



HAYESBARTON

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

August 16, 2026
8:30 & 11:00AM

Our vision is
***to become fully alive as
followers of Jesus Christ***

We seek to do this by
***choosing Christ, Community,
and Compassion***



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WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

USHERS (8:30)

Hunter Jones, Captain
Ben Clifton, David Hardy, Chris Taft,
Wes Vance, Andrew Tripp

USHERS (11:00)

Leah & John Callaway

COMMUNION SERVERS (8:30)

Annette Cass, Sue Zaytoun,
Scott Gibson & Tim Edwards

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS

are given to the glory of God
and in appreciation of those
who provide beautiful music
for worship services
by Cheryl Hall

GUEST PIANIST

Nancy Whelan

WELCOME

We're glad you're here! To learn more about Hayes Barton and getting involved, please contact Rev. Sarah Swandell (sswandell@hbumc.org).

Children of all ages are welcome to join us for worship. Nursery care is available. Ushers can assist you with seating and/or direct you to our nursery. If at any point you or your little one needs a break during the service, please feel free to step into our parlor, located in the hallway off the Stone Street entrance. The service will be streaming there, so you can continue to join us comfortably.

Restrooms and water fountains are available as you leave the sanctuary to your right, across the lobby and down the hall past the parlor, or to your left, through the double doors by the elevator, then on the right.

Want to receive emails from Hayes Barton about upcoming Bible studies, events and other offerings? Email Stephen Aber (saber@hbumc.org)

To submit a confidential or shared prayer request to the clergy, please email prayer@hbumc.org.

PASTORAL STAFF

David Beam..... Lead Pastor
Sarah Swandell Pastor of Support
Lindsey Jennings..... Pastor of Formation
Matt Ashburn Pastor of Visitation
Claire Watson..... Pastor of Youth Ministry

LAY STAFF

Stephen Aber Organist/Communications
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Becky Balentine..... Dir. InCrowd Ministry
Alexi Batchelor..... Org. Development Manager
Austin Bowling Technical Arts
Tina Colly Administrative Coordinator
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Joey Propst..... Maintenance & Security
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Jason Trice..... Dir. Outreach & Fellowship
Corey Ward..... Dir. Contemporary Music
Meghan Watson Dir. Children's Ministries
Robert White Maintenance & Security
Brooks Wicker..... Controller

GATHERING AND PRAISE

*Who are the trifecta of God — the three types of vulnerable people the Bible lifts up again and again? When have I been vulnerable and someone has made me feel safe?
How is God calling the church to be a haven for the hurting?*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *It Is Well* arr. David Schwoebel

*CALL TO WORSHIP from Deuteronomy 10

God, our God, is the God of all gods, the Master of all masters,
a God immense and powerful and awesome!

God is not partial and takes no bribe.
God doesn't play favorites.

The Lord makes sure orphans and widows are treated fairly,
and takes loving care of foreigners by seeing that they get food and clothing.
**We are the foreigners who have been loved by God,
freed from slavery in Egypt, set free to love one another.
Praise the Lord!**

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN *The God of Abraham Praise* Hymn #116

*OPENING PRAYER

**God of all peoples,
your love transcends all the boundaries we try to place around it.
You are a rescuer of the oppressed, a helper of the hurting.
Forgive us for how often we forget
that you rescued us, and rescue us still.
Forgive us for turning away from the stranger in need.
Free us to remember who we are, and Whose we are.
Free us to serve the vulnerable people close to your heart.
In the name of the One who became vulnerable for our sake,
Christ Jesus our Lord.
Amen.**

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

FIRST LESSON

Exodus 22:21-22

You shall not wrong or oppress a foreigner, for you were foreigners in the land of Egypt. You shall not abuse any widow or orphan.

The Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

TIME WITH THE YOUNG DISCIPLES (11:00)

Meghan Watson

SECOND LESSON

Ruth 3

Naomi, [Ruth's] mother-in-law, said to her, "My daughter, I need to seek some security for you, so that it may be well with you. Now here is our kinsman Boaz, with whose young women you have been working. See, he is winnowing barley tonight at the threshing floor. Now wash and anoint yourself, and put on your best clothes and go down to the threshing floor, but do not make yourself known to the man until he has finished eating and drinking."

"When he lies down, observe the place where he lies; then go and uncover his feet and lie down, and he will tell you what to do." [Ruth] said to her, "All that you say I will do."

So she went down to the threshing floor and did just as her mother-in-law had instructed her. When Boaz had eaten and drunk and was in a contented mood, he went to lie down at the end of the heap of grain. Then she came stealthily and uncovered his feet and lay down.

At midnight the man was startled and turned over, and there, lying at his feet, was a woman! He said, "Who are you?" And she answered, "I am Ruth, your servant; spread your cloak over your servant, for you are next-of-kin."

[Boaz] said, "May you be blessed by the Lord, my daughter; this last instance of your loyalty is better than the first; you have not gone after young men, whether poor or rich. And now, my daughter, do not be afraid, I will do for you all that you ask, for all the assembly of my people know that you are a worthy woman. But now, though it is true that I am a near kinsman, there is another kinsman more closely related than I. Remain this night, and in the morning, if he will act as next-of-kin for you, good; let him do it. But if he is not willing to act as next-of-kin for you, then, as the Lord lives, I will act as next-of-kin for you. Lie down until the morning."

So [Ruth] lay at his feet until morning but got up before one person could recognize another, for he said, "It must not be known that the woman came to the threshing floor." Then he said, "Bring the cloak you are wearing and hold it out."

So she held it, and he measured out six measures of barley and put it on her back; then he went into the town. She came to her mother-in-law, who said, "How did things go with you, my daughter?" Then [Ruth] told her all that the man had done for her, saying, "He gave me these six measures of barley, for he said, 'Do not go back to your mother-in-law empty-handed.'" [Naomi] replied, "Wait, my daughter, until you learn how the matter turns out, for the man will not rest but will settle the matter today."

The Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Unexpected Friendships: The Trifecta of God

Pastor Sarah

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

INVITATION, CONFESSION, AND PARDON (8:30)

**Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have failed to be an obedient church.**

**We have not done your will, we have broken your law,
we have rebelled against your love,
we have not loved our neighbors,
and we have not heard the cry of the needy.**

**Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Pause for silent confession.

Hear the good news:

Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; 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.

*RESPONSE HYMN (11:00)

The Summons

The Faith We Sing #2130

PRAYERS FOR THE CHURCH AND FOR THE WORLD

Lord, in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

PRESENTATION OF GOD'S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

Please pass the attendance register. Visitors, please share your contact information.

To offer your tithes and offerings, visit hbumc.org/give
or mail checks to: HBUMC, 2209 Fairview Rd, Raleigh NC 27608

OFFERTORY

People Need the Lord
Chamber Choir (8:30) Chancel Choir (11:00)

arr. Lloyd Larson

Every day they pass me by, I can see it in their eyes:
Empty people filled with care, headed who knows where.
On they go through private pain, living fear to fear;
Laughter hides their silent cries only Jesus hears.

*People need the Lord, people need the Lord.
At the end of broken dreams, He's the open door.
People need the Lord, people need the Lord.*

We are called to take His light to a world where wrong seems right.
What could be too great a cost for sharing life with one who's lost?
Through His love our hearts can feel all the grief they bear;
They must hear the words of life only we can share. *Refrain*

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

HOLY COMMUNION (8:30)

*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (sung responses)

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.**

The minister continues

And so, with your people on earth, and all the company of heaven,
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.

The minister continues

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice,
in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.
Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

The minister continues

Through your son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy church,
all honor and glory are 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.

***RECEIVING THE BREAD AND CUP (Gluten-free elements available)**

***PRAYER FOLLOWING 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. Amen.

SENDING FORTH

***CLOSING HYMN**

The Voice of God Is Calling

#436

Alternate Tune: LANCASHIRE

***BENEDICTION AND CHIMES**

POSTLUDE

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

arr. Lloyd Larson

***Stand as you are able. CCLI License # 2367044**

PRAYER CONCERNS

To submit a confidential or shared prayer request to the clergy, please email prayer@hbumc.org.

PRAYER LIST

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Susan Ward
Jennifer Wlodarski

DEATHS

Joby McLeod: August 9, 2026

ONGOING PRAYER CONCERNS

Our Government Leaders
Those Affected by
Natural Disasters
Our In-Crowd Members
We pray for peace and the end of conflict
around our world

OUR CHURCH LEADERS

Pastors David, Sarah,
Lindsey, Matt, and Claire
Our HBUMC Ministry Team
District Superintendent David Joyner
Bishop Connie Shelton

HAYES BARTON HIGHLIGHTS

RECONNECT SUNDAY - AUGUST 30

As summer draws to a close, make plans to jump back into community at Hayes Barton on Sunday, August 30! Along with our regular worship schedule, we'll feature special programming for all ages during the Sunday School Hour:

- Youth will gather in the Joy Class Assembly Room to reconnect, while Parents of Youth meet in the Chapel to discuss supporting their teens this year.
- Children's Ministry families (birth–5th grade) will meet in Casper Holroyd Hall to preview the year, meet teachers, participate in the Blessing of the Backpacks, and celebrate milestone Bible presentations for 2 & 3-year-olds, Kindergartners, 5th graders, and first-time preschoolers. **Please register your child (Deadline TODAY) at hbumc.org/signups.**
- All other adults are invited to the Fellowship Hall for a pastor Q&A, connection, and ways to get involved. Each space will offer refreshments, ways to get connected, and upcoming event info. Email Pastor Lindsey with any questions!

CHILDREN & YOUTH VOLUNTEER TRAINING - AUGUST 23

If you're planning to volunteer in the Children's or Youth Ministries in the upcoming year, you will need to join us for Volunteer training next Sunday, **August 23, at 2:00pm** in the Fellowship Hall. (There will be NO makeup date)

FEAST OF CREATION DINNER AND WORSHIP - SEPTEMBER 1

The Hayes Barton Creation Care Team invites you to join us on September 1st for a delicious feast in the Fellowship Hall from 5:30–6:30pm. This meal will be sourced locally and prepared by Chef Netta from the Spring Forest Farm and Faith Community in Hillsborough. At 6:30, immediately following dinner, we will move into the sanctuary for a family-friendly worship service. Register your meal choice: **hbumc.org/signups**

REFUGEE HOPE PARTNERS HOMEWORK HELP

Join us on Tuesday, September 15, from 4:15–6:00pm as we partner with Refugee Hope Partners to encourage elementary school students through after-school homework help. **hbumc.org/signups**

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