



Haslett Community Church
United Church of Christ

Sunday, January 8, 2023
10:00 AM

We strive joyfully and prayerfully to warmly welcome all, freely share our blessings, and humbly explore God's love.

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We strive to ensure that all are comfortable worshipping 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.

Three Ways to Worship
Sundays at 10:00 am



1. In person
2. Parking lot (car radio on 88.7FM)
3. Remotely (via YouTube)

The church office is open for On-site Office Hours Tuesday & Thursday 10:30am - 1:00pm.

Pastor Betsy is in the office Tue-Fri. Appointments recommended, or come for her drop-in office hours on Wednesdays from 11:30am - 1:00pm.

We love to see you, so please stop by!

Your staff continues to be available to serve you by email and phone outside these on-site hours as well.

We welcome families and households of every size and age and want children to know they are welcome here. Therefore, we:

- Don't mind when children wiggle and make noise in church-your whole family is welcome here! We also have nursery care downstairs staffed by safety-trained volunteers.
- Have preschool through 5th Graders begin each week in worship, and then offer Sunday School following the Children's Moment most weeks
- Have vibrant and active middle and high school youth groups for 6th-12th graders

Our Vision:

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and humbly explore God's love.*

Epiphany! Communion and Joyful Offering

January 8, 2023 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: “Love is the epiphany of God in our poverty.” - Thomas Merton

Gathering

Welcome

Prelude

“Born in the Night”

Ainger

Call to Worship (by Thom Shuman)

We gather wondering, 'Where will we find the Babe born in Bethlehem?'

**We will find the Babe in the laughter of children,
in the wisdom of grandparents.**

We gather asking, 'where will we find the Child of Christmas?'

**We will find the Child where the needy are gifted with hope,
where the oppressed are set free.**

We gather wanting to know, 'where will we find the Christ who has come for us?'

**We will find our Hope where fear is overwhelmed by grace,
where hatred is overwhelmed by love,
where all people are overwhelmed by joy.**

***Hymn #157**

“Brightest and Best”
(verses 1-3)

Heber
Harding

Prayer of Approach (by Anne Osdieck)

**O Christ,
Here comes the world,
drinking your light and basking in your brightness;
the wise and naive, shepherds and royalty, professors and pupils,
from everywhere.**

(continued...)

**Shine
your soft light
on the darkness inside us.
Stir our minds and hearts with your grace.**

**Be the treasure in our hearts.
Be the gift that we
give.
Amen.**

Moment of Quiet Reflection

***Hymn #161**

**“Amen, Amen”
(verses 1,2,6)**

Afr. Amer. Spiritual

First Scripture Reading

Matthew 2: 1-12

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, magi from the east came to Jerusalem, ² asking, “Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star in the east and have come to pay him homage.” ³ When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him, ⁴ and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. ⁵ They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it has been written by the prophet:

⁶ ‘And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah,
for from you shall come a ruler
who is to shepherd my people Israel.’ ”

⁷ Then Herod secretly called for the magi and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. ⁸ Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.” ⁹ When they had heard the king, they set out, and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen in the east, until it stopped over the place where the child was. ¹⁰ When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. ¹¹ On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. ¹² And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

Anthem

“How Can We Name a Love?”

**Wren
TERRA BEATA**

Children’s Moment

Second Scripture Reading

Matthew 3: 13-17

Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. 14 John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" 15 But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now, for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. 16 And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw God's Spirit descending like a dove and alighting on him. 17 And a voice from the heavens said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

Sermon

"A Closer Look"

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Invitation to the Table

Communion Prayer

Words of Institution

Partaking of the Elements

Prayer of Thanksgiving and 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 #164**

"Arise, Your Light Is Come"

from Isaiah & Luke
Walter

Invitation to Share our Offerings & Joyful Offering

Offertory

***Doxology**

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

Announcements

*Benediction

Choral Benediction Response

“Seven-fold Amen”

Postlude

“Hark the Herald Angels / Jesus, the Light of the World”

ELDERKIN
arr. BFF



You are welcome to join us after Worship for Coffee Fellowship in Friendship Hall.

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

documentary & discussion with

David C. Jones

documentary cinematographer

Sunday · January 15, 2023 · 6-9 p.m.
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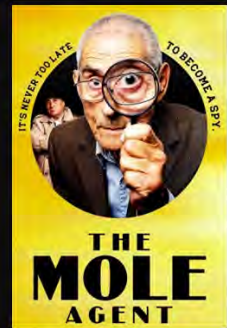
Come Watch: “The Mole Agent”

Then engage in discussion, led by HCC’s own David C. Jones, about how we care for the aging members of our families and communities.

Haslett Community Church, United Church of Christ is wheelchair accessible and has gender neutral bathrooms available.



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- Use your phone camera to scan the QR code to the right to access our Online Giving.
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We are so grateful for your generosity!



Ministry Connections
Reaching Out to Each Other and Our Community
January 8, 2023

 UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST 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 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.

CHURCH CALENDAR (January 8 - January 15)

Sunday 1/8/2023	10:00 AM	Worship (S, PL, Online)
	11:00 AM	Coffee Fellowship (Fr)
	11:15 AM	Knitters & Crocheters (L)
	5:00 - 6:30 PM	MS Youth Group Meets (YR)
	7:00 - 9:00 PM	HS Youth Group Meets (YR)
Monday 1/9/2023	6:00 PM	Property Committee Meets (Z)
	7:00 PM	Green Team Meets (Z)
Tuesday 1/10/2023	10:30 AM - 1PM	Onsite Office Hours (Ofc)
	7:15 PM	Church Council Meets (FH,Z)
Wednesday 1/11/2023	11:30 AM - 1PM	Betsy Office Hours (Ofc)
	6:00 - 7:30 PM	YOUTH: 5 th & 6 th gr Dinner (FH)
	7:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal (S)
Thursday 1/12/2023	9:00 AM	Sermon Preview Grp (Z)
	10:30 AM - 1PM	Onsite Office Hours (Ofc)
	7:00 PM	YOUTH: Culver's Night
	7:00 PM	Spiritual Life Meets (Z)
Saturday 1/14/2023	9:00 AM	Men's Grp Meets (Z)
Sunday 1/15/2023 Annual HCC Meeting	10:00 AM	Worship (S, PL, Online)
	10:00 AM	Sunday School (SS)
	11:00 AM	Annual HCC Meeting (S)
	11:00 AM	<i>In person; Childcare available</i>
	5:00 - 6:30 PM	MS Youth Group (YR)
	6:00 - 9:00 PM	Documentary & Discuss (S) <i>The Mole Agent</i>
	7:00 - 9:00 PM	HS Youth Group (YR)

Legend: FH= Fellowship Hall; FP= Food Pantry; Fr = Friendship Hall; L=Library; MM= Mary & Marth's; Ofc=HCC Office; PL=Parking Lot; S=Sanctuary; SS=Sunday School Rooms (downstairs); YR=Youth Rm; Z=Zoom



Knitters, Crocheters, & Wannabees

Meets TODAY, SUNDAY, Jan. 8,
 right after Worship,
 in the Library.

Notice of Annual Congregational Meeting



The annual Congregational Meeting will take place, in person, following worship **NEXT SUNDAY, January 15, 2023 at 11:00 am.**

Childcare will be provided. *(If utilizing childcare, please provide snacks for your child(ren) so we can avoid any allergy complications - Thank You!)*

A full agenda and more information was emailed out this week. The main purpose of the meeting is to vote on Council nominees and the 2023 Church Budget.

For questions, please contact Malinda Barr, Church Moderator, at:

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Sally Sanchez	Custodian		

Our thanks this morning to:

Reader:	Cheryl Edwards
Greeters:	Bob & Sally Heisler
Ushers:	Don & Kelly Flagg
Coffee Hosts:	The Dudasik family
Audio/Visual Techs:	Jon Lineberry
Tellers	Cheryl Edwards & Bob Heisler

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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.

Brightest and Best

157

Reginald Heber, 1811; alt.

Matt. 2:9-11; Luke 2:10-14

1 Bright - est and best of the stars of the morn - ing,
2 Cold on the cra - dle the dew - drops are shin - ing,
3 Shall we not of - fer our cost - ly de - vo - tion,
4 Vain - ly we of - fer each am - ple ob - la - tion,

dawn on our mid - night and lend us your aid.
God's ho - ly Child with the beasts of the stall;
fra - grance of E - dom and of - ferings di - vine,
vain - ly with gifts would we fa - vor se - cure;

Star of the East the ho - ri - zon a - dorn - ing,
An - gels a - dore while this ba - by lies sleep - ing,
Gems of the moun - tain and pearls of the o - cean,
Rich - er by far is the heart's ad - o - ra - tion,

guide where our in - fant Re - deem - er is laid.
Mak - er and Mon - arch and Sav - ior of all.
myrrh from the for - est or gold from the mine?
dear - er to God are the prayers of the poor.

An Anglican priest, Reginald Heber became bishop of Calcutta (including all of India), where he died of exhaustion at age forty-three. His Hymns (1827) was the first modern English hymnal arranged according to the church year.

Tune: MORNING STAR 11.10.11.10.

James P. Harding, 1892

The New Psalms and Hymns, Richmond, Va., 1901

Alternate setting: WALKER

(Back)

Congregation/choir

A - men, a - men, a - men, a - men,

Solo

1 O see the lit-tle ba-by
 2 See Je-sus in the tem-ple
 3 See Je-sus at the sea-shore
 4 See Je-sus on the cross
 5 Yes, Je-sus died to save us,
 6 We're sing-ing Al-le-lu-ia!

ly - ing in a man-ger
 talk - ing to the el - ders;
 preach-ing to the peo-ple,
 bear - ing all my sins
 rose on Eas-ter morn-ing,
 Je - sus is my Sav - ior,

(Congregation/choir)

a - men! A - men,

on Christ - mas morn-ing.
 how they all mar - veled!
 heal-ing all the sick ones!
 in bit - ter ag - o-ny!
 and lives for - ev - er!
 who lives for - ev - er!

(2 See)
 (3 See)
 (4 See)
 (5 Yes,)
 (6 We're)

a - men, a - men, a - men, a - men!

This is one of the many spirituals that found fame during the civil rights movement of the 1960s. Its pattern of call-and-response allowed the lead singer to create new verses while those gathered sang the response of "Amen."

Tune: AMEN Irr.
 African-American spiritual
 Arr. Nelsie T. Johnson, 1988

(Back)

Arise, Your Light Is Come

Isa. 60:1; 61:1-2; Luke 4:14-21

Ruth Duck, 1973



1 A - rise, your light is come! The Spir - it's call o - bey;
 2 A - rise, your light is come! Fling wide the pris - on door;
 3 A - rise, your light is come! All you in sor - row born,
 4 A - rise, your light is come! The moun-tains burst in song!



Show forth the glo - ry of your God which shines on you to - day!
 Pro - claim the cap-tive's lib - er - ty, good tid - ings to the poor.
 Bind up the bro - ken - heart-ed ones and com - fort those who mourn.
 Rise up like ea - gles on the wing; God's power will make us strong.



This hymn was first published by the Ecumenical Women's Center of Chicago in the 1974 collection of hymn adaptations, Because We Are One People. Ruth Duck later included it in her own collection, Dancing in the Universe.

Tune: FESTAL SONG S.M.
 William Walter, 1872

(Back)