

Worship

March 16, 2025 | 11am

HAYESBARTON

GATHERING AND PRAISE

WELCOME

PRELUDE

The King of Love My Shepherd Is
Liz Epstein, guest organist

arr. by Raymond Haan

*CALL TO WORSHIP

The Lord Jesus Christ is our shepherd.
He lays down his life for his sheep.
The Lord Jesus Christ is our shepherd.
He knows us, and we belong to him.
The Lord Jesus Christ is our shepherd.
He speaks, and we listen for his voice.

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

Hymn #381

*OPENING PRAYER

Good Shepherd, you call us by name, and we know your voice. Open the gate for us, that we may come and go freely, have life, and have it abundantly. Amen.

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

FIRST LESSON

Ezekiel 34:1-6, 11-16

NRSV

The word of the Lord came to me: Mortal, prophesy against the shepherds of Israel; prophesy and say to them: To the shepherds—thus says the Lord God: Woe, you shepherds of Israel who have been feeding yourselves! Should not shepherds feed the sheep? You eat the fat; you clothe yourselves with the wool; you slaughter the fatted calves, but you do not feed the sheep. You have not strengthened the weak; you have not healed the sick; you have not bound up the injured; you have not brought back the strays; you have not sought the lost, but with force and harshness you have ruled them. So they were scattered because there was no shepherd, and scattered they became food for all the wild animals. My sheep were scattered; they wandered over all the mountains and on every high hill; my sheep were scattered over all the face of the earth, with no one to search or seek for them.

For thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep and will sort them out. As shepherds sort out their flocks when they are among scattered sheep, so I will sort out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries and bring them into their own land, and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strays, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

“Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.” Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits, but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.

“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own, and my own know me, just as the Father knows me, and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.”

Again the Jews were divided because of these words. Many of them were saying, “He has a demon and is out of his mind. Why listen to him?” Others were saying, “These are not the words of one who has a demon. Can a demon open the eyes of the blind?”

SERMON

I am the Gate. I am the Good Shepherd.

Pastor Molly

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*RESPONSE HYMN

The King of Love, My Shepherd Is

Hymn #138

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Molly Evelyn Gardner,
daughter of Katie and Matt Gardner, sister of Cooper
Anna James O’Neal,
daughter of Katherine and James O’Neal, sister of Margaret and Kate

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PRAYERS FOR THE CHURCH AND FOR THE WORLD

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

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

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need
Chancel Choir

arr. Mack Wilberg

My Shepherd will supply my need; Jehovah is His Name;
In pastures fresh He makes me feed, beside the living stream.
He brings my wand’ring spirit back when I forsake His ways,
And leads me for His mercy’s sake in paths of truth and grace.

When I walk through the shades of death, thy presence is my stay;
One word of Thy supporting breath drives all my fears away.

Thy hand, in sight of all my foes, doth still my table spread;
My cup with blessings overflows; Thine oil anoints my head.

The sure provisions of my God attend me all my days;
O may Thy house be mine abode, and all my work be praise!
There would I find a settled rest while others go and come,
No more a stranger, nor a guest, but like a child at home.

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Hymn #95

SENDING FORTH

*CLOSING HYMN

He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought

Hymn #128

*BENEDICTION AND CHIMES

POSTLUDE

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WELCOME TO HAYES BARTON!

Our congregation exists so that all of God's people can come alive in God's kingdom. We seek to do this through worship, formation, and serving in our community and beyond. If you would like to learn more about our congregation and ways to connect, please contact Amy Piland, at apiland@hbumc.org. To submit a confidential or shared prayer request to the clergy, please email prayer@hbumc.org.

PRAYER CONCERNS & WORSHIP LEADERS

BIRTHS

Minter Aloysius Hopkins, daughter of
Leslie and Tiffer Hopkins

DEATHS

Katie Covington,
mother of Anderson Covington

PRAYER CONCERNS

Zack Anstett
Dorothy Ashworth
Bill Collins
Laura Deprill
Doug Gill
Steve Gill
Pat & Bud Gore
Gilbert Hay
Larry Haynes
Jennifer Hollerung
Marilyn Hunter
Tony Lambeth
Oliver Morrel
Becky Perry

Jim Riggins

Gladys Rose
Barbara Smith

Theresa & Dick Stevens Our
Government Leaders

Those Affected by Natural Disasters
Our In-Crowd Members
Peace in Palestine, Israel, Haiti, and
Ukraine

Hurricane Helene Recovery

OUR CHURCH LEADERS

Pastors David, Molly, Laura,
Sarah, and Schylar
District Superintendent Chris Brady
Bishop Connie Shelton

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS

The altar flowers are given to the glory
of God and in memory Frank Scott on
the occasion of his 92nd birthday by
Mary Scott.

USHERS

Carson Carmichael, Captain,
Cab Barkley, Collins Barwick,
Billy Blackburn, Tom Perkinson,
Dickie Thomson

GREETERS

Andy Wright, Miriam Lang

MUSIC

Mike Trexler,
Director of Creative Arts
Liz Epstein, Guest Organist

MANNA AND MERCY

A WEEKEND WITH
REV. ALAN STOREY
MARCH 21 - 23, 2025



Join us for a Manna & Mercy gathering at Hayes Barton UMC and Southeast Raleigh Table UMC, March 21-23.

Take a fresh look at scripture through the interpretive lens of Jesus' life, death and resurrection. Arranged over three days, this retreat provides deep conversation as Rev. Alan Storey of the Methodist Church of Southern Africa facilitates the journey from Genesis to Revelation, providing a biblical worldview and keys to interpret scripture so that all can access its life-giving message. The cost to attend is \$40 (\$15 for students, including college and graduate) and covers the workbook, dinner, light breakfast, and a boxed lunch.

Visit hbumc.org/signups or scan the QR code for more info, including a bonus event at Benson Memorial as Rev. Storey discusses his upcoming book, and to register!

TODAY
10am-12:45pm

Seeker's Class Annual Chicken Dinner Fundraiser

Supporting Food Insecurity Programs

Don't forget to pick up your pre-orders after worship today!

If you're still interested in purchasing lunch, there is a limited supply of plates available for purchase at the door.

Adult Plates - \$12 | Chicken, rice, beans, rolls, and cake
Kids Plates - \$8 | Chicken leg, mac & cheese, fruit, and cake

Thank you for supporting this annual fundraiser!

FOOD DRIVE

FOR TAYLOR-BURROUGHS MARKET P.L.A.C.E

We are collecting:

- Canned veggies
- Canned meats (spam, Vienna sausages, tuna, chicken, chicken salad)
- Canned fruits
- 1 pound bag of rice
- Cereal (small or regular size)
- Spaghetti noodles and sauce
- Instant oatmeal
- Any condiments (jelly, dressings, ketchup, mayo, mustard)
- Hormel Complete Meals
- Regular Ensure (vanilla/strawberry)
- Plant-based Ensure (vanilla)
- Box juices for kids
- Macaroni and cheese
- Peanut butter and Jelly



We will have collection bins in the Well now through March 30.

Join us for EASTER

at Hayes Barton United Methodist Church

Maundy Thursday Worship | April 17, 7:00pm

Good Friday Worship | April 18, 7:00pm

Easter Sunday Worship
April 20 | 6:30, 8:30, 9:00, and 11:00am

Visit hbumc.org/lent for other events happening throughout this season.

Help add to the beauty of our church during Easter

Order Your Easter Lily!



The purchase of Easter lilies, for **\$15 each**, helps Soroptimist International of Mid-Atlantic with their "Live your Dream" program to help end violence against women and girls.

Visit HBUMC.org/signups or scan QR to order yours today. Please complete a form for each lily sponsored!

You can either pay by check to HBUMC and put "Lily" on the memo line or pay online through our online giving platform at hbumc.org/give and choose "Seasonal Decor Fund." Please return forms and payment by **April 14**.

I AM

In Jesus' Own Words

Lenten Sermon Series | March 9 - April 6

TOOL DRIVE: SUPPORTING YOUTH SERVICE TRIPS

HBUMC Youth have been serving through Appalachia Service Project and summer service trips for 40+ years! Help us replace & repair our broken tools and support the yearly costs of Youth Service Trips through a donation of any size.

**Help us reach our goal of:
\$41,000**

To contribute, visit hbumc.org/signups or scan the QR Code.



VBS REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!



We're getting ready for an exciting Road Trip VBS, June 16-19, 2025, from 9:00 -12:45pm. Registration is \$40 per child and includes all supplies (no additional supply donations needed!), a VBS t-shirt, and access to digital music. Get ready for an exciting adventure as we hit the road and discover how God guides us every step of the way! Open to ages 3 (as of August 30, 2024) to 5th grade. Visit hbumc.org/signups to register today. Spots are limited!