



HAYESBARTON

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

August 2, 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)

Greg Weaver, Captain
Jeff Hendrick, Paul Holscher,
Robby Jessup, Michael McKnight,
Beth & Roger Russell, Wayne Young,

COMMUNION SERVERS (8:30)

Annette Cass, Shelly Greer,
Sue Zaytoun

STEPHEN MINISTRY

PRAYER PARTNER (8:30)

Neill McLeod

STEPHEN MINISTRY

PRAYER PARTNER (11:00)

Dennis Poteat

COMMUNION SERVERS (11:00)

Mary Ellen Jordan, Joelyn Harrington,
Sherry Nelson & Andy Wright,
Leah & John Callaway

GUEST PIANIST

Nancy Whelan

We are in need of **Flower Sponsors**
for August 9th and 23rd. Please email
hbumcflowers@gmail.com if interested.

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**.

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GATHERING AND PRAISE

Some of God's greatest gifts come in the form of people we never expected to meet. In Ruth 1, an unexpected friendship becomes the first sign that God has not abandoned Naomi, reminding us that God often brings hope into our lives through the ordinary people walking beside us.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

arr. Dan Forrest

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Though we have walked through bitterness, God has not forsaken us.

**Though we have walked through bitterness,
God has not forsaken us.**

Where others turn back, God calls us to walk together.

**Your people shall be our people,
and you shall be our God.**

Come, let us worship the God whose steadfast love never fails.

Let us worship the Lord!

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

Hymn #127

*OPENING PRAYER

Faithful God,

You meet us on the road home.

When our hands are empty, fill us with your hope.

When we are weary, give us companions for the journey.

**Teach us to trust your steadfast love,
even when we cannot yet see what you are doing.**

**Lead us in the way of faithfulness,
and make us a blessing to one another and to the world;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

Amen.

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

FIRST LESSON

Ruth 1:1-14

In the days when the judges ruled, there was a famine in the land, and a certain man of Bethlehem in Judah went to live in the country of Moab, he and his wife and two sons. The name of the man was Elimelech and the name of his wife Naomi, and the names of his two sons were Mahlon and Chilion; they were Ephrathites from Bethlehem in Judah. They went into the country of Moab and remained there. But Elimelech, the husband of Naomi, died, and she was left with her two sons. These took Moabite wives; the name of the one was Orpah and the name of the other Ruth.

When they had lived there about ten years, both Mahlon and Chilion also died, so that the woman was left without her two sons and her husband. Then she started to return with her daughters-in-law from the country of Moab, for she had heard in the country of Moab that the LORD had considered his people and given them food. So she set out from the place where she had been living, she and her two daughters-in-law, and they went on their way to go back to the land of Judah. But Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, "Go back each of you to your mother's house. May the LORD deal kindly with you, as you have dealt with the dead and with me. The LORD grant that you may find security, each of you in the house of your husband." Then she kissed them, and they wept aloud.

They said to her, "No, we will return with you to your people." But Naomi said, "Turn back, my daughters, why will you go with me? Do I still have sons in my womb that they may become your husbands? Turn back, my daughters, go your way, for I am too old to have a husband. Even if I thought there was hope for me, even if I should have a husband tonight and bear sons, would you then wait until they were grown? Would you then refrain from marrying? No, my daughters, it has been far more bitter for me than for you, because the hand of the LORD has turned against me." Then they wept aloud again. Orpah kissed her mother-in-law, but Ruth clung to her.

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

So [Naomi] said, “See, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her gods; return after your sister-in-law.” But Ruth said, “Do not press me to leave you or to turn back from following you! Where you go, I will go; where you lodge, I will lodge; your people shall be my people, and your God my God. Where you die, I will die— there will I be buried. May the LORD do thus and so to me, and more as well, if even death parts me from you!” When Naomi saw that she was determined to go with her, she said no more to her. So the two of them went on until they came to Bethlehem. When they came to Bethlehem, the whole town was stirred because of them; and the women said, “Is this Naomi?”

She said to them, “Call me no longer Naomi, call me Mara, for the Almighty has dealt bitterly with me. I went away full, but the LORD has brought me back empty; why call me Naomi when the LORD has dealt harshly with me, and the Almighty has brought calamity upon me?” So Naomi returned together with Ruth the Moabite, her daughter-in-law, who came back with her from the country of Moab. They came to Bethlehem at the beginning of the barley harvest.

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SERMON

Unexpected Friendships: The Journey of Ruth and Naomi

Pastor David

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

INVITATION, CONFESSION, AND PARDON

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.

PRAYERS FOR THE CHURCH AND FOR THE WORLD

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

PRESENTATION OF GOD'S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

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To offer your tithes and offerings, visit hbumc.org/give
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OFFERTORY *Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart* (8:30) arr. Lloyd Larson

For the Bread, Which You Have Broken arr. Howard Helvey
Chancel Choir (11:00)

For the bread, which you have broken, for the wine, which you have poured,
For the words, which you have spoken, now we give you thanks, O Lord.
By this pledge that you do love us, by the gift of peace restored,
By your call to Heav'n above us, hallow all our lives, O Lord.

With our sainted ones in glory, seated at our Father's board,
May the Church, which waits still for thee, keep love's tie unbroken, Lord.
In your service, Lord, defend us, in our hearts keep watch and ward,
In the world, where you have sent us, let your kingdom come, O Lord.

*DOXOLOGY *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* Hymn #94

**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

*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

Abide with Me

#700

*BENEDICTION AND CHIMES

POSTLUDE

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

arr. Caudill & Nelson

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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

UNEXPECTED FRIENDSHIPS

Today, we begin our journey through the book of Ruth in a four-week sermon series, *Unexpected Friendships*. Together we'll wrestle with what it means to welcome the stranger.

Where have we experienced unexpected welcome?

How might we invite others into the hospitality God first showed us?

SUMMER SEMINARY CONTINUES

Our six-week series of standalone classes continues during the 10:00am hour in the Fellowship Hall. No sign-up or preparation needed, just come as you are ready to learn and connect with others! **Today's Topic: *Sacred Spaces*** with Rev. Sally Bates

MIDWEEK EXAMEN PRAYER GATHERING

Need a moment to pause, reflect, and connect with God in the middle of the week? Join Pastor Lindsey virtually on Wednesdays at noon for a 15-30 minute guided Examen prayer gathering. There's nothing to read, bring, or study ahead of time. Simply log in and be guided through a gentle time of prayer and reflection. **hbumc.org/signups**

RECONNECT SUNDAY - AUGUST 30

As summer draws to a close, make plans to reconnect with your church family on Sunday, August 30, as we kick off the new Sunday School year! In addition to our regular Worship Service schedule, we'll feature special programming for all ages during the 10:00 AM Sunday School hour, including our traditional milestone Bible presentations. This year, we'll launch a new class for 2-year-olds. All children turning 2 or 3 by August 31, 2026, are eligible to receive their first Bible alongside our rising Kindergartners, 5th graders, and first-time preschoolers. If your child needs their milestone Bible (or missed a previous one), please register by Sunday, August 16 at **hbumc.org/signups**

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, **August 23, at 2:00pm** in the Fellowship Hall. (there will be NO makeup date)

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