



Haslett Community Church  
United Church of Christ

Sunday, February 4, 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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**Fifth Sunday after Epiphany  
February 4, 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:** *“There are two ways of being a prophet. One is to tell the enslaved that they can be free. It is the difficult path of Moses. The second is to tell those who think they are free that they are in fact enslaved. This is the even more difficult path of Jesus. - Richard Rohr*

**Gathering Music**

**Welcome & Announcements**

**Prelude**

**Call to Worship**

The prophets of old spoke of God's justice,  
even when it was unwelcome.

Who will hear their message?

**We will listen and we will hear!**

Responding to God's call, Jesus traveled,  
preaching and teaching all who would listen.

Who will hear his message?

**We will listen and we will hear!**

Christ sent out disciples two by two,  
to spread the good news in any place  
that would welcome them.

Who will hear their message?

**We will listen and we will hear!**

God's prophets are among us still,  
around the world and in these pews.

Who will hear their message?

**We will listen and we will hear.**

\* Hymn

“Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples”  
(verses 1, 3, & 4; please see insert)

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## Prayer of Approach

**God of grace and powerful weakness, at times your projects were ignored, rejected, belittled, and unwelcome. At times Jesus was doubted and mocked. At times the prophets and disciples had to shake the dust off their shoes.**

**Trusting that we, too, are called to be prophets and disciples, fill us with your Spirit, and support us by your gentle hands, that we may persevere in speaking truth to power, and living our faith. Amen.**

## Moment of Quiet Reflection

**Hymn Response #42**

**“O For A Thousand Tongues to Sing”  
(verse 1)**

Wesley  
AZMON

## First Scripture Reading

**Mark 6: 1-6**

He left that place and came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. <sup>2</sup>On the Sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, “Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! <sup>3</sup>Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?” And they took offense at him. <sup>4</sup>Then Jesus said to them, “Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown and among their own kin and in their own house.” <sup>5</sup>And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. <sup>6</sup>And he was amazed at their unbelief. Then he went about among the villages teaching.

**Anthem**

**“Many Gifts, One Spirit”**

Carmines  
Callahan

## \* Children’s Moment

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

## Second Scripture Reading

**Mark 6: 7-16**

<sup>7</sup>Jesus called the twelve and began to send them out two by two and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. <sup>8</sup>He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff: no bread, no bag, no money in their belts, <sup>9</sup>but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. <sup>10</sup>He said to them, “Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. <sup>11</sup>If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them.” <sup>12</sup>So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. <sup>13</sup>They cast out many demons and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

*(continued...)*

<sup>14</sup> King Herod heard of it, for Jesus’s name had become known. Some were saying, “John the baptizer has been raised from the dead, and for this reason these powers are at work in him.” <sup>15</sup> But others said, “It is Elijah.” And others said, “It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old.” <sup>16</sup> But when Herod heard of it, he said, “John, whom I beheaded, has been raised.”

**Sermon** “Outside the Barrel”

\* **Hymn #612** “Strengthen All the Weary Hands” McMane

**Invitation to Share Tithes & Offerings**

**Offertory** (see [page 5](#) 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 #81** “God Be With You” Rankin  
Tomer  
(please sing along)

\* **Benediction**

**Postlude**



*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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## 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

### Here is a brief breakdown of the day:

2:00-2:45pm – Welcome & Get to Know  
You activities for all ages  
in the Sanctuary

2:45-4:15pm – Breakout sessions to choose  
from and Children's activi-  
ties. Some breakouts will be  
for all ages. Some will be  
child or adult specific. There  
will be many things to do!

4:15-4:45pm – Singalong (with song lead-  
ers) for all ages

4:45-5:30pm – One more breakout session!

5:30-6:30pm – Taco Bar Dinner for every-  
one!

6:30-8:30pm – **KARAOKE AND LIP SYNC  
EXTRAVAGANZA**  
Young and old, groups or  
solos, modern or nostalgic  
music. **ANY AND ALL ARE  
ENCOURAGED TO COME**

UP WITH an act to contribute - either Karaoke  
(you actually sing to a backup track available  
online) or Lip Sync (use the popular version of  
the song and just lip sync), or cheer on your  
friends! We expect laughs and applause and  
a really great time!

Breakout sessions include: Power of Myth,  
Intro to Spiritual Autobiography, Creating a  
Vision Board, and Mindfulness and Meditation.

This event is **FREE**  
(free will offering for dinner).

**Sign-up [HERE!](#)**

Details on the Breakout Sessions can  
be found in the [Insert in today's bulletin!](#)

**Ministry Connections**  
**Reaching Out to Each Other and Our Community**  
**February 4, 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 (February 4 - February 11)**

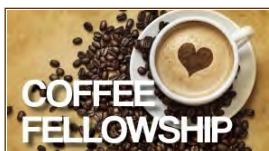
<b>Sunday</b> 2/4/2024	10:00 AM	Worship (S, Online)
	10:00 AM	Sunday School (SS)
	11:00 AM	Coffee Fellowship (Fr)
	5:00 - 6:30 PM	YOUTH: MS Youth Grp (YR)
	7:00 - 9:00 PM	YOUTH: HS Youth Grp (YR)
<b>Monday</b> 2/5/2024	7:00 PM	Green Team Meets (FH,Z)
	7:30 PM	Social Committee Meets (Fr)
<b>Tuesday</b> 2/6/2024	9:45 AM	HCC Staff Meeting (FH)
	10:30 AM - 1PM	Onsite Office Hours (Ofc)
	7:00 PM	Safety Team Meets (FH)
<b>Wednesday</b> 2/7/2024	7:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal (CR)
<b>Thursday</b> 2/8/2024	9:00 - 9:45 AM	Sermon Preview Group (Z)
	10:30 AM	HCC Onsite Office Hours (Ofc)
	1:30 PM	Mission Outreach Meets (FH)
<b>Saturday</b> 2/10/2024	9:00 AM	Men's Group Meets (Z)
	2:00 - 6:30 PM	Connect & Reflect Retreat- HCC
	6:30 - 8:30 PM	Karaoke & Lip Sync Battle - HCC
<b>Sunday</b> 2/11/2024	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)
	2:00 - 3:30 PM	YOUTH: All Youth Sledding <i>Meridian Hill</i>

**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

**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.

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 access our Online Giving.
- Text GIVE to our secure giving number:  
517-200-3995
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**We are so grateful for your generosity!**

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**Our thanks this morning to:**

<b>Reader:</b>	Steve Decker
<b>Greeters:</b>	Sylvia Davis & Joanne Ricks
<b>Ushers:</b>	Malinda Barr & Sylvia Davis
<b>Coffee Hosts:</b>	Steve & Barb Decker
<b>Audio/Visual Tech:</b>	Jim Gornick
<b>Tellers</b>	Rich Newport & Larry Leefers (Train Kris Belonge)



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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# Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples

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1 To - day we all are called to be dis - ci - ples of the  
 2 God made the world and at its birth or - dained our hu - man  
 3 Pray jus - tice may come roll - ing down as in a might - y  
 4 May we in ser - vice to our God act out the liv - ing



Lord, to help to set the cap - tive free, make  
 race to live as stew - ards of the earth, re -  
 stream, with righ - teous - ness in field and town to  
 word, and walk the road the saints have trod till



plow - share out of sword, to feed the hun - gry, quench their  
 spond - ing to God's grace. But we are vain and sad - ly  
 cleanse us and re - deem. For God is long - ing to re -  
 all have seen and heard. As stew - ards of the earth may



thirst, make love and peace our fast, to serve the  
 proud; we sow not peace but strife. Our dis - cord  
 store an earth where con - flicts cease, a world that  
 we give thanks in one ac - cord to God who



poor and home - less first, our ease and com - fort last.  
 spreads a dead - ly cloud that threat - ens all of life.  
 was cre - at - ed for a har - mo - ny of peace.  
 calls us all to be dis - ci - ples of the Lord.

# O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

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Charles Wesley, 1740; alt.

1 O for a thou-sand tongues to sing my great Re-deem-er's praise,  
2 My gra-cious Sav - ior and my God, as - sist me to pro - claim,  
3 Je - sus! the name that calms our fears, that bids our sor - rows cease  
4 Glo - ry to God, and love and praise be ev - er, ev - er given

The glo - ries ev - er ech - o - ing the tri - umphs of God's grace!  
To spread through all the earth a - broad the hon - ors of your name.  
Is mu - sic in the sin-ner's ears, is life, and health, and peace!  
By all the saints in ev - ery age, the church in earth and heaven.

*The hymn is a cento from a longer poem of eighteen stanzas written by Charles Wesley on the first anniversary of his conversion. The present form of the hymn is one edited by John Wesley for The Wesleyan Hymn Book, 1780.*

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Tune: AZMON C.M.

Carl G. Gläser, 1828

Adapt. in L. Mason's Modern Psalmody, 1839

Alternate tune: RICHMOND

D Em A D G D/F#

1 Strength-en all the wea - ry hands, stead - y all the  
 2 Wa - ters flow in the wil - der-ness, streams break forth a -  
 3 Then the ran - somed shall re - turn, they shall come to  
 4 Let the wil - der - ness be glad, and the des - ert

GM7 A D E7 Asus4 A

trem - bling knees, and say to all faint hearts:  
 mid ar - id des - erts, burn - ing sands turn to pools.  
 Zi - on with sing - ing. Joy shall crown their heads.  
 burst in - to blos - som, dance and sing for joy!

D F#m Em7 A Em7 GM7 Asus4 D

“Cour - age, cour - age, do not be a - fraid.  
 Be strong, fear not, for your God is near.  
 Sor - row, sigh - ing, all shall flee a - way.  
 Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah!

A D/A G/A G D/F# E Asus4 A7

(1-4) Look, your God is com - ing. God comes, comes to save you.

Cour - age, cour - age, do not be a - fraid.”  
 Be strong, fear not, for your God is near.  
 Sor - row, sigh - ing, all shall flee a - way.  
 Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah!

Martie McMane, an ordained United Church of Christ minister, wrote many songs for worship as a pastor-evangelist in local church and national settings. This one first appeared in *Worship Comes Alive*, a resource developed for a denominational program, “The Evangelism Institutes.”

Tune: SONG OF REJOICING *arr.*  
 Martie McMane, 1990  
 Harm. Don Brandon, 1990

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*Jeremiah E. Rankin, 1880; alt.*

1 God be with you till we meet a - gain; By good coun-sel guide, up - hold you,  
 2 God be with you till we meet a - gain; Wings of shel-ter safe - ly hide you,  
 3 God be with you till we meet a - gain; When life's per - ils thick con-found you,  
 4 God be with you till we meet a - gain; Keep love's ban-ner float - ing o'er you,

With a shep-herd's care en - fold you: God be with you till we meet a - gain.  
 Dai - ly man - na still pro-vide you: God be with you till we meet a - gain.  
 Put un - fail - ing arms a - round you: God be with you till we meet a - gain.  
 Smite death's threat-ening wave be - fore you: God be with you till we meet a - gain.

*Refrain*

Till we meet, till we meet, till we meet at Je - sus' feet;  
 till we meet, till we meet a - gain, till we meet,

till we meet, till we meet, God be with you till we meet a - gain.  
 till we meet, till we meet a - gain,

*Written during his last pastorate, at First Congregational Church in Washington, D.C., Jeremiah Rankin's hymn spread quickly throughout America and England by way of Moody and Sankey's revival meetings. Rankin later served as the seventh president of Howard University.*

Tune: GOD BE WITH YOU 9.8.8.9. with refrain  
 William G. Tomer, 1880

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## 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. [\(Back\)](#)