



until everyone has a place to belong

Haslett Community Church  
United Church of Christ

Sunday, April 21, 2024, 10:00 AM  
HCC's 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration!

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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.**

Haslett Community Church

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until everyone has a place to belong.*

## **Fourth Sunday of Easter & HCC's 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

**April 21, 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**

#### **Prelude**

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

Dykes

#### **Call to Worship**

We come together on this joyful day

**To welcome radically, to love fiercely, and to care relentlessly.**

On this day of looking back we remember

**That this church was built through love and work**

On this day of looking ahead we envision

**A world where everyone has a place to belong.**

We welcome radically because

**Jesus welcomes all**

We love fiercely because

**God is love**

We care relentlessly

**Because the Spirit cares for us**

We want everyone to have place to belong because

**We are created for community.**

**In joy, let us worship together!**

#### **\* Opening Hymn**

“All Are Welcome”  
(verses 1, 4, & 5; please see insert)

Haugen

## Prayer of Approach

Loving God, we seek to follow your desire  
And walk in your ways  
To observe your commandments  
Love God, love self, love others

Bless, O God,  
All the lands of the earth  
Fill the minds and hearts  
Of leaders with wisdom

As your servants may we labor  
For Your purposes,  
Building, gardening, watering,  
Reconciling, growing – peace

May we work together  
as siblings in Christ, as God's field  
God's gift to you, to me

Loving God, we seek to follow your desire  
And walk in your ways  
To observe your commandments  
Love God, love self, love others

Amen.

## Moment of Reflection

Hymn #59

“Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling“

Rees  
NETTLETON

## Acknowledgement of Honored Guests

### First Scripture Reading

Psalm 92: 1-4

It is good to give thanks to the Lord,  
to sing praises to your name, O Most High,  
<sup>2</sup> to declare your steadfast love in the morning  
and your faithfulness by night,  
<sup>3</sup> to the music of the lute and the harp,  
to the melody of the lyre.  
<sup>4</sup> For you, O Lord, have made me glad by your work;  
at the works of your hands I sing for joy.

**Minute for Mission: Rev. Lawrence Richardson, Associate Conference Minister of Michigan  
Conference, UCC**

Anthem

“Ancient Words“

De Shazo  
arr. Fettke

**\* Pass the Peace**

May the Peace of Christ be with you;  
And also with you.

**Second Scripture Reading**

**1 Corinthians 3: 9-16**

For we are God’s coworkers, working together; you are God’s field, God’s building.

<sup>10</sup> According to the grace of God given to me, like a wise master builder I laid a foundation, and someone else is building on it. Let each builder choose with care how to build on it. <sup>11</sup> For no one can lay any foundation other than the one that has been laid; that foundation is Jesus Christ. <sup>12</sup> Now if anyone builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw— <sup>13</sup> the work of each builder will become visible, for the day will disclose it, because it will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test what sort of work each has done. <sup>14</sup> If the work that someone has built on the foundation survives, the builder will receive a wage. <sup>15</sup> If the work is burned up, the builder will suffer loss; the builder will be saved, but only as through fire.

<sup>16</sup> Do you not know that you are God’s temple and that God’s Spirit dwells in you?

**Sermon**

“Building Through Love and Work”

**\* Hymn**

“Built Through Love and Work”  
(please see insert)

Freeman  
HASLETT HYMN

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

**Offertory**

“Offertory” (HCC Choir)

J.N. Beck

**\* 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**

**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.*

**\* Hymn #376**

“God, We Thank You for Our People”  
(verses 1 & 2)

Duck  
HOLY MANNA

\* **Benediction**

\* **Congregational  
Benediction Response**

“Give Thanks”  
(please see insert)

Smith



*You are invited to join us for lunch, for the continued celebration of HCC's 70th Anniversary*



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

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

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READ ALL ABOUT HOW TO BUY FLOCK BLOCK INSURANCE, STAYING ANONYMOUS AS A SENDER, AND HOW TO ORDER FLOCKS!



**Ministry Connections**  
**Reaching Out to Each Other and Our Community**  
**April 21, 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.

**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.



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**CHURCH CALENDAR (April 21 - April 28)**

<b>Sunday</b> 4/21/2024	10:00 AM 11:00 AM	Worship (S, Online) <i>Joyful Offering</i>
<b>HCC Turns 70!!</b>	5:00 - 6:30 PM 7:00 - 9:00 PM	70 <sup>th</sup> Anniv. Celebration Lunch YOUTH: MS Youth Group (YR) YOUTH: HS Youth Group (YR)
<b>Tuesday</b> 4/23/2024	10:30 AM - 1PM 7:00 PM	Onsite Office Hours (Ofc) Green Team Book Club (FH)
<b>Wednesday</b> 4/24/2024	11:30 AM - 1PM 7:00 - 8:30 PM	Pastor Betsy Office Hours (Ofc) Choir Rehearsal (CR)
<b>Thursday</b> 4/25/2024	9:00 - 9:45 AM 10:30 AM - 1PM	Sermon Preview Group (Z) HCC Onsite Office Hours (Ofc)
<b>Saturday</b> 4/27/2024	9:00 AM	Men's Group Meets (Z)
<b>Sunday</b> 4/28/2024	8:30 - 9:30 AM 10:00 AM 10:00 AM 11:15 AM 5:00 - 6:30 PM 7:00 - 9:00 PM	Breakfast in April #3 Worship (S, Online) Sunday School (SS) Coffee With Jesus (MM) YOUTH: MS 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



**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.**

Contact Kim Carnes if you'd like to help.



**TODAY**, to celebrate our 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, our children will be collecting a **Joyful Offering** during Worship. This offering will go to support Our Church's Wider Mission (OCWM). OCWM supports the United Church of Christ in various ways at both the national as well as the local settings (the Michigan Conference and our Covenant Association).

**GREEN TEAM BOOK CLUB!!!**

The Green Team Book Club meets **this Tuesday, April 23, at 7 pm, in Fellowship Hall.**

We will be discussing: *"Not the End of the World"* by Hannah Ritchie, and anyone is welcome to join!

If you have further questions, you can email Kim Huston at: [kimahuston@gmail.com](mailto:kimahuston@gmail.com).



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
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We are so grateful for your generosity!



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**Our thanks this morning to:**

<b>Reader:</b>	Fred Schmidt
<b>Greeters:</b>	Malinda Barr & Barb Decker
<b>Ushers:</b>	Dave & Nancy Ferguson
<b>Audio/Visual Tech:</b>	Jon Lineberry
<b>Tellers</b>	Larry Leefers & Dave Ferguson

*The altar flowers today are donated in honor of HCC's 70th Anniversary!*



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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1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can  
 2 Let us build a house where proph - ets speak, and words are  
 3 Let us build a house where love is found in wa - ter,  
 4 Let us build a house where hands will reach be - yond the  
 5 Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and



safe - ly live, a place where saints and chil - dren tell  
 strong and true, where all God's chil - dren dare to seek  
 wine, and wheat; a ban - quet hall on ho - ly ground  
 wood and stone to heal and strength-en, serve and teach,  
 vi - sions heard and loved and trea - sured, taught and claimed



how hearts learn to for - give. Built of hopes and dreams and  
 to dream God's reign a - new. Here the cross shall stand as  
 where peace and jus - tice meet. Here the love of God, through  
 and live the Word they've known. Here the out - cast and the  
 as words with - in the Word. Built of tears and cries and



vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the  
 wit - ness and as sym - bol of God's grace; here as  
 Je - sus, is re - vealed in time and space; as we  
 strang - er bear the im - age of God's face; let us  
 laugh - ter, prayers of faith and songs of grace; let this



love of Christ shall end di - vi - sions:  
 one we claim the faith of Je - sus:  
 share in Christ the feast that frees us: All are Wel - come;  
 bring an end to fear and dan - ger:  
 house pro-claim from floor to raf - ter:



all are wel - come; all are wel - come in this place.

Although it was written for a church dedication, this text is not about a physical structure but a spiritual one. The building is at best only a vessel for the essential love and hope, life and faith, peace and justice, hospitality and nurture that form the worshipping community.

# Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling

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Timothy Rees, 1922; alt.

1 Ho-ly Spir - it, ev - er dwell - ing in the ho - liest realms of light;  
2 Ho-ly Spir - it, ev - er breath - ing on the church the breath of life;  
3 Ho-ly Spir - it, ev - er work - ing through the church - 's min - is - try—

Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er brood - ing o'er a world of gloom and  
Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er striv - ing through your peo - ple's cease - less  
Quick - ening, strength - ening, and ab - solv - ing, set - ting cap - tive sin - ners

blight; Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er rais - ing earth - bound souls to glo - ry  
strife; Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er form - ing in the church the mind of  
free; Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er bind - ing age to age and soul to

high; Liv - ing, life - im - part - ing Spir - it; you we praise and mag - ni - fy.  
Christ: In our wor - ship we will praise you for your fruit and gifts un - priced.  
soul, In com - mu - ni - ty un - end - ing you we wor - ship and ex - tol.

Timothy Rees, Welsh curate, lecturer, chaplain, and winner of the Military Cross in World War I, was appointed Bishop of Llandaff in 1931. These words were written for the Anglican Community of Mirfield, Yorkshire, of which he was a member.

Tune: NETTLETON 8.7.8.7.D.  
John Wyeth's Repository of Sacred Music, 1813

(Back)

# Built Through Love and Work

Words and Music by Barbara Freeman  
For the 50th Anniversary Celebration  
of Haslett Community Church  
April 24, 2004

## I. Opening Prayer and Melody I (Choir and Bells)

*Lord, we thank You for this good church,  
For weaving Time and Love together,  
For these years, Lord, from this people,  
Hear our song of gratitude.*

*Built through love and work  
Of teachers, craftsmen,  
Spirits find a home here  
Open to all.*

*Trusting God to guide us,  
We walk together,  
Work to help the needy,  
Family in Christ, our family;*

## II. Bridge and Melody II (Choir, Bells, then All; Congregation stands)

*For this good church, born of community,  
Lord, we thank you. (Congregation joins here.)*



1. For this good church, Lord we thank you, Week by  
2. Through the struggles, work - ing, play - ing, Teach us  
3. Lord, be with us, guide our church as we face

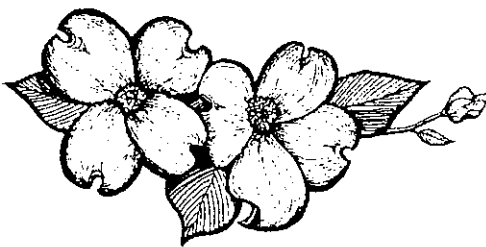


week through years to - geth - er, Help us now, Lord, as Your  
pa - tience, un - der - stand - ing, Teach us now, Lord, go - ing  
chal - leng - es a - head now. Teach us, Lord, and lead us



3rd verse ending

peo - ple gath - ered here, to do Your will.  
for - ward. we would pray to do Your will. (interlude)  
out - ward where we pray to do Your will. A - men.





# God, We Thank You for Our People

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*Ruth Duck, 1986*

1 God, we thank you for our peo-ple, roots dug deep with - in the soil,  
2 Thank you, God, for gen-tle plea-sure: les - sons learned and se-crets told,  
3 Still we must con-fess be - fore you, some-times, Sav - ior, we have failed;  
4 By your Spir - it of cre-a - tion keep us bold for risk-ing still,

har - dy spir - its, rich in lov - ing, strong for strug - gle, bold for toil.  
hopes and mem-ories saved as trea - sure, passed to young ones by the old,  
though we wor - ship and a - dore you, some-times love has not pre-vailed.  
ea - ger in an - ti - ci - pa - tion, ev - er strong to do your will.

Faith - ful Rock of gen - er - a - tions, you whom par - ents' par - ents praised:  
Pranks and glo-ries, songs and sto-ries, food by lov - ing hands pre - pared.  
Tem - pers rac - ing, dev - il chas-ing, hearts es - tranged by ice or flame  
Bind us close to one an - oth - er, shar - ing life and death and birth,

Here in hope as we re - mem - ber may our song to you be raised.  
God, we bless you for your pres - ence in our tears and laugh - ter shared.  
You trans-form by ways for - giv - ing. Grace a - maz-ing! Grace, your name!  
Wel-com - ing as sis - ter, broth-er, all your chil-dren on the earth.

*Ruth Duck created this text at the request of Harold (Hal) McSwain, Jr., for a family reunion. She found her inspiration in the stories of Harold, Sr., and in her own family heritage. The hymn speaks to any community that has shared life together for a long time.*

Tune: HOLY MANNA 8.7.8.7.D.  
William Moore, 1825

(Back)

# Give Thanks

Henry Smith



Give thanks with a grate-ful heart; give thanks to the Ho-ly One; give



thanks be-cause we're giv en Je-sus Christ the Son. Give Son. And



now let the weak say, "We are strong"; let the poor say, "We are



rich be-cause of what the Lord has done for us!" And



us!" Give thanks, Give thanks, Give Thanks. (Back)

# 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!

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DESIGN CENTER CHEST & SHOULDERS.  
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( ALL HAVE SAME BACK DESIGN )

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( SAME BACK  
DESIGN AS  
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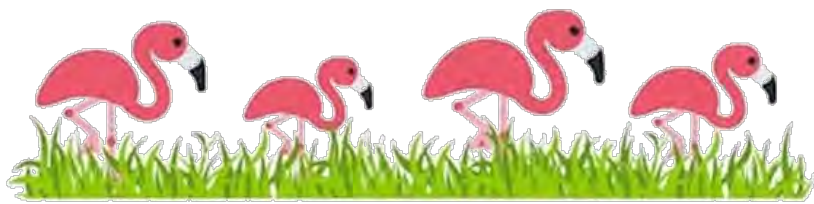
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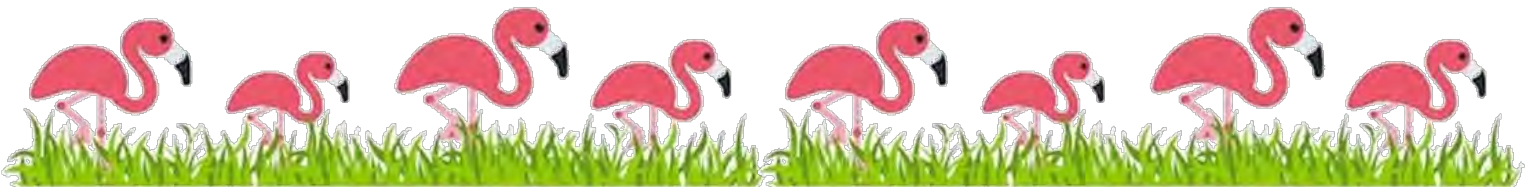
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