



until everyone has a place to belong

Haslett Community Church  
United Church of Christ

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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.**

Haslett Community Church

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

**Seventh Sunday of Easter  
May 12, 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.*

**For Your Meditation:** *“I’ve heard that courage is fear that has said its prayers.” – Anne Lamott*

**Gathering Music**

*Jiyuan Zhang, pianist*

**Welcome & Announcements**

**Prelude**

*Jiyuan Zhang, pianist*

**Call to Worship**

Changed by Jesus in our serving,  
**We gather together to serve.**

Changed by Jesus in our loving,  
**We gather together with love.**

Changed by Jesus in our waiting,  
**We gather together in patience.**

Changed by Jesus in our fellowship,  
**We gather together in friendship.**

Changed by Jesus in our struggling,  
**We gather together for support.**

Changed by Jesus as we unite,  
**We gather together to worship one God.**

Changed by Jesus in our peace-making,  
**We gather together in peace.**

\* **Hymn #86**

*“When Morning Gilds the Skies”  
(verses 1-3)*

*Psalms 5 & 59  
Barnby*

**Prayer of Approach** (by Thom Shuman)

**Keeper of every moment in eternity: we come, not only to hear those words which can transform us, but to be filled with your grace and hope. We have come, not out of habit, but to respond to your call, willing to be called away from the familiar ways of our lives.**

*(continued...)*

Walker of our journeys, in the midst of our harried lives, you call us to lay aside all that entangles us, to follow you into service to others. You invite us to step into the waters of life and hope, reaching out to draw others to our side so, that together, we might enter your kingdom of laughter and joy.

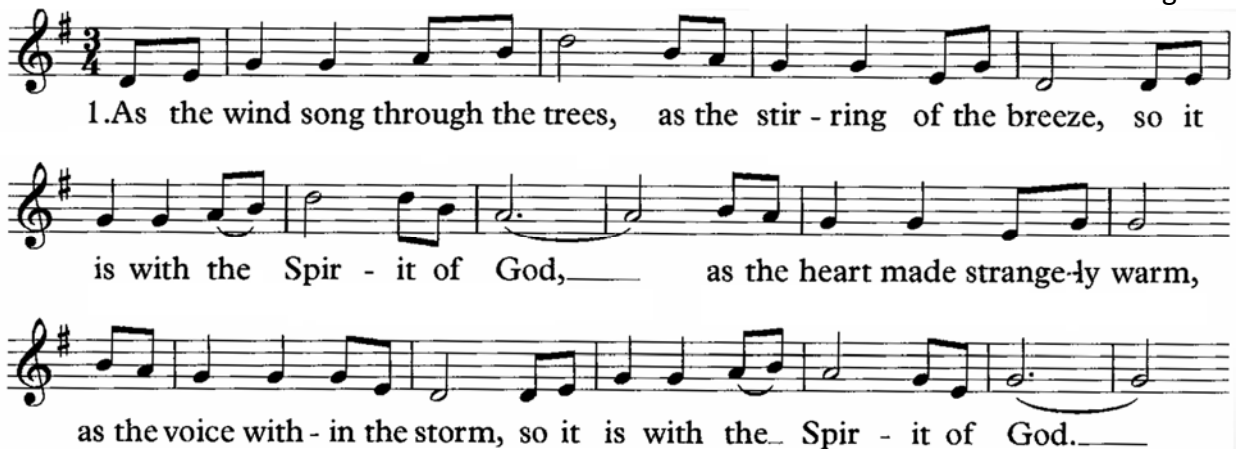
When uncertainty fills the hours, you come, Grace's Companion, to offer that hope which anchors us in your heart; to place our feet firmly on that rock called peace; to bring us safely to that haven filled with your steadfast love. Amen.

### Moment of Reflection

#### Hymn Response

“As the Wind Song”

Murray  
Swee Hong Lim



1. As the wind song through the trees, as the stir - ring of the breeze, so it  
is with the Spir - it of God, \_\_\_\_\_ as the heart made strange-ly warm,  
as the voice with - in the storm, so it is with the Spir - it of God. \_\_\_\_\_

#### First Scripture Reading

**1 Corinthians 15: 1-11**

Now I want you to understand, brothers and sisters, the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, <sup>2</sup>through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain.

<sup>3</sup>For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures <sup>4</sup>and that he was buried and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures <sup>5</sup>and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. <sup>6</sup>Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. <sup>7</sup>Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. <sup>8</sup>Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. <sup>9</sup>For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted

the church of God. <sup>10</sup> But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I but the grace of God that is with me. <sup>11</sup> Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you believed.

**Anthem**

“Canticle of Peace”

Williams

**\* Passing the Peace**

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

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

**Second Scripture Reading**

**1 Corinthians 15: 51-57**

Look, I will tell you a mystery! We will not all die, but we will all be changed, <sup>52</sup> in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. <sup>53</sup> For this perishable body must put on imperishability, and this mortal body must put on immortality. <sup>54</sup> When this perishable body puts on imperishability and this mortal body puts on immortality, then the saying that is written will be fulfilled:

“Death has been swallowed up in victory.”

<sup>55</sup> “Where, O death, is your victory?  
Where, O death, is your sting?”

<sup>56</sup> The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. <sup>57</sup> But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Sermon**

“Fear Less”

**\* Hymn #247**

“My Shepherd Is the Living God”

Watts/ Sternhold  
CONSOLATION

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

**Offertory**

*Jiyuan Zhang, pianist*

**\* 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.**

**A Litany for Mother's Day**

(please see insert)

(by Amy Young; adapted by Rev. Heidi Carrington-Heath and Rev. John MacIver Gage)

**\* Benediction**

**Postlude**

*Jiyuan Zhang, pianist*



*You are invited to join us after worship for Coffee Fellowship in Friendship Hall.*

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

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**JUNE 11-13TH 5:30-7:30PM**

**VBS IS OPEN TO  
ALL KIDS**

**KIDS WILL EXPLORE BIBLE  
STORIES THROUGH GAMES,  
CRAFTS, MUSIC AND SNACKS.  
AGAIN THIS YEAR THERE IS A  
TODDLER CLASS FOR AGES 1-3.**

**PLEASE SIGN KIDS UP BY  
JUNE 1<sup>ST</sup>.**

**THE PICTURE IS A LINK TO OUR AMAZON WISH LIST! HELP US  
GATHER OTHER SUPPLIES EVERY SUNDAY IN MAY!**



**Ministry Connections**  
**Reaching Out to Each Other and Our Community**  
**May 12, 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!

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 Haslett Community Church

**CHURCH CALENDAR (May 12 - May 19)**

<b>Sunday</b> 5/12/2024	10:00 AM	Worship (S, Online)
	10:00 AM	Sunday School (SS)
	11:00 AM	Coffee Fellowship (Fr)
	11:15 AM	Knitters, Crocheters, etc. (L)
	5:00 - 6:30 PM	YOUTH: MS Youth Group (YR)
<b>Mother's Day</b>	7:00 - 9:00 PM	YOUTH: HS Youth Group (YR)
<b>Monday</b> 5/13/2024	6:00 PM	Property Comm. Meets (FH)
	7:00 PM	Green Team Meets (FH)
	7:30 PM	Social Comm. Meets (Fr)
<b>Tuesday</b> 5/14/2024	10:30 AM - 1PM	Onsite Office Hours (Ofc)
	7:15 PM	Church Council Meets (FH,Z)
<b>Wednesday</b> 5/15/2024	11:30 AM - 1PM	Pastor Betsy Office Hours (Ofc)
	2:30 PM	Mission Outreach Meets (FH)
	7:00 - 8:30 PM	Choir Rehearsal (CR)
<b>Thursday</b> 5/16/2024	9:00 - 9:45 AM	Sermon Preview Group (Z)
	10:30 AM - 1PM	HCC Onsite Office Hours (Ofc)
<b>Friday</b> 5/17/2024	11:00 AM	Blood Drive Setup (FH,Fr,S)
	Noon - 6 PM	Red Cross Blood Drive (FH,Fr,S)
<b>Saturday</b> 5/18/2024	9:00 AM	Men's Group Meets (Z)
	10:00 AM	World Vision Global 6K <i>Lake Lansing Park North</i>
<b>Sunday</b> 5/19/2024	10:00 AM	Worship (S, Online)
	11:00 AM	Coffee Fellowship (Fr)
	11:15 AM	Coffee With Jesus (MM)
	12:00 - 2:30 PM	Lessons in Leading (L)
<b>Pentecost</b>	PM	YOUTH: Senior Farewell

**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



**Is back for it's 4th season!**

**Thursdays, 7-8 pm; June 20 – July 25**

Bring a lawn chair or blanket and any snacks or drinks that will add to your enjoyment, and relax on the lawn or sidewalk as we bring you a wide variety of tunes! All ages and stages welcome! Our building will be open for access to restrooms. We will move to the sanctuary in case of inclement weather. See details on our website at:

<https://www.haslettcommunitychurch.org/summer-concert-series> or in the [May Newsletter](#)

We are also looking for sponsors! If you know a business that would consider a donation of \$150, so we can pay our musicians or provide them a meal, you can print out the sponsorship letter found [HERE](#), or let Betsy or Jon Lineberry know, and we will be in touch with them.

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>	Lynn Wilson
<b>Greeters:</b>	Lynn & Russ Wilson
<b>Ushers:</b>	Sylvia Davis & friend
<b>Coffee Hosts:</b>	Lynn & Russ Wilson
<b>Audio/Visual Tech:</b>	Jon Lineberry & Aaron Copeland
<b>Tellers</b>	Sylvia Davis & Larry Leefers

*Thank you to Jiyuan Zhang for sharing her musical talents with us today!*



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 worshipping 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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Ps. 5:3; 59:16-17

Katholisches Gesangbuch, 1828  
Transl. Edward Caswall, 1854; alt.

1 When morn - ing gilds the skies, my heart a - wak - ing cries,  
2 New strength comes night or day when from the heart we say,  
3 Dis - cor - dant hu - man - kind, in this your con - cord find,  
4 Be this, while life is mine, my can - ti - cle di - vine,

may Je - sus Christ be praised! A - like at work and prayer,  
may Je - sus Christ be praised! Let sin and e - vil fear,  
may Je - sus Christ be praised! Let all the earth a - round  
may Je - sus Christ be praised! Be this the e - ter - nal song,

one pur - pose I de - clare: may Je - sus Christ be praised!  
when this sweet chant they hear: may Je - sus Christ be praised!  
ring joy - ous with the sound: may Je - sus Christ be praised!  
through all the a - ges long: may Je - sus Christ be praised!

*This anonymous German Catholic hymn was translated to English by Edward Caswall, an Anglican—and later, Roman Catholic—priest. Among the scripture references is Psalm 5:3, “O God, in the morning you hear my voice. . . .”*

Tune: LAUDES DOMINI 6.6.6.6.6.6.  
*Joseph Barnby, 1868*

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Ps. 23; John 10:11, 27-30

Composite from Thomas Sternhold, 1549, and Isaac Watts, 1719; alt.

C G C G7 C F G F C

1 My shep-herd is the liv - ing God, I there-fore noth- ing need;  
 2 When I walk through the shades of death, your pres-ence is my stay;  
 3 The sure pro - vi - sions of my God at - tend me all my days;

Am G C F G Am G7 C G C

In pas - tures fair, near pleas - ant streams you set - tle me to feed.  
 A word of your sup - port - ing breath drives all my fears a - way.  
 O may your house be my a - bode, and all my work be praise.

C F C Dm G C Am Dm Am FM7

You bring my wan-dering spir - it back when I for-sake your ways,  
 Your hand, in sight of all my foes, does still my ta - ble spread;  
 There would I find a set - tled rest, while oth - ers come and go—

Em C Am Dm Am Em C G7 C

And lead me for your mer - cy's sake in paths of truth and grace.  
 My cup with bless-ings o - ver-flows, your oil a - noints my head.  
 No more a strang-er or a guest, but like a child at home.

Isaac Watts, London's leading Congregational minister, wrote more than 600 hymns. His paraphrase of Psalm 23 has been altered here by combining a few phrases from Thomas Sternhold, a sixteenth-century English hymnwriter who also wrote metrical psalm texts.

Tune: CONSOLATION C.M.D.  
 Southern Harmony, 1835  
 Harm. Erik Routley, 1976

Alternate tune: CRIMOND (Each stanza above becomes two stanzas.)

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## A Litany for Mother's Day

(by Amy Young; adapted by Rev. Heidi Carrington-Heath and Rev. John MacIver Gage)

If you are like Hannah, struggling with infertility, or a miscarriage or if you are like Rachel, counting the women among your family and friends who year by year and month by month get pregnant, while you wait, **we are praying with you.**

If you are like Naomi and have known the bitter sting of a child's death, or if you are like Joseph and Benjamin, and your Mom has died, **we are praying with you.**

If your relationship with your Mom was marked by trauma, abuse, or abandonment, or she just couldn't parent you the way you needed, **we are praying with you.**

If you've been like Moses' mother and given a child into adoption, trusting another family to love your child into adulthood. Or if you've been like Pharaoh's daughter, called to love children who are not yours by birth, **we are praying with you.**

If you are watching, or have watched your mother age, and disappear into the long goodbye of dementia, **we are praying with you.**

If you, like Mary, are pregnant for the very first time and waiting breathlessly for the miracle of your first child, **we are praying with you.**

If your children have turned away from you, painfully closing the door on relationship, leaving you holding your broken heart in your hands, **we are praying with you.**

If motherhood is your greatest joy and toughest struggle all rolled into one, **we are praying with you.**

If you are watching your child battle substance abuse, a public legal situation, mental illness, or another situation which you can merely watch unfold, **we are praying with you.**

If you, like so many women before you, do not wish to be a mother, or have not had the opportunity to be a mother, or in so many other ways do not fit into societal norms, **we are praying with you.**

If you, like Bathsheba and so many others, have had motherhood thrust upon you without the just social, economic, and legal resources you need, or like Dinah and Tamar and countless others, whose bodies and reproductive lives are controlled and commodified without your consent, **we are praying with you.**

If you see yourself reflected in any, all, or none of these stories, **we are praying with you.**

**This Mother's Day, wherever and whoever you are, we pray with you, we walk with you. You are loved. You are seen. You are worthy, just as you are. We give thanks for you, and for any and all in this life through whom we have experienced the love of our God, like the best kind of mother. And we pray that you may experience the deep, wild love of our big, beautiful God who is more than the best parent we could ever know.**

**Amen.**

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