



# Welcome to Hampstead United Methodist Church

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

July 12, 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: God the Creator is generous beyond measure, giving life to all creation.

**People: We praise the One whose mercy is new every morning.**

Leader: Jesus Christ sows the good news of God's kingdom among all people.

**People: We open our hearts to receive the seed of God's love.**

Leader: The Holy Spirit brings growth in ways we cannot always see.

**People: The Spirit bears fruit in us for the blessing of the world.**

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

**People: We come to worship the God whose love can never be used up.**

### \*HYMN

*“This Is My Father’s World”*

#144

### \*OPENING PRAYER

**Generous God,**

**You are the giver of every good gift,**

**the source of every blessing,**

**and the One whose love never runs dry.**

**Long before we sought you,**

**you were seeking us.**

**Long before we loved you,**

**you loved us.**

**Gather us into your presence this day.**

**Quiet the voices that distract us,**

**open our hearts to your Word,**

**and help us to receive your grace with joy.**

**By your Holy Spirit,**

**shape us into a people**

**who trust your goodness,**

**share your generosity,**

**and delight in the growing of your kingdom.**

**Through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**Amen.**

*\*Congregation please stand as able.*

### \*HYMN

*“I Sing the Almighty Power of God”*

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## OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Isaiah 55:1-13

## SPECIAL MUSIC

## TIME WITH THE YOUNG DISCIPLES

## SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

## SERMON

*“Seeds of the Kingdom: Who Are You Looking At?”*

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

*“Freely, Freely”*

#389

## \*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

## \*POSTLUDE

~Prayer Requests~



|                 |                     |
|-----------------|---------------------|
| Angie Bolin     | 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  | Ann Todd            |
| Glen Pettygrove | Donna Walker        |
| Fred Phillips   | Brian Wright        |
| Roger Pulcheon  | Rodger Wyland       |
| Buddy Rogers    |                     |

**Thank You!** The Men's and Women's Groups would like to thank everyone that attended the July 4th Celebration this past Sunday. A special "thank you" goes out to those that provided additional side dishes for the event, and to those that helped clean up afterwards! Good food was enjoyed, but more importantly, lots of fellowship was enjoyed, which always makes God smile!

**Vacation Bible School** July 27—July 31

We will be **making decorations** at the church on **Friday, July 17th** if anyone wants to join in a day of "community construction". We are also asking for adults to invite their teenage kids/grandkids to volunteer for the various open spaces left. Station leaders are encouraged to begin decorating their rooms. See Pastor Brooks for more information.

~ Contact Information ~

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~Calendar of Events~

July 12, 2026— July 19, 2026

**Sunday—7/12**

10:00 AM Worship Service

**Monday—7/13**

8:00AM ROMEOS (HUMC Library)

**Tuesday—7/14**

9:00 AM Prayer Team (Library)

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

**Wednesday—7/15**

**Thursday—7/16**

7:00 PM Choir Practice

**Sunday—7/19**

10:00 AM Worship Service

*Altar Flowers*

Today's altar flowers were  
given from...

The Cape Cod Sisters

*"In loving memory of Bob Patrick."*

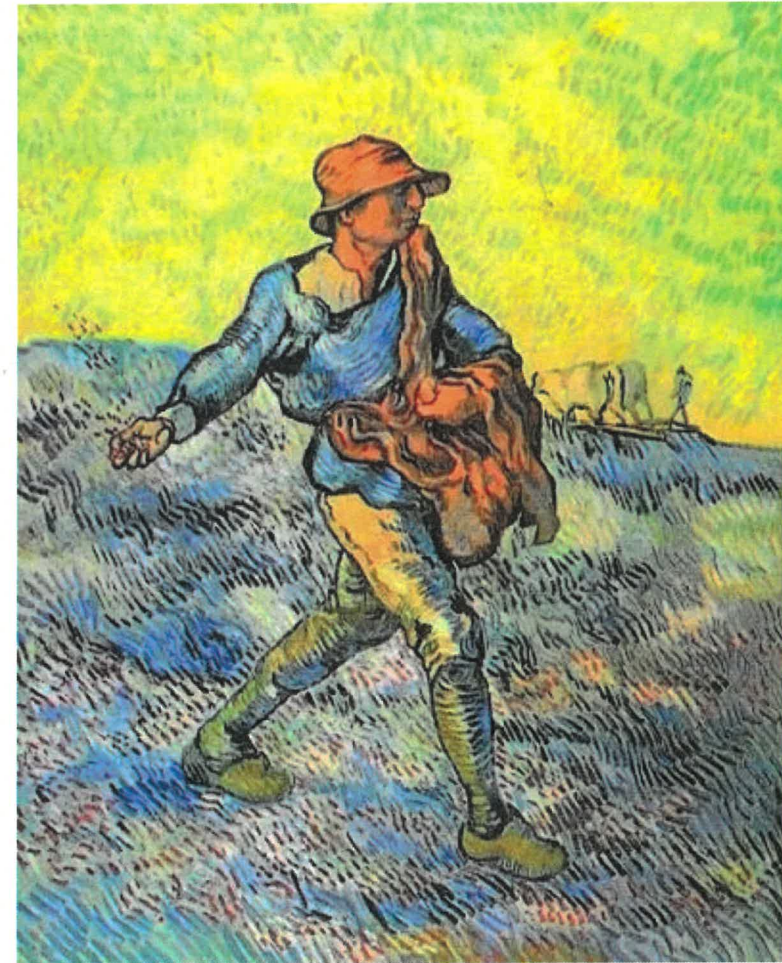
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