



Haslett Community Church  
United Church of Christ

Sunday, January 29, 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders

Our Vision:

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and humbly explore God's love.*

**Fourth Sunday after Epiphany  
January 29, 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:** "I encourage you to remember that you are, indeed, as the stars. You glow with the same intensity." - Mishi McCoy

**Gathering**

**Welcome**

**Prelude**

"You Are the Seed"  
(our first hymn this morning)

Gabaráin

**Call to Worship**

If the human body, body of blood and muscle, is to live, it needs salt.

**If the body of Christ, body of peace and justice, is to live, it needs us!**

If the earthly creation, bustling and blooming, is to flourish, it needs the sun's light.

**If the new creation we are in Christ is to flourish, it needs the Spirit's light!**

Jesus says we are salt of the earth, light of the world.

**Our faith, our love, our hope —  
essential as salt and light.**

Jesus says we are salt of the earth, light of the world.

Briny and bright, we are God's faithful people.

**We shall be who we are meant to be in Christ:  
a welcoming oasis, a compassionate community,  
a justice-making people, giving glory to God!**

**\*Hymn**

"You Are the Seed"  
(please see insert)

Gabaráin

## Prayer of Approach

God of glory,  
we confess that we have not sought your face.  
We have ignored the needs of the poor and poor in spirit,  
and have not recognized the blessing of the meek,  
have not comforted the mourning.  
We allow the gospel to go stale,  
and hide the light you have given.  
Forgive us; give us grace.  
By the renewing gifts of your Spirit  
inspire and empower us again  
to show the wonder of your love in Jesus Christ our Lord.

## Moment of Quiet Reflection

### Hymn Response

“Christ Beside Me”  
(verse 2 - please see insert)

Quinn  
BUNESSAN

### First Scripture Reading

**Matthew 5: 1-12**

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. <sup>2</sup> And he began to speak and taught them, saying:

<sup>3</sup> “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>4</sup> “Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

<sup>5</sup> “Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

<sup>6</sup> “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

<sup>7</sup> “Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

<sup>8</sup> “Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

<sup>9</sup> “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

<sup>10</sup> “Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>11</sup> “Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. <sup>12</sup> Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

### Anthem

“If Ye Love Me”

Wilby

### Children’s Moment

## Second Scripture Reading

Matthew 5: 13-20

"You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything but is thrown out and trampled underfoot.

<sup>14</sup> "You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. <sup>15</sup> People do not light a lamp and put it under the bushel basket; rather, they put it on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. <sup>16</sup> In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

<sup>17</sup> "Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. <sup>18</sup> For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. <sup>19</sup> Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. <sup>20</sup> For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven."

## Sermon

"Briny, Bright and Blessed"

## \*Hymn #160

"Jesus, the Light of the World"  
(vs. 1, 2, & 4)

Elderkin

## Invitation to Share Tithes & Offerings

### Offertory

"Blest Are They, the Poor in Spirit"

Haas

### \*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.*

## Announcements

## \*Benediction

## Choral Benediction Response

## Postlude



You are welcome 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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# Connect & Reflect: A Retreat for All Ages

**Saturday, February 4, 2023**  
**2:30 pm**

Join us for a time of connecting, small Spiritual learning, and activity groups, & activities for kids!  
At the end of the afternoon, we'll share in a singalong, simple supper, & enjoy an evening of games.

Sign up on the clipboard outside the HCC Office or e-mail [hcc1@att.net](mailto:hcc1@att.net) to sign up.



Households of Every Size and Age Welcome!

- Walk a Labyrinth
- Explore New Ways to Pray
- Discussion Groups on Various Topics
- Children's Activities
- Sing Along
- Simple Supper
- Games & Fun

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**Ministry Connections**  
**Reaching Out to Each Other and Our Community**  
**January 29, 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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**CHURCH CALENDAR (January 29 - February 5)**

<b>Sunday</b> 1/29/2023	10:00 AM	Worship (S, PL, Online)
	10:00 AM	Sunday School (SS)
	11:00 AM	Coffee Fellowship (Fr)
	11:15 AM	Coffee With Jesus (MM)
	5:00 - 6:30 PM	MS Youth Group (YR)
	7:00 - 9:00 PM	HS Youth Group (YR)
<b>Tuesday</b> 1/31/2023	10:30 AM - 1PM	Onsite Office Hours (Ofc)
	5:00 - 8:00 PM	Food Pantry Meeting (FH)
<b>Wednesday</b> 2/1/2023	11:30 AM - 1PM	Pastor Betsy Office Hours (Ofc)
	7:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal (S)
<b>Thursday</b> 2/2/2023	9:00 AM	Pastor Betsy Bible Study (Z)
	10:30 AM - 1PM	Onsite Office Hours (Ofc)
<b>Saturday</b> 2/4/2023	9:00 AM	Men's Grp Meets (Z)
	2:30 PM - ??	Connect & Reflect - All Church Retreat
<b>Sunday</b> 1/5/2023	10:00 AM	Worship (S, PL, Online)
	10:00 AM	Sunday School (SS)
	11:00 AM	Coffee Fellowship (Fr)
	5:00 - 6:30 PM	MS Youth Group (YR)
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**Legend:** FH= Fellowship Hall; FP= Food Pantry; Fr = Friendship Hall; L=Library; MM= Mary & Martha's; Ofc=HCC Office; PL=Parking Lot; S=Sanctuary; SS=Sunday School Rooms (downstairs); YR=Youth Rm; Z=Zoom



On Sunday, February 12, we will have a **Happy Heart Sunday** to remind us how and why our volunteer teams started, to refresh

some of those team practices, and to RECRUIT new folks to join our teams. If you have questions beforehand, please e-mail the office at [hcc1@att.net](mailto:hcc1@att.net) or call 517.339.8383.

**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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**Coffee With Jesus**  
 after Worship TODAY at 11:15 am,  
 in the Mary & Martha room,  
 downstairs, next to the Youth Room.

This group is sponsored by the Spiritual Life Committee to help us reflect on and grow in our spiritual life, as well as foster closer ties between us.

All are Welcome

**Pastor Betsy Bible Study  
 (Sermon Preview) Group**

Thursdays, 9-9:45am, via Zoom,

Join Pastor Betsy for a weekly Bible Study based on the Scripture passages for the upcoming Sunday Sermon. The discussion is appropriate for those new to Bible study and those who've been at it for years - come when it's convenient for you.

Meeting ID: 879 0122 4109

Passcode: 48840

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**Our thanks this morning to:**

<b>Reader:</b>	David Arnosti
<b>Greeters:</b>	Don & Kelly Flagg
<b>Ushers:</b>	Katie Riley & Malinda Barr
<b>Coffee Hosts:</b>	Tim & Laura Roumpz
<b>Audio/Visual Techs:</b>	Jim Gornick & Jon Lineberry
<b>Tellers</b>	Don Flagg & Jim Durr

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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.