



Haslett Community Church
United Church of Christ

Sunday, January 28, 2024
10:00 AM

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

haslettcommunitychurch.org

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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.*

**Fourth Sunday after Epiphany
January 28, 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: *"Help" is a prayer that is always answered. It doesn't matter how you pray--with your head bowed in silence, or crying out in grief, or dancing. Churches are good for prayer, but so are garages and cars and mountains and showers and dance floors. - Anne LaMott*

Gathering Music "Beautiful Things" Gungor

Welcome & Announcements

Safety Snippet

Choral Call To Worship "As We Gather" Fay/Coomes

Call to Worship

With friends and strangers,
with family and neighbors, we gather:

**Come among us, Healing God,
with that love which never ends.**

With faith reaching out,
with hearts straining to trust, we hope:

**Come among us, Friend of the broken,
with your compassion which makes us whole.**

With word and wonder,
with silence and song, we wait:

**Come among us, Dryer of our tears,
to lift us to our feet to follow you.**

* Hymn #175

"O Christ, the Healer, We Have Come"
(verses 1, 3, & 4)

Green
TALLIS' CANON

Prayer of Approach

Holy Jesus,

You used your hands to heal, to sow kindness, to bless desolate lives

You used your hands to bear the burdens of others, to reach out, to feed the hungry

You used your hands to envelop and include those who were considered outcasts.

Forgive us when we keep our hands idly still or clench them in fists.

Holy Jesus,

Open our hands and our hearts to love as you love and care as you care.

Strengthen us to help heal the world from the ills that cause suffering.

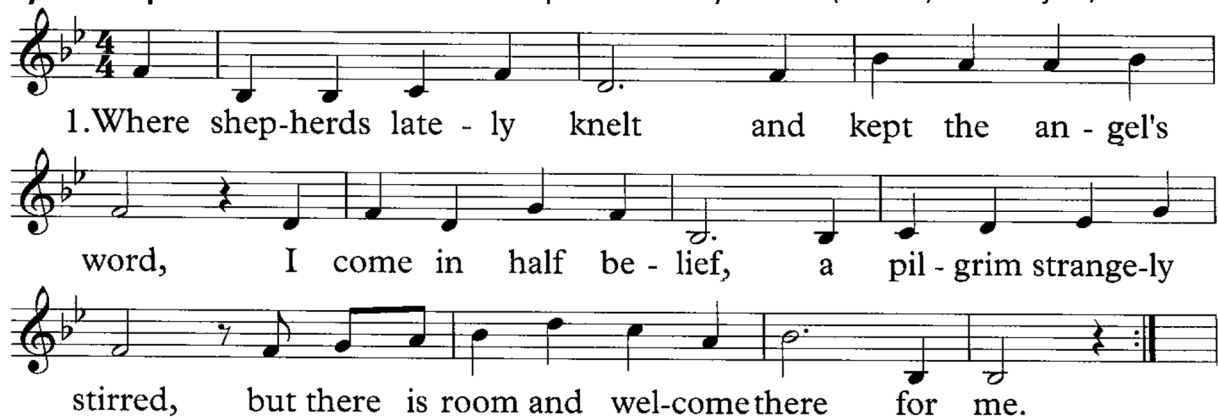
Open our minds to accept that you move always toward wholeness and healing for the least, the lost and the most broken. Amen.

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

Mark 5: 21-29

When Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered around him, and he was by the sea. ²² Then one of the leaders of the synagogue, named Jairus, came and, when he saw him, fell at his feet ²³ and pleaded with him repeatedly, “My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well and live.” ²⁴ So he went with him.

And a large crowd followed him and pressed in on him. ²⁵ Now there was a woman who had been suffering from a flow of blood for twelve years. ²⁶ She had endured much under many physicians and had spent all that she had, and she was no better but rather grew worse.

²⁷ She had heard about Jesus and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak,

²⁸ for she said, “If I but touch his cloak, I will be made well.” ²⁹ Immediately her flow of blood stopped, and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease.

Anthem

“If Ye Love Me”

John 14: 15-18

Wilby

*** Pass 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

Mark 5: 30-43

Immediately aware that power had gone forth from him, Jesus turned about in the crowd and said, “Who touched my cloak?” ³¹ And his disciples said to him, “You see the crowd pressing in on you; how can you say, ‘Who touched me?’ ” ³² He looked all around to see who had done it. ³³ But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling, fell down before him, and told him the whole truth. ³⁴ He said to her, “Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease.” ³⁵ While he was still speaking, some people came from the synagogue leader’s house to say, “Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the teacher any further?” ³⁶ But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the synagogue leader, “Do not be afraid; only believe.” ³⁷ He allowed no one to follow him except Peter, James, and John, the brother of James. ³⁸ When they came to the synagogue leader’s house, he saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. ³⁹ When he had entered, he said to them, “Why do you make a commotion and weep? The child is not dead but sleeping.” ⁴⁰ And they laughed at him. Then he put them all outside and took the child’s father and mother and those who were with him and went in where the child was. ⁴¹ Taking her by the hand, he said to her, “Talitha koum,” which means, “Little girl, get up!” ⁴² And immediately the girl stood up and began to walk about (she was twelve years of age). At this they were overcome with amazement. ⁴³ He strictly ordered them that no one should know this and told them to give her something to eat.

Sermon

“ ‘Help’ is a Prayer ”

*** Hymn**

“Beautiful Things”

Gungor

(Becky Leefers & Cambria Decker-Larkin - singers; Jim Gornick - guitar; David Jones - drums)

Invitation to Share Tithes & Offerings

Offertory

(see [page 4](#) for digital giving options)

*** 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 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

“Threefold Amen”

Danish

* Benediction

Postlude



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

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

Thank you for continuing to support Haslett Community Church as you are able. We receive your gifts with gratitude. We have some secure electronic 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

We are so grateful for your generosity!



Ministry Connections
Reaching Out to Each Other and Our Community
January 28, 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 28 - February 4)

Sunday 1/28/2024	10:00 AM 10:00 AM 11:00 AM	Youth Winter Retreat (return) Worship (S, Online) Sunday School (SS) Coffee Fellowship (Fr)
Tuesday 1/30/2024	10:30 AM - 1PM 7:00 PM	Onsite Office Hours (Ofc) Safety Team Meets (FH)
Wednesday 1/31/2024	7:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal (CR)
Thursday 2/1/2024	9:00 - 9:45 AM 10:30 AM	Sermon Preview Group (Z) HCC Onsite Office Hours (Ofc)
Saturday 2/3/2024	9:00 AM	Men's Group Meets (Z)
Sunday 2/4/2024	10:00 AM 10:00 AM 11:00 AM 5:00 - 6:30 PM 7:00 - 9:00 PM	Worship (S, Online) Sunday School (SS) Coffee Fellowship (Fr) YOUTH: MS Youth Grp (YR) YOUTH: HS Youth Grp (YR)

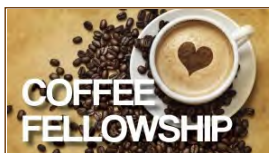
Legend: CR=Choir Rm; DS = downstairs; FH= Fellowship Hall;
 Fr = Friendship Hall; K =Kitchen; L=Library; Ofc=HCC Office;
 MM = Mary & Martha Rm DS; N = Nursery DS; S=Sanctuary;
 SS=Sunday School Rooms (downstairs); YR=Youth Rm; Z=Zoom

Choir meets Wednesdays, 7-8:30 pm in the Choir Room downstairs. We're a fun group and would love to welcome new voices. Please consider dropping by to check it out and sing with us!

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 Fellowship TODAY!

You are invited to join us after worship

today for Coffee Fellowship in Friendship Hall. We hope you can join us.

All are welcome!



Sermon Preview Bible Study
Shining a Light on Scripture
Thursdays, 9-9:45am, via Zoom,

Join Pastor Betsy for a weekly Bible Study based on the Scripture passages for the upcoming Sunday.

Meeting ID: 879 0122 4109
 Passcode: 48840

No preparation required. Join when you can.



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:

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Sally Sanchez	Custodian		

Our thanks this morning to:

Reader:	Cambria Decker-Larkin
Greeters:	Don & Kelly Flagg
Ushers:	Rich Baumgartner & Ann Pierce
Coffee Hosts:	Tim & Laura Roumpz
Audio/Visual Tech:	Rich Newport (Train Aaron Copeland)
Tellers	Rich Baumgartner & Cambria Decker-Larkin

Special Thanks to Becky Leefers, Cambria Decker-Larkin, Jim Gornick, and David Jones for sharing their musical gifts with us today.



Today's Sanctuary flowers are donated by Kim Carnes, "In loving memory of Karen Klein, mom, grandma, teacher, co-grandparent and to everyone, friend."

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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.

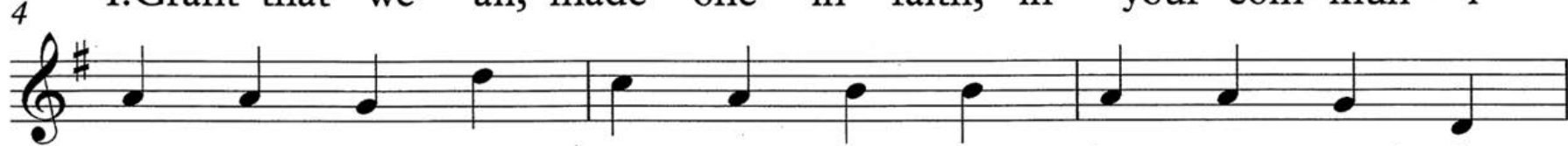
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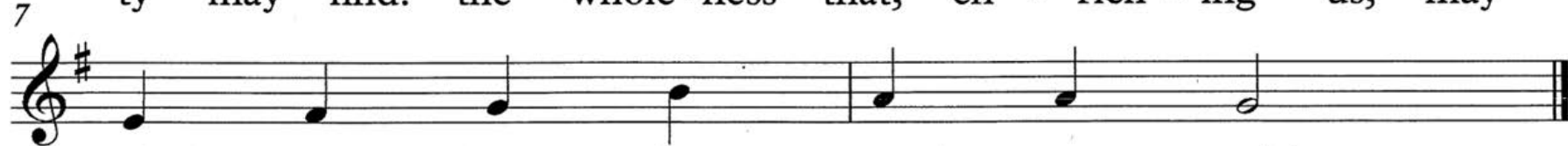
Tallis



1. O Christ, the heal - er, we have come to pray for health, to
2. From ev - ery ail - ment flesh en - dures our bod - ies clam - or
3. In con - flicts that des - troy our health we re - cog - nize the
4. Grant that we all, made one in faith, in your com - mun - i -



plead for friends. How can we fail to be re - stored when
to be freed. Yet in our hearts we would con - fess that
world's dis - ease; Our com - mon life re - veals our ills. Is
ty may find: the whole - ness that, en - rich - ing us, may



reached by love that ne - ver ends?
whole - ness is our deep - est need.
there no cure, O Christ, for these?
reach and pros - per hu - man kind.

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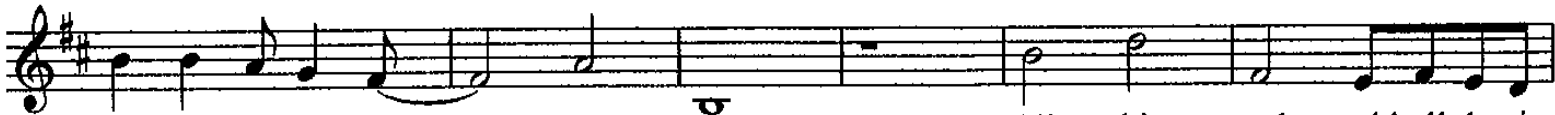
Beautiful Things

Gungor



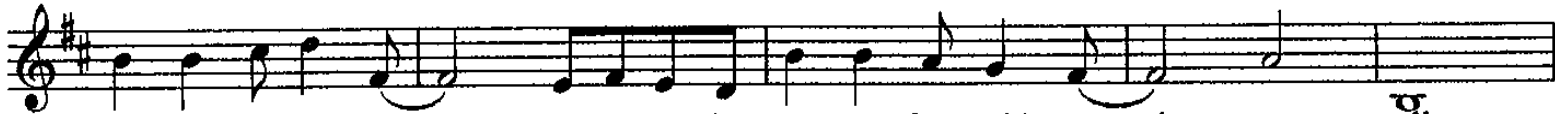
1. All this pain, I wonder if I'll ever find my way, I wonder if my
3. All a round, hope is springing up from this old ground out of chaos

5



life could really change at all... 2. All this earth, could all that is
life is being found in You. (To CHORUS)

11



lost ever be found. could a garden come up from this ground at all.

16

CHORUS



You make beautiful things You make beautiful things out of the dust.

21

Repeat CHORUS at end



You make beautiful things, You make beautiful things out of us.

(Instr. Break then
back to vs. 3.)

(Back)



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

Saturday, February 10th

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

We could all use a ray of sunshine in mid-February. You'll get one when you join Kris Belonge and Sandra Porter for a positively fun make-n-take activity at Connect and Reflect. No special skills required. All ages welcome.