

**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.**

Blessed be the name of the Lord Jesus Christ...  
...proclaim the mystery of our faith:

**Christ has died; Christ has risen; Christ will come again.**

Holy God, pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here.....  
...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.*

*"I Surrender All" (with Beethoven's Sonata, "Pathetique")*

By Winfield Weeden; Arranged by Cindy Berry

#### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**Eternal God,  
we give you thanks for this holy mystery  
in which you have given yourself to us.  
Grant that we may go into the world  
in the strength of your Spirit,  
to give ourselves for others,  
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.  
and eager to serve—  
until we feast again at your heavenly table.  
Amen.**

#### WE DEPART TO SERVE GOD

#### \*CLOSING CONGREGATIONAL HYMN

*"Dwelling In Beulah Land"*

Cokesbury Hymnal #95

#### \*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

#### \*POSTLUDE

*"Tell Me the Old, Old Story"*

By William Doane; Arranged by Clarence Kohlmann

# Hampstead United Methodist Church



**Sunday, August 10, 2025  
10:00 AM Worship Service**

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# Welcome to Hampstead United Methodist Church

*Ninth Sunday after Pentecost*

*August 10, 2025*

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

*Order of Worship  
10:00 in the Morning*

## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE & BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

*“Whispering Hope”*

By Alice Hawthorne; Arranged by Clarence Kohlmann

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, let us worship the Lord with gladness—

**For life is a gift, and today is a blessing.**

This is the day the Lord has made!

**We will rejoice and be glad in it.**

In song, in story, in bread and cup—

**We come to remember God’s love and give thanks.**

So let your lamps be lit, your hearts be open—

**And let us worship God, who gives us joy that lasts!**

### \*OPENING WORSHIP SONG

*“Bringing In the Sheaves”*

Cokesbury Hymnal #165

### \*OPENING PRAYER

**God of promise and purpose,  
we gather today with grateful hearts—  
trusting in things we cannot see,  
believing that your love is at work even now.**

**Like Abraham and Sarah,  
you call us to walk by faith—  
to journey toward a better way,  
to seek a home not built by human hands  
but shaped by your grace.**

**Remind us, O Lord,  
that life is a gift too precious to waste,  
and your kingdom is too near to ignore.**

**So help us to be ready—  
with open hands, open hearts, and lamps lit.  
In Jesus’ name we pray, Amen.**

### \*WORSHIP SONG

*“Love Lifted Me”*

Cokesbury Hymnal #233

*\*Congregation please stand as able.*

## WE LISTEN TO THE WORD OF GOD

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

ANTHEM

*“The Church in the Wildwood”*

Cokesbury Hymnal #121

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

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

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 12:32-40

SERMON

*“Life Is Short”*

Rev. Dr. Debbie Matthis

## WE RESPOND TO THE CALL OF GOD

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Lord, in your kindness...**Keep us ready.**

INVITATION

.... So therefore, let us repent of our sin before God and one another.

CONFESSION

**Merciful God,**

**we confess that we have not always been ready.**

**We have clung to fear instead of trusting your promises.**

**We have chased what does not last,**

**and ignored the treasures of your kingdom.**

**Forgive us, we pray.**

**Light our lamps again.**

**Make us watchful, grateful, and bold to do your will,**

**for we do not want to miss the life you long to give.**

**Amen.**

Hear the good news:

Christ died for us while we were yet sinners,

and that proves God’s love toward us.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

**In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.**

**Glory to God. Amen.**

THE PEACE

## WE CELEBRATE AT THE TABLE OF GOD

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Lift up your heads / **We lift them up to God**

Lift up your hearts / **We lift them up to the Lord**

Lift up your hands

**We dedicate our heads, our hearts, and our hands to the worship of God.**

Loving God, you are the One who formed us from the dust of the earth...

....and all the company of heaven, we join their unending hymn

## ~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).*

### Become a Part of Our Worship Team!

We're looking for dedicated volunteers to serve as **greeters, ushers, lay readers, or communion servers** during Sunday's service. These roles are a meaningful way to connect with our congregation.

#### What We Need:

- **1 Greeter:** Welcome everyone with a smile and help set a joyful tone.
- **1-2 Ushers:** Provide attendees with bulletins, assist with seating, and ensure a smooth service flow.
- **1 Lay Reader:** Read scriptures during worship services each week.
- **4 Communion Servers:** Help serve communion on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of each month.

#### Why Volunteer?

- Make a difference in our worship services.
- Build connections with fellow church members.
- Flexible commitment with a rotating schedule—serve just once a month!

**No Experience Needed:** Full training is provided to ensure you feel confident in your role. **Ready to Serve?** Contact the church office or speak with Pastor Debbie to sign up or learn more. Your participation helps our worship services thrive!

**Mark Your Calendar!** Our next **Church Council** date is **Tuesday, August 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM** in the **sanc-tuary**. There is also the possibility of a short **Charge Conference** prior to the Council meeting. Look for more details about this in upcoming missives and the bulletin.

### Altar Flowers

The flowers on the altar today are given  
by Susan Leemhuis...

*"In loving memory of Roger Strong."*

**Connect Church** The next Connect Church Cohort meeting is **today, August 10<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 PM** in **room 9**. All members please attend. Questions? Speak to John or Peggy Harris, or see Pastor Debbie.

**Altar Flower Guild Request** Please return flower vases to room 10 (door to left of the piano) for future arrangements. Have medium-sized vases to donate? You can also drop them off at the church office during office hours. Thank you!

**Missions Team** We will meet **Tuesday, August 12<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM** in **room 5/6**.



### Join Us for a Sweet Time at the Ice Cream Social!

Get ready for a fun-filled evening that's perfect for **all ages!** Our **Ice Cream**

**Social** is the place to be for families, friends, and anyone who loves a good time (and great ice cream)!

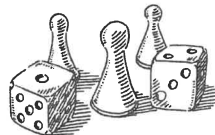
**When:** This **Tuesday, August 12<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 PM**

**Where:** FLC Gym

**What to Bring:** Your favorite board games or card games for some friendly competition!

The UWIF are bringing all the delicious ice cream and desserts, so **please sign up in the narthex** so they know how many goodies to bring. Whether you're a kid, teen, parent, or grandparent, there's something for everyone to enjoy!

**Bring a game, bring a friend, and let's make it a fun-filled night!**



## ~Prayer Requests~

Angie Bolin	Bill Russell
Claudette Brown	Vicki Russell
Arlene Caffrey	Conne Schwarz
Sally Jo Capozio	Dasha Sharp
Tom Collie	Emily Skinner
Dot Cotman	Karen Smith
Chris Gibson	Carolyn Southerland
Judy Harrelson	Dee Stolk
John Harris	Costas Tchouros
Gavin Johnson	Jane Tchouros
Laura Kiyabu	Hiram Williams
Fred Phillips	Jean Withers
Milo Pickett	Brian Wright
Buddy Rogers	
Peggy Rose	

#### 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!

#### ~ Contact Information~

**Pastor** Rev. Dr. Debbie Matthis  
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## ~Calendar of Events~

**August 10, 2025—August 17, 2025**

#### Sunday—8/10

10:00 AM Worship Service

2:00 PM Connect Church Cohort Mtg. (Rm. 9)

#### Monday—8/11

8:00 AM ROMEOs (Library)

#### Tuesday—8/12

9:00 AM Prayer Team (Library)

10:00 AM Missions Team Mtg. (Rm. 5/6)

7:00 PM HUMC Ice Cream Social/Game Night (FLC)

#### Wednesday—8/13

6:30 PM Choir Practice

#### Sunday—8/17

10:00 AM Worship Service

#### Upcoming Events:

Tuesday, August 19<sup>th</sup>, Charge Conference (TBD)

Tuesday, August 19<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 PM Church Council (Sanc)

Thursday, August 21<sup>st</sup>, 6:30 PM: Trustees Mtg. (Rm. 9)

Saturday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>, 7:30 AM: Emmaus Women's Walk Training (FLC)

### Available Altar Flower Sponsorships

**August:** 31

**September:** 7, 14, 21

**October:** 12, 19, 26

**November:** 9, 23, 30

**December:** 7

#### *We still need Volunteer Sponsors!*

*If you would like to sponsor an arrangement, contact the church office at 910-270-4648 or [office@hampsteadumc.org](mailto:office@hampsteadumc.org). Flowers are on a first come-first served basis. Each arrangement is \$45.*