



until everyone has a place to belong

Haslett Community Church  
United Church of Christ

Sunday, April 14, 2024  
10:00 AM

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## Haslett Community Church Mission:

We welcome radically, love fiercely, and care relentlessly.

## Our Vision:

A world where everyone has a place to belong.

### VALUES:

#### We welcome radically because:

- **Jesus welcomed everyone** in his life and ministry, and we are called to follow him.
- Saying “welcome” isn’t enough. Radical welcome means we believe all people are created in the image of God, that their truest self is sacred, and they are worthy of inclusion and respect.
- Churches have not always been places of welcome, particularly for historically marginalized groups. We want to be clear that our doors are open wide for all, and we will continue to learn how to live into our Open & Affirming Covenant.

#### We love fiercely because:

- **God is love.**
- Alluding to the love of God occasionally is not enough. To love fiercely means to keep love at the forefront of all we do at our church and while we serve the community.
- We believe transformation is possible when we learn to love ourselves, love others, love God and love the world.

#### We care relentlessly because:

- **We are cared for by the presence and the movement of the Spirit.**
- A life of faith does not promise an easy life, but a Christian community can help ease burdens through compassion and relentless care for neighbor and stranger.
- While grace is offered freely, acts of care have value and help move creation toward wholeness, peace and belonging.

#### We envision a world where everyone has a place to belong because:

- **We are created for community.**
- We believe no one should be without a community that models the radical welcome of Jesus, the fierce love of God, and the Spirit’s relentless care.



**We strive to ensure that all are comfortable worshiping with us.** Therefore, we:

- Offer three ways to worship: in our Sanctuary, from your car in our south lot (radio to 88.7 FM - turn up your volume) and via livestream (see website for details).
- Provide large print worship bulletins and hearing assist receivers in the sanctuary upon request – an usher would be happy to help you
- Have a building that is barrier free with accessible restrooms. Gender neutral bathrooms are downstairs and are accessible by stairs and elevator.
- Are an Open & Affirming Church which means we welcome and affirm persons of every gender, gender identity and expression, sexual orientation, ability, age, race, nationality, economic status, faith background, marital status, or family structure.

**We welcome families and households of every size and age and want children to know they are welcome here.**

Our Vision:  
*Welcome radically • Love fiercely • Care relentlessly  
until everyone has a place to belong.*

**Third Sunday of Easter**  
**April 14, 2024 10:00 am**

*When you see an \*, you are invited to stand as you are able. When text is in bold, you are invited to speak aloud.*

**Gathering**

**Welcome & Announcements**

**Choral Call to Worship**      “Surely the Lord is in this Place”      Colvin

**Call to Worship**

In our Easter joy, we find a God of new starts and fresh growth.

**In our Easter grace, we find a God of renewal and transformation.**

In our Easter faith, we find a God to carry us from darkness and despair.

**In our Easter peace, we find a God to nurture us in hope and love.**

In our Easter lives, let us glorify God’s name, now and forevermore.

**In our Easter presence, let us worship in community.**

\* **Hymn #241**      “Joy Dawned Again on Easter Day”      Latin 5<sup>th</sup> cent.  
PUER NOBIS NASCITUR

**Prayer of Approach**

**Energizing God,**

**On this new day, let us jump up to proclaim the splendor of your care for us. Fill us with wonder and guide us to walk forward with faith and gratitude. Renew us with your Easter love, so that our faith in your transforming power leaps from our hearts. Re-charge us with the immensity of your mercy and grace, so that we sing praise for your goodness, and whisper thanks for your gentleness. In the name of the risen Christ, let our lives shout hallelujah. Amen.**

**Moment of Reflection**

**Hymn Response #236**

“Halle, Halle, Halle”  
(please sing two times)

Caribbean Melody

Congregation

Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - ia. Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - ia. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - ia. Hal - le - lu - ia!, Hal - le - lu - ia!

**First Scripture Reading**

**Psalm 34: 1-8 (The Message)**

- 1 I bless God every chance I get;  
my lungs expand with God’s praise.
- 2 I live and breathe God;  
if things aren’t going well, hear this and be happy:
- 3 Join me in spreading the news;  
together let’s get the word out.
- 4 God met me more than halfway,  
and freed me from my anxious fears.
- 5 Look at God; show your warmest smile.  
Never hide your feelings from God.
- 6 When I was desperate, I called out,  
and God got me out of a tight spot.
- 7 God’s angel sets up a circle  
of protection around us while we pray.
- 8 Open your mouth and taste, open your eyes and see—  
how good God is.  
Blessed are you who run to God.

**Anthem**

“Peace Into Each Other’s Hands”

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ST. COLUMBA

## Children's Moment

*Preschool through 5th graders are invited to Sunday School.*

### Second Scripture Reading

**Acts 3: 1-10**

One day Peter and John were going up to the temple at the hour of prayer, at three o'clock in the afternoon. <sup>2</sup> And a man lame from birth was being carried in. People would lay him daily at the gate of the temple called the Beautiful Gate so that he could ask for alms from those entering the temple. <sup>3</sup> When he saw Peter and John about to go into the temple, he asked them for alms. <sup>4</sup> Peter looked intently at him, as did John, and said, "Look at us." <sup>5</sup> And he fixed his attention on them, expecting to receive something from them. <sup>6</sup> Peter said, "I have no silver or gold, but what I have I give you; in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, stand up and walk." <sup>7</sup> And he took him by the right hand and raised him up, and immediately his feet and ankles were made strong. <sup>8</sup> Jumping up, he stood and began to walk, and he entered the temple with them, walking and leaping and praising God. <sup>9</sup> All the people saw him walking and praising God, <sup>10</sup> and they recognized him as the one who used to sit and ask for alms at the Beautiful Gate of the temple, and they were filled with wonder and astonishment at what had happened to him.

**Sermon** "in•tent•ly/in'tentlē/: (adverb) with earnest and eager attention"

\* **Hymn #256**

"We Live by Faith and Not by Sight"  
(TO THE TUNE OF AMAZING GRACE - verses 1,3,& 4)

Alford  
NEW BRITAIN

<b>1</b> We live by faith and not by sight; no gracious words we hear From Christ who spoke as none e'er spoke, who still we know is near.	<b>4</b> That, when our life of faith is done, In realms of clearer light We may behold you as you are, With full and endless sight.
<b>3</b> Help then, O Christ, our unbelief; And may our faith abound To call on you when you are near And seek where you are found;	

**Invitation to Share Tithes & Offerings** (see page 5 for digital giving options)

**Information about our Spiritual Music Fund** (see insert for examples of Spirituals)

**Offertory**

**\* Doxology**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Holy Spirit evermore;  
Praise Christ all creatures here below; One God, Triune, whom we adore. Amen**

**Joys & Concerns**

**Prayers of the People & 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.*

**\* Benediction**

**\* Choral Benediction Response** "Twofold Amen" Persichetti

**Postlude**

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We worship every Sunday at 10:00 am, and you are welcome to join us.

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You are invited  
TO JOIN IN THE CELEBRATION OF  
THE 70<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF  
Haslett Community Church  
SUNDAY, APRIL 21, 2024

THE CELEBRATION WILL BEGIN WITH A SPECIAL WORSHIP AT 10AM.  
CELEBRATORY LUNCHEON FOLLOWING THE SERVICE  
(MAIN DISH WILL BE PROVIDED, ALL GUESTS ARE ASKED TO BRING  
A SIDE DISH OR DESSERT TO SHARE POTLUCK STYLE).

PLEASE SHARE THIS INVITATION WITH PAST FRIENDS AND MEMBERS OF HCC. ALL ARE WELCOME!

*Built Through Love and Work*





**Ministry Connections**  
**Reaching Out to Each Other and Our Community**  
**April 14, 2024**



We heartily welcome all to our service of worship.

May the comfort and challenge of God's loving presence renew and inspire you this morning and throughout the coming week.



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 Haslett Community Church

**CHURCH CALENDAR (April 14 - April 21)**

<b>Sunday</b> 4/14/2024	8:30 - 9:30 AM	Breakfast in April #2 (FH,K)
	10:00 AM	Worship (S, Online)
	10:00 AM	Sunday School (SS)
	11:15 AM	Knitters, Crocheters, etc. (L)
	5:00 - 6:30 PM	YOUTH: MS Youth Group (YR)
	7:00 - 9:00 PM	YOUTH: HS Youth Group (YR)
<b>Monday</b> 4/15/2024		<b>Flamingo Fundraiser Begins</b> (See Insert for details)
<b>Tuesday</b> 4/16/2024		<b>Newsletter Items Due</b> <i>Email <a href="mailto:hcc1@att.net">hcc1@att.net</a></i>
	10:30 AM - 1PM	Onsite Office Hours (Ofc)
<b>Wednesday</b> 4/17/2024	11:30 AM - 1PM	Pastor Betsy Office Hours (Ofc)
	7:00 - 8:30 PM	Choir Rehearsal (CR)
<b>Thursday</b> 4/18/2024	9:00 - 9:45 AM	Sermon Preview Group (Z)
	10:30 AM - 1PM	HCC Onsite Office Hours (Ofc)
	<b>7:00 PM</b>	<b>Mythology &amp; Beliefs (MM)</b>
<b>Saturday</b> 4/20/2024	9:00 AM	Men's Group Meets (Z)
	8:00 - 10:00 PM	YOUTH: MS Prom Party!
<b>Sunday</b> 4/21/2024	10:00 AM	Worship (S, Online) <i>Joyful Offering</i>
	11:00 AM	70 <sup>th</sup> Anniv. Celebration Lunch
<b>HCC Turns 70!!</b>	5:00 - 6:30 PM	YOUTH: MS Youth Group (YR)
	7:00 - 9:00 PM	YOUTH: HS Youth Group (YR)

**Legend:** CR=Choir Rm; DS = downstairs; FH= Fellowship Hall; Fr = Friendship Hall; K =Kitchen; L=Library; Ofc=HCC Office; MM = Mary & Martha Rm DS; N = Nursery DS; S=Sanctuary; SS=Sunday School Rooms (downstairs); YR=Youth Rm; Z=Zoom

**NEWSLETTER DEADLINE** - Information you'd like included in the May 2024 Newsletter is due to Michele no later than **THIS TUESDAY, April 16.**

Please send to: [hcc1@att.net](mailto:hcc1@att.net)

**Haslett Community Church welcomes You!**

If you are visiting, please take a purple dove cup with a sweet treat and helpful information on your way out!

We worship every Sunday at 10:00 am.

**FLAMINGO FLOCK A FRIEND YOUTH FUNDRAISER!**

**APRIL 15 - MAY 15**

You don't want to miss an opportunity to fill a friend's lawn or mail with some pink flamingoes!



Scan the QR code with your phone camera to sign up to Flock-A-Friend! There is a link at the bottom of the form to pay electronically. **See insert for more details!**



**Breakfast in April!**

Social Committee & friends look forward to serving you breakfast once more before worship on

**SUNDAY, April 28, 8:30 - 9:30 am.**

**All are welcome!** (NO Breakfast next week)  
 Contact Kim Carnes if you'd like to help.

Thank you for continuing to support Haslett Community Church as you are able. We receive your gifts with gratitude. We have some no-touch options to help make your giving easy and safe:

- Use your phone camera to scan the QR code to the right to access our Online Giving.
- Text GIVE to our secure giving number: 517-200-3995
- PayPal us at:

[HCCgenerosity@gmail.com](mailto:HCCgenerosity@gmail.com)

We are so grateful for your generosity!



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**Our thanks this morning to:**

<b>Reader:</b>	Rachel Bullock
<b>Greeters:</b>	Cambria Decker-Larkin & Carol Cramer
<b>Ushers:</b>	Liz Newport & Ron Rowe
<b>Audio/Visual Tech:</b>	Rich Newport & Aaron Copeland
<b>Tellers</b>	Sylvia Davis & Jim Durr

*The altar flowers today are donated by Sandra Porter.*



To donate Sanctuary flowers for a future Sunday, please sign up on the sheet on the wall outside the HCC office or online [HERE](#).

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**Thank you for worshiping with us! If you are visiting, or would like to know more about Haslett Community Church, you are invited to:**

- Take a “Purple Dove Cup” for your household on your way out – it has some helpful info and a treat inside.
- Fill out a “Welcome!” card available in the seat in front of you, and drop it in the offering plate or hand it to an usher so that we might be in touch with you in the ways you indicate would be helpful.
- Ask questions if you have them; our Pastors, ushers, and the people sitting around you are great sources of information and are happy to help you feel comfortable here.

No matter who you are, or where you are on life’s journey, you are welcome at Haslett Community Church where we strive to welcome everyone with the same unconditional hospitality demonstrated by the love of God in Christ for all people.

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# Joy Dawned Again on Easter Day

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*Latin, c. 5th century**Luke 24:36-37**Transl. John Mason Neale, 1851; alt.*

1 Joy dawned a - gain on Eas - ter Day, the sun shone  
2 O Je - sus, Sav - ior, Gen - tle One, come take our  
3 O Sov - ereign One, with us a - bide in this our

out with bright ar - ray; For when the A - pos - tles  
hearts to be your own, That we may give you  
joy - ful Eas - ter - tide; From ev - ery weap - on

hid in fear, the Ris - en Christ to them ap - peared.  
all our days the will - ing trib - ute of our praise.  
death can wield, your own re - deemed for - ev - er shield.

The musical score consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is two sharps (F# and C#), and the time signature is 3/4. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line, with line numbers 1, 2, and 3 corresponding to the three systems.

*This anonymous Latin hymn of uncertain date is one of the two earliest hymns assigned to a special season. From that beginning grew a full list of medieval Latin hymns assigned to specific times and seasons.*

Tune: PUER NOBIS NASCITUR L.M.

*German carol, 15th century*

*Adapt. Michael Praetorius, 1609*

*Harm. George R. Woodward, 1910*

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## **Music from the African American Community. We have sung many of these songs.**

Amen

Deep River

Go Down Moses

I Want Jesus to Walk With Me

I'll Fly Away

I'm Gonna Sing Till the Spirit Moves

Jesus, Jesus, Oh, What a Wonderful Child

Joshua Fit the Battle of Jericho

Lord, I Want to Be A Christian

Precious Lord Take My Hand

Savior God Above

Siya Hamba (We Are Marching In the Light of God)

Steal Away

Swing Low Sweet Chariot

Wade In the Water

We Are Climbing Jacob's Ladder

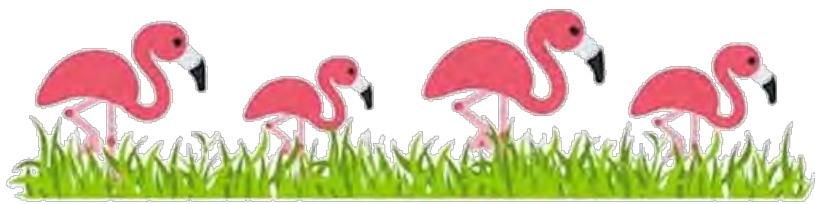
We Shall Not Give Up the Fight

We Shall Overcome

When Israel Was in Egypt's Land

When the Saints Go Marching

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FLOCK A  
**FRIEND**  
*fundraiser*

HCC YOUTH MISSION TRIPS

USE THE QR CODE  
TO SEND  
A FLOCK TO A  
FUN—LOVING—FRIEND!



APRIL 15<sup>TH</sup> THROUGH MAY 15<sup>TH</sup>

SEND A FLOCK OF YARD FLAMINGOS TO BE PLACED IN THE YARD  
OF A FUN—LOVING—FRIEND, FAMILY MEMBER OR NEIGHBOR!

\$20 FOR FLOCK OF  
12 FLAMINGOS

\$35 FOR FLOCK OF  
24 FLAMINGOS

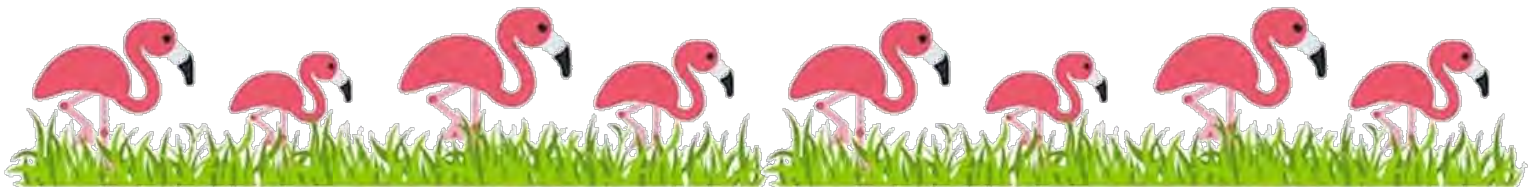
FOR ADDITIONAL \$10  
SENDER CAN REMAIN  
ANONYMOUS

FLOCK BLOCK INSURANCE (PREVENTS FLOCKING) IS AVAILABLE.  
\$15 PREVENTS FLOCKING FOR ONE WEEK, \$50 PREVENTS FLOCKING FOR THE WHOLE MONTH.

FLAMINGOS WILL BE DELIVERED BY YOUTH AND THEIR FAMILIES  
AND THE FLOCK WILL REMAIN IN PLACE FOR 24 HOURS (REMOVAL IS FREE).  
YOU CAN ORDER A FLOCK OF FLAMINGOS BY CLICKING GRAPHIC AT TOP OF THE PAGE  
LINK ALSO AVAILABLE ON THE HCC WEBSITE AND HCC'S FACEBOOK PAGE.  
YOU CAN ORDER FLOCK BLOCK INSURANCE BY EMAILING HCCFLAMINGOFUNDRAISER@GMAIL.COM  
PLEASE INCLUDE DATE(S) FOR INSURANCE (\$15 FOR ONE WEEK OR \$50 FOR WHOLE MONTH).

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DO YOU WANT TO FLOCK A FRIEND,  
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WE'VE COME UP WITH A WAY TO DO  
LONG DISTANCE FLOCKINGS!

FOR \$12

WE WILL MAIL A "YOU'VE BEEN FLOCKED" LETTER  
FULL OF 1,000 PIECES OF FLAMINGO CONFETTI  
TO THE RECIPIENT OF YOUR CHOOSING!

USE QR CODE TO ORDER  
ONLINE OR FILL OUR  
FORM BELOW



NO FLOCK BLOCK INSURANCE AVAILABLE FOR LONG DISTANCE FLOCKINGS!  
SENDER CAN REMAIN ANONYMOUS FOR ADDITIONAL \$10

FILL OUT BELOW OR USE QR CODE TO SUBMIT ORDER ELECTRONICALLY.

SENDER: \_\_\_\_\_ ANONYMOUS: \_\_\_\_\_

RECIPIENT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

# HASLETT COMMUNITY CHURCH MERCH

Since it has been so long since our last sale of HCC gear, we are offering many style & color choices! Featuring our new mission statement!

## SHORT SLEEVE T-SHIRT

UNISEX, YOUTH & ADULT SIZES,  
SIZES YOUTH S-XL, ADULT XS-4XL  
DESIGN CENTER CHEST & SHOULDERS.  
COLORS: HEATHER TEAM PURPLE,  
HEATHER DUSTY BLUE, HEATHER PEACH

COST: \$15

( ADD \$2 / SHIRT FOR 2XL & UP )



( ALL HAVE SAME BACK DESIGN )

## LONG SLEEVE T-SHIRT

UNISEX, ADULT SIZES,  
SIZES ADULT XS-4XL  
DESIGN CENTER CHEST & SHOULDERS.  
COLORS: HEATHER SLATE,  
HEATHER CARDINAL

COST: \$20

( ADD \$2 / SHIRT FOR 2XL & UP )



( SAME BACK  
DESIGN AS  
SHORT SLEEVE )

## SHORT SLEEVE POLO

UNISEX ( S-5X ),  
COLORS: NAVY OR SPARTAN GREEN  
DESIGN ON LEFT CHEST.  
COST: \$25 ( ADD \$2 / SHIRT FOR 2XL & UP ).



( NO BACK DESIGN )



**NAME:**

**EMAIL:**

**ONE SHIRT  
PER ROW**

<b><u>SHIRT STYLE</u></b>	<b><u>COLOR</u></b>	<b><u>SIZE</u></b>	<b><u>COST</u></b>
Short sleeve, long sleeve, polo	(see front for color options)	(indicate if youth or adult AND add \$2 for 2XL & up)	(please add \$2/shirt for 2XL & up)