



# Welcome to Hampstead United Methodist Church

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 10, 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: Beloved, let us love one another.

**People: For love is from God.**

Leader: We gather in the presence of the One who loved us first.

**People: We come to be shaped by grace.**

Leader: Jesus says, “I will not leave you orphaned.”

**People: We are held in love and not left alone.**

Leader: In a world hungry for love that is real—

**People: We come to learn the love that stays.**

Leader: Let us worship the risen Christ.

**People: We come to receive love, abide in love, and live love. Amen.**

### \*HYMN

*“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”*

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### \*OPENING PRAYER

**Loving God,  
you have loved us first  
and love us still.**

**In a world that often confuses love  
with power, performance, or fleeting feeling,  
teach us again  
the love we see in Christ—**

**love that kneels,**

**love that serves,**

**love that stays.**

**On this day,**

**we give thanks**

**for every reflection of nurturing love,**

**and we pray for all hearts—**

**joyful, grieving, grateful, or tender.**

**Shape us by your Spirit,**

**that your love may take root in us**

**and be made visible through us.**

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

## NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

1 John 4:7-12

### \*HYMN

*“The Gift of Love”*

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*\*Congregation please stand as able.*

## MOTHER’S DAY MOMENT & PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

### ANTHEM

Chancel Choir

### TIME WITH THE YOUNG DISCIPLES

### GOSPEL LESSON

John 14:15-21

### SERMON

Rev. Dr. Debbie Matthis

*“Resurrection Life: Learning to Love (and Live What We’ve Been Given)”*

### \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles’ Creed *(Traditional Version)*

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### \*GLORIA PATRI

*“Glory Be To the Father”*

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## 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.**

## OFFERING

### \*DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER

### \*CONGREGATIONAL HYMN

*“Freely, Freely”*

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### \*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

### \*POSTLUDE

~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).

**United Women In Faith** We are presenting a special meeting on **May 12<sup>th</sup>** in the FLC at **11:00 AM**. We have invited Regina Hawse to speak with us about her job at the Methodist Home for Children. We will be providing brunch style finger foods, and the community is also invited. If you would like to bring donations, socks and underwear are always needed. We are also accepting dry goods and cleaning supplies for Share the Table. For any questions, please call or text Cheryle Shaffer at 910-620-5904.

**Children & Youth Ministries** We are excited for **Youth Sunday on May 17<sup>th</sup>!** Come hear from our youth and pray with our Powerkids, as our students end another school year. Help us send them off for a summer of spiritual growth and discernment.

**Vacation Bible School** is right around the corner (July 27th through July 31st)! Keep an eye open for more information about training and volunteer opportunities as we prepare to transport our church rooms from North Carolina to Rainforest Falls!

**New Bible Study** Jennipher Burns has begun a new Bible study entitled, “Angels”. The group meets on **Thursdays at 9:00 AM in room 5/6**. To find out more about this new series, contact her at: [jennipherlove09@gmail.com](mailto:jennipherlove09@gmail.com).

*Altar Flowers*

Today’s altar flowers were given from our HUMC Family...

“In celebration of our Chancel Choir.”

**HUMC has a new Community Database! Welcome to Realm!**

An email was recently sent this week as an invitation to join Realm.

**So what is Realm?**

Realm is our church’s new online community platform designed to help us stay connected, informed, and engaged—anytime, anywhere. It’s more than just a database; it’s a tool that strengthens relationships and keeps our church family organized and connected.

With Realm, church members can:

- Update their personal and family information securely
- View and register for events and classes
- Connect with groups, ministries, and other members
- Give online and track their giving history
- Communicate easily with leaders and group members

Realm helps us simplify communication, support one another, and grow together in faith.

Whether you’re signing up for an event, joining a small group, or staying in touch with your church family, Realm makes it easy to be involved.

**Users of Access ACS** will find that this is the same type of database, just with more involvement and greater communication. If you have any questions please contact the church office. (Because this is a new system, please be patient with us as we continue to learn and use all that Realm has to offer!)

~Prayer Requests~



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| 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     | Ann Todd            |
| Joanne Pearson   | Hiram Williams      |
| Glen Pettygrove  | Brian Wright        |
| Fred Phillips    | Rodger Wyland       |
| Buddy Rogers     |                     |

~Altar Flowers~

*We still have a sponsorships left for 2026!!*

- June:** 7  
**July:** 12, 19, 26  
**August:** 2  
**September:** 20, 27  
**October:** 11, 18, 25  
**November:** 29

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)

~ Contact Information~

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~Calendar of Events~

**May 10, 2026— May 17, 2026**

**Sunday—5/10**

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

**Monday—5/11**

- 8:00 AM ROMEOs (Library)

**Tuesday—5/12**

- 9:00 AM Prayer Team (Library)
- 10:00 AM United Women In Faith (FLC)
- 6:00 PM Divorce Care (Rm. 9)
- 7:00 PM Al-Anon/Al-Ateen (FLC)

**Wednesday—5/13**

- 3:45 PM Connect Club With the YMCA (FLC)

**Thursday—5/14**

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

**Sunday—5/17**

- 10:00 AM Worship Service **Youth Sunday**

**HUMC Online Giving Made Simple:**

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!