



# Welcome to Hampstead United Methodist Church

Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 3, 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: We come with hearts that are not always steady—

**People: Carrying questions, worries, and things we do not understand.**

Leader: Jesus speaks into our fear: “Do not let your hearts be troubled.”

**People: We come, not because we have it all together—but because Christ is holding us.**

Leader: When the way ahead is unclear—

**People: Christ is the way.**

Leader: When truth feels uncertain—

**People: Christ is the truth.**

Leader: When life feels fragile—

**People: Christ is our life.**

Leader: So we come to worship—

**People: To trust again, to rest again, to belong again.**

Leader: Let us worship the risen Lord.

**People: Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!**

### \*OPENING WORSHIP HYMN

*“Great Is Thy Faithfulness “*

#140

### \*OPENING PRAYER

**Gracious and faithful God, we come to you with hearts that are not always steady.**

**In our questions, in our uncertainty, in all we do not understand—you are here.**

**Draw us close again. Quiet what is restless within us.**

**Teach us to trust you more deeply, through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**Amen.**

### \*CONGREGATIONAL HYMN

*“My Hope Is Built”*

#368

## WE LISTEN TO THE WORD OF GOD

### PSALTER LESSON

Psalm 46

#780

<sup>1</sup>God is our refuge and strength,  
a very present help in trouble.

<sup>2</sup>**Therefore we will not fear though the earth should change,  
though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea;**

<sup>3</sup>though its waters roar and foam,  
though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

*\*Congregation please stand as able.*

<sup>4</sup>**There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,  
the holy habitation of the Most High.**

<sup>5</sup>God is in the midst of the city which shall not be moved;  
God will help it at the dawn of the day.

<sup>6</sup>**The nations rage, the kingdoms totter;  
God’s voice resounds, the earth melts.**

<sup>7</sup>The Lord of hosts is with us;  
**the God of Jacob is our refuge.**

<sup>8</sup>Come, behold the works of the Lord,  
who has wrought desolations in the earth;

<sup>9</sup>**who makes wars cease to the end of the earth,  
breaks the bow, shatters the spear,  
and burns the shields with fire!**

<sup>10</sup>“Be still, and know that I am God.  
I am exalted among the nations,  
I am exalted in the earth!”

<sup>11</sup>**The Lord of hosts is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our refuge.**

### ANTHEM

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

### GOSPEL LESSON

John 14:1-10

### SERMON

“Resurrection Life: Learning to Trust”

Rev. Dr. Debbie Matthis

## WE RESPOND TO THE CALL OF GOD

### INVITATION

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

### CONFESSION

**Gracious God, we confess that we do not always trust you.**

**We cling to what we can control. We search for certainty  
instead of resting in your presence. We let fear shape us more than your promises.**

**Forgive us.**

**Gently lead us back—not into having all the answers, but into trusting you.**

**Open our hearts. Steady our spirits. Teach us to rest in your care.**

**In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray.**

**Amen.**

Leader: Hear the good news: Christ does not leave us in our fear or uncertainty.

Christ comes to us, stays with us, and holds us fast.

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 met us here—not with answers to every question, but with your presence. You have fed us with grace. You have drawn us close. Now send us into the world not with certainty—but with trust. Trust in your love. Trust in your leading. Trust in the life you are still unfolding. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**WE DEPART TO SERVE GOD**

\*CLOSING WORSHIP HYMN

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*"Leaning on the Everlasting Arms"*

\*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

\*POSTLUDE

# Hampstead United Methodist Church



May 3, 2026  
10:00 AM Worship Service

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~Prayer Requests~



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

~Altar Flowers~

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

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](mailto:office@hampsteadumc.org)

~ Contact Information ~  
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~Calendar of Events~

May 3, 2026— May 10, 2026

**Sunday—5/3**  
 10:00 AM Worship Service  
 4:00 PM Power Kids (FLC)  
 5:00 PM Jr./Sr. High Youth Group (FLC)

**Monday—5/4**  
 8:00 AM ROMEOs (Library)

**Tuesday—5/5**  
 9:00 AM Prayer Team (Library)  
 6:00 PM Divorce Care (Rm. 9)  
 7:00 PM AI-Anon/AI-Ateen (FLC)

**Wednesday—5/6**  
 3:45 PM Connect Club With the YMCA (FLC)  
 6:00 PM Bible Study Fellowship (All Rooms)

**Thursday—5/7**  
 9:00 AM Bible Study “Angels” (Rm. 5/6)  
 9:00 AM Prayer Shawl Ministry (Rm. 9)  
 7:00 PM Chancel Choir Practice (Sanc)

**Friday—5/8**  
 10:00 AM Meals on Wheels Prep (FLC)

**Saturday—5/9**  
 8:00 AM Meals On Wheels Delivery (FLC)

**Sunday—5/10**  
 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:**  
 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!

~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, Retina says that 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 17th! Come hear from our youth and pray with our Powerkids, as our students end another school year we 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!

**United Methodist Men’s Breakfast** We meet on the first Saturday of each month at 8 AM in the FLC. All men, 16 and older are encouraged to come enjoy good food and great fellowship! It’s a couple hours spent with a Godly group of men once a month, and is an excellent way to replenish oneself!

*Altar Flowers*  
 Today’s altar flowers were given by  
 Terri Moore...  
*“In loving memory of my father, Tom Collie,  
 for his birthday.”*

**Children’s Church News** We continue to teach stories about Jesus and His Ministries. We will be starting to discuss how the disciples followed Jesus’ command to spread the word of His love throughout the world. If your child is between 3 yrs. old and 5th grade, they are welcome to join us to get a personal view of God’s word. We meet in Room 17 of the Preschool building and you may pick your child up after the service. Hope to see you there. For any questions, please call or text, Cheryle Shaffer, at 910-620-5904. And we are always looking for someone that would like to help us.

**New Bible Study** Jennipher Burns is starting a new Bible study entitled, “Angels” on May 7th. The group meets on Thursdays at 9:00 AM in room 5/6. To find out more about this new series, contact her by email at: [jennipherlove09@gmail.com](mailto:jennipherlove09@gmail.com).

**Share The Table** HUMC’s Table of Grace ministry is still going strong! On the second Saturday of each month we prepare a hot meal and a bag lunch for people in our community who cannot cook for themselves, and we would be glad to do the same for any church member with advanced notice. The preparation usually takes a couple of hours to complete, and we would love to have you join this effort.

**Meals On Wheels** Join us in the FLC on Friday, May 8th at 10:00 AM to help prepare the meals that we will deliver Saturday, May 9th at 8:00 AM. All are welcome to help with this community-wide program.