



Haslett Community Church  
United Church of Christ

Sunday, January 21, 2024  
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 88.7 FM)
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.*

**Third Sunday after Epiphany & Laity Sunday  
January 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 Music**

**Welcome & Announcements**

**Safety Snippet**

**Prelude**

**"In the Bleak Midwinter"**  
(Kim Huston - dulcimer, Dick Ledebuhr - guitar)

Holst  
arr. Tibbits

**Call to Worship**

**We have come to worship God, the living God,**  
Who calls prophets and teachers to bear witness.

**We have come to praise God, the almighty God,**  
Who answers the forces of hatred and hurt with the power of grace.

**We have come to worship God, all-gracious God,**  
Who chooses even you and me, to receive and carry the Word of life and hope. All  
glory to God!

**\* Hymn #174**

**"Hear the Voice of God, So Tender"**  
(verses 1-3)

Bayler  
RAQUEL

**Prayer of Approach** (by Rev. Susan A. Blain and Rev. Scott Ressman)

**God, you know us better than we know ourselves.  
You know our thoughts,  
our weaknesses,  
our motivations,  
our wrongdoing and the wrongs that have been done to us.**

*(continued...)*

And you love us.  
 Forgive us when we don't believe such love is true or possible;  
 When we wonder how You could love us just as we are,  
 when we forget our intricate construction,  
 fearfully, wonderfully made, in Your image!  
 Remove from our minds every thought which keeps us from you.  
 Break down the walls,  
 push aside the pride,  
 and help us to trust anew.  
 You know our hearts.  
 And you love us. Amen.

**Moment of Quiet Reflection**

**Hymn Response**                      "Where Shepherds Lately Knelt" (verse 1)                      Vajda / Freeman

1. Where shep-herds late - ly knelt                      and kept the an - gel's  
 word,                      I come in half be - lief,                      a pil - grim strange-ly  
 stirred,                      but there is room and wel-come there                      for me.

**First Scripture Reading**

**Psalm 139: 7-12**

Is there anyplace I can go to avoid your Spirit?  
 to be out of your sight?  
 If I climb to the sky, you're there!  
 If I go underground, you're there!  
 If I flew on morning's wings  
 to the far western horizon,  
 You'd find me in a minute—  
 you're already there waiting!

Then I said to myself, "Oh, God even  
 sees me in the dark!"  
 At night I'm immersed in the light!"  
 It's a fact: darkness isn't dark to you;  
 night and day, darkness and light,  
 they're all the same to you.

**Anthem**

"O Lord, You Know Me Completely"

Gabaráin

## Children's Moment

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

### Second Scripture Reading

**1 Corinthians 12: 12-26**

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. <sup>13</sup> For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

<sup>14</sup> Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. <sup>15</sup> If the foot would say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. <sup>16</sup> And if the ear would say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. <sup>17</sup> If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? <sup>18</sup> But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. <sup>19</sup> If all were a single member, where would the body be?

<sup>20</sup> As it is, there are many members yet one body. <sup>21</sup> The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." <sup>22</sup> On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, <sup>23</sup> and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect, <sup>24</sup> whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, <sup>25</sup> that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. <sup>26</sup> If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.

### Message

*Rev. Erin Heisler*

\* Hymn #59

"Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling"

Rees  
NETTLETON

### Invitation to Share Tithes & Offerings

**Offertory** (see page 4 for digital giving options)

\* **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.**

## Prayers of the People 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.*

## Choral Benediction

“The Piece of the Earth”

John Bell

## \* Benediction

## Postlude

“Hobart’s Transformation”  
(Kim Huston - dulcimer, Dick Ledebuhr - guitar)

trad. Reel



*You are invited to join us for Coffee Fellowship after worship 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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- 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!**



**Ministry Connections**  
**Reaching Out to Each Other and Our Community**  
**January 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.



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

|                               |  |   |
|-------------------------------|--|---|
| <b>Sunday</b><br>1/21/2024    | <b>Thru 1/26</b><br>10:00 AM<br>10:00 AM<br>11:00 AM<br>11:15 AM<br>5:00 - 6:30 PM<br>7:00 - 9:00 PM | <b>Betsy on vacation</b><br>Worship (S, Online)<br>Sunday School (SS)<br>Coffee Fellowship (Fr)<br>Coffee With Jesus (MM)<br>YOUTH: MS Youth Grp (YR)<br>YOUTH: HS Youth Grp (YR) |
| <b>Laity Sunday</b>           |  |   |
| <b>Tuesday</b><br>1/23/2024   | 10:30 AM - 1PM<br>6:00 - 7:30 PM   | Onsite Office Hours (Ofc)<br>YOUTH: 5 <sup>th</sup> & 6 <sup>th</sup> Gr Dinner (FH)  |
| <b>Wednesday</b><br>1/24/2024 | 7:00 PM<br>7:00 PM   | Choir Rehearsal (CR)<br>YOUTH: Culver's Night<br><i>Okemos Culver's</i>   |
| <b>Thursday</b><br>1/25/2024  | 10:30 AM   | HCC Onsite Office Hours (Ofc)   |
| <b>Saturday</b><br>1/27/2024  | <b>1/27 - 1/28</b><br>9:00 AM  | <b>YOUTH: Winter Retreat</b><br><i>Ada, MI</i><br>Men's Group Meets (Z)   |
| <b>Sunday</b><br>1/28/2024    | 10:00 AM<br>10:00 AM<br>11:00 AM   | Worship (S, Online)<br>Sunday School (SS)<br>Coffee Fellowship (Fr)   |

**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

Please keep all those heading to Ada this next weekend for the Youth Winter Retreat in your prayers.

**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.



**Coffee With Jesus TODAY - SUNDAY, Jan. 21, after Worship,** in the Mary & Martha rm downstairs

Please join us as we pay attention to our experiences with the Bible this year.

**Pastor Betsy will be on vacation from January 15 - 26.**

During that time, please contact Pastor Erin for Pastoral emergencies, and know that Betsy will return all other messages, etc. upon her return.

There will be no Sermon Prep Bible Study on January 18 or 25, and no Open Office Hours on January 17 or 24.



In this start of 2024, the Safety Team reminds us that January has been

identified as HCC's Safety Month. To that end, members of the Safety Team will be elevating specific Safety and Security Initiatives each week in January via short comments during the Announcements portion of the service. Remember, part of loving everyone in our Congregation is protecting everyone... ensuring church safety begins with each and every one of us!

### The Staff:

|                   |                               |  |                  |
|-------------------|-------------------------------|--|------------------|
| Rev. Betsy Aho    | Pastor                        | <a href="mailto:aho.betsy@att.net">aho.betsy@att.net</a>       | 517.339.8383 x11 |
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| Sally Sanchez     | Custodian                     |  |                  |

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### Our thanks this morning to:

|                           |   |
|---------------------------|---|
| <b>Reader:</b>            | Elliott B.  |
| <b>Greeters:</b>          | Allison & Sienna Reynolds   |
| <b>Ushers:</b>            | Sylvia Davis & Lucretia Hildabridle ( <b>Train Aaron Copeland</b> ) |
| <b>Coffee Hosts:</b>      | Russ & Lynn Wilson  |
| <b>Audio/Visual Tech:</b> | Helen & David Jones   |
| <b>Tellers</b>            | Jim Durr & Sylvia Davis   |

*Special Thanks to Kim Huston and Dick Ledebuhr for sharing their musical talents with us today, and to the Spiritual Life Committee for helping design and lead today's laity service.*



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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Mark 2:21-22; Ps. 103

Lavon Bayler, 1987; rev. 1993

## Introduction

## Unison



1 Hear the voice of God, so ten - der, gath - ering  
 2 God is heal - ing and for - giv - ing crea - tures  
 3 Lis - tening to the Spir - it's guid - ing, breath be -  
 4 Shed the old wine - skins of war - fare for the



us in righ - teous - ness, Giv - ing, as our sure de - fend - er,  
 who are sore dis - tressed, O - pening doors to hope - ful liv - ing,  
 yond the writ - ten code, We, in cov - e - nant a - bid - ing,  
 fresh new wines of peace, Know - ing God sus - tains our wel - fare



stead - fast love and faith - ful - ness. Bless God's ho - ly name to - geth - er,  
 as, by love, we're dai - ly blessed. Bless God's ho - ly name to - geth - er,  
 seek to write our let - ters bold. Bless God's ho - ly name to - geth - er,  
 with a love that will not cease. Bless God's ho - ly name to - geth - er,



as the Spir - it brings new life. Giv - ing, as our sure de -  
 as the Spir - it brings new life. O - pening doors to hope - ful  
 as the Spir - it brings new life. We, in cov - e - nant a -  
 as the Spir - it brings new life. Know - ing God sus - tains our



fend - er, stead - fast love and faith - ful - ness.  
 liv - ing, as, by love, we're dai - ly blessed.  
 bid - ing, seek to write our let - ters bold.  
 wel - fare with a love that will not cease.

*This is one of the hundreds of hymn texts Lavon Bayler has provided in her books of liturgical resources related to the common lectionary. It appears in the volume for year B, aptly titled Whispers of God.*

Tune: RAQUEL 8.7.8.7.D.  
 Skinner Chávez-Melo, 1985  
 Alternate tune: BEACH SPRING

(Back)

# 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. (Back)

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

# Connect & Reflect all church retreat!

- A variety of breakout sessions
- Team building fun
- Children's Activities
- Taco Bar Dinner
- Lip Sync and Karaoke to end
- Fun for every age

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Saturday, February 10<sup>th</sup>

2 pm – Retreat Begins (breakouts & more)

5:30 pm – Dinner

6:30 pm – Lip Sync & Karaoke for all ages

## Connect & Reflect breakout options:

### **The Power of Myth (Joseph Campbell) interview with Bill Moyers**

*- led by Don Flagg*

Don will start by sharing his journey with Joseph Campbell in print and PBS programming (5-10 minutes), followed by an introduction of the video series on PBS, then an introduction of symbolism(s) and myth.

Participants will watch about 25 minutes of a video: The Power of Myth, with Bill Moyers, followed by a Q&A discussion.

### **Introduction to Spiritual Autobiography - led by Carolyn Lucas**

We each have walked our own unique life paths with stories we could share. Everyone's spiritual life has its unique stories, as well. In this session, you will have an opportunity to reflect on how God has met you on your life's journey and to become aware of others' spiritual stories. Remembering and sharing our stories provides opportunity for creating connection in community.

A handout on "Foundation Principles of Spiritual Autobiography" from an excellent resource, *Remembering Your Story: Creating your Own Spiritual Autobiography* by Richard L. Morgan, will be available.

### **Mindfulness and Meditation - led by Cambria Decker-Larkin**

Cambria will lead a guided meditation meant to feel empowering and grounding.

### **Vision Board Creation – led by Sandra Porter & Kris Belonge**

Kris and Sandra will lead a craft themed for New Year and envisioning this year.