of Glory”*

#577

## WE LISTEN TO THE WORD OF GOD

PSALTER LESSON

Psalm 145:8-17

#857

<sup>8</sup>The Lord is gracious and merciful,  
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

<sup>9</sup>**The Lord is good to all,  
his compassion is over all his creation.**

<sup>10</sup>All your works shall give thanks to you, O Lord,  
**and your faithful ones shall bless you!**

<sup>11</sup>They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom,

**and tell of your power,  
<sup>12</sup>to make known to all people your mighty deeds,  
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.**

<sup>13</sup>Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,  
**and your dominion endures throughout all generations.**

<sup>14</sup>The Lord upholds all who are falling,  
**and raises up all who are bowed down.**

<sup>15</sup>The eyes of all look to you,  
**and you give them their food in due season.**

<sup>16</sup>You open your hand,  
**you satisfy the desire of every living thing.**

<sup>17</sup>All the Lord's ways are just,  
**all the Lord's doings are kind.**

ANTHEM

TIME WITH THE YOUNG DISCIPLES *(At this time, all children may leave for Children's Church.)*

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

SERMON

“Hitched to Jesus”

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, You invite us to come to Christ and find rest for our souls,  
yet we often choose to carry our burdens alone.**

**You call us into community, yet we sometimes withdraw from one another.**

**You teach us to trust in your grace, yet we place our confidence in our own strength.**

**You call us to bear one another's burdens, yet we have been slow to offer help  
and reluctant to receive it.**

**Forgive us when pride is stronger than humility, when fear is stronger than faith,  
and when self-interest is stronger than love.**

**Renew us by your Spirit. Teach us the way of Christ,  
that we may be joined more closely to him and to one another.**

**Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Leader: Hear the good news:

Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens,  
and I will give you rest."

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, loved, and welcomed into God's grace.

**People: In Jesus Christ, We are forgiven.**

**All: Thanks be to God. Amen.**

THE PEACE

## WE CELEBRATE AT THE TABLE OF GOD

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

*\*Congregation please stand as able.*

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

*If you have an offering, you may bring it forward as you come to receive Communion. If you are visiting with us today, your presence is gift enough.*

#### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION.

**Gracious God, We thank you for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. In this meal, you have nourished us with your grace, strengthened us for the journey, and reminded us that we do not walk alone. As we have shared one bread and one cup, bind us more closely to Christ and to one another. When life's burdens grow heavy, help us remember that your Son walks beside us. When we grow weary, renew us with your Spirit. When others stumble, teach us to bear one another's burdens with patience, compassion, and love. Send us into the world as a people shaped by grace, strengthened by community, and guided by the gentle and humble heart of Christ. In his holy name we pray.  
Amen.**

#### WE DEPART TO SERVE GOD

\*CLOSING WORSHIP HYMN

#557

*"Blest Be the Tie That Binds"*

\*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

\*POSTLUDE

# Hampstead United Methodist Church



July 5, 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](mailto:office@hampsteadumc.org).

**July 5<sup>th</sup> Luncheon** Join us after worship today to celebrate this year's Independence Day with your church family. We will enjoy fellowship, hotdogs, all the fixin's and celebrate the freedoms this country allows us all to have. Everyone is welcome!

**Office Notes:** The church office will be closed Monday, July 6th. We will resume normal office hours on Tuesday, July 7th.

**Join the Media & Music Department!**

HUMC is seeking volunteers to serve within the Media & Music Department. Whether you have experience in technology, music, communications, social media, production, or simply a heart to serve, there is a place for you on our team. Volunteer opportunities are currently available for:

- Worship Service Technicians
- Video of Services
- Social Media Coordinators
- Media & Music Volunteers

Training will be provided. Come use your gifts to help create meaningful worship experiences. Contact Johnathan Miller or see him at worship if you are interested! ([j.miller@hampsteadumc.org](mailto:j.miller@hampsteadumc.org)).

*Altar Flowers*

Today's altar flowers were given by Fred Phillips...  
"In loving memory of Beverly Phillips, for her birthday."

**2026 Vacation Bible School!**

**Rain Forest Falls!**

**\*\*July 27 — July 31\*\***

Hampstead UMC is About to Transform into RainForest Falls!

Our VBS staff and volunteers are gearing up to transform Hampstead United Methodist Church into RainForest Falls For an unforgettable week of Vacation Bible School!

VBS: July 27-31

Time: 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

As we prepare, all VBS Station Leaders and Crew Leaders are invited to join us for an important planning meeting:

**Monday, July 6th at 6:00 PM in room 5/6.**

We're still looking for additional volunteers to serve in our Preschool area and as Crew Leaders. If you have a heart for children and would like to help create a fun, safe, and faith-filled experience, we'd love to have you join the team.

Come prepared to serve with joy, purpose, and excitement as we work together to transform HUMC into Rainforest Falls!

Let's work together to make this a summer VBS that glorifies God and blesses many children!

~Prayer Requests~



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

~Calendar of Events~

**July 5, 2026— July 12, 2026**

**Sunday—7/5**

10:00 AM Worship Service

11:00 AM Luncheon in FLC Provided by the United Methodist Men

**Monday—7/6**

8:00AM ROMEOs (HUMC Library)

6:00 PM VBS Planning Meeting (Rm. 5/6)

**Tuesday—7/7**

9:00 AM Prayer Team (Library)

7:00 PM AI-Anon/AI-Ateen (FLC)

**Friday—7/10**

10:00 AM Meals On Wheels Prep (FLC Kitchen)

**Saturday—7/11**

8:00 AM Meals On Wheels Pack & Deliver (FLC Kitchen)

**Sunday—7/12**

10:00 AM Worship Service

~Altar Flowers~

*We have one opening left for 2026!*

September: 27

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

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

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