



Hasle. Community Church
United Church of Christ

Sunday, February 5, 2023
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 88.7FM)
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.*

Fi. h Sunday after Epiphany
February 5, 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.*

Gathering

Welcome

Prelude

“The Water is Wide”

Amer. Folk Tune

Call to Worship

Jesus challenges us to follow him

by caring for others as we would like to be cared for.

Jesus challenges us to trust him

to help us find what we seek.

Jesus challenges us to remember

that our eyes are not free from planks and splinters.

In worship we take on these challenges,

and ask for courage to follow, trust and remember.

***Hymn**

“Will You Come and Follow Me?”
(please see insert-verses 1, 4, & 5)

Bell/Maule
Kelvingrove

Prayer of Approach

Our Triune God of Grace,

May we seek you and find you,

may we knock and the door be opened,

for we are sojourners looking for your realm.

As we encounter suffering in this world,

turn our hearts, our ears, our eyes, our souls

toward Christ, who emptied himself,

and was tempted,

(continued...)

and came to this world to understand us better,
and we him.
Jesus even giving his own life.

In this suffering, plant seeds of hope,
and let us never stray so far into despair,
that we forget the resurrection of Christ
and the power of his Spirit.
Amen

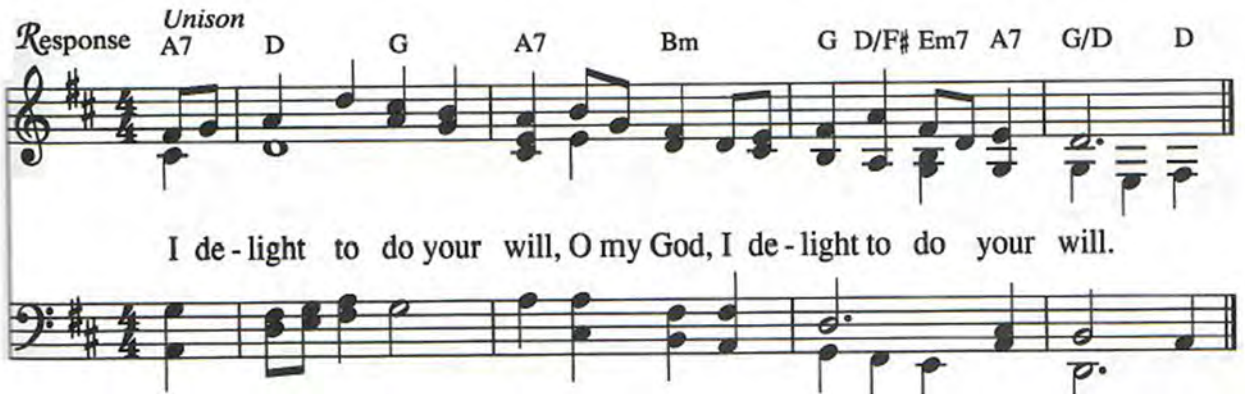
Moment of Quiet Reflection

Hymn Response

“I Delight To Do Your Will”
(sing 2 times)

Haugen
trad. Spiritual
arr. Osiek

Response *Unison*
A7 D G A7 Bm G D/F# Em7 A7 G/D D



I de-light to do your will, O my God, I de-light to do your will.

Scripture Reading

Matthew 7: 1-14

“Do not judge, so that you may not be judged. ² For the judgment you give will be the judgment you get, and the measure you give will be the measure you get. ³ Why do you see the speck in your neighbor’s eye but do not notice the log in your own eye? ⁴ Or how can you say to your neighbor, ‘Let me take the speck out of your eye,’ while the log is in your own eye? ⁵ You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your neighbor’s eye.

⁶ “Do not give what is holy to dogs, and do not throw your pearls before swine, or they will trample them under foot and turn and maul you.

⁷ “Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. ⁸ For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. ⁹ Is there anyone among you who, if

your child asked for bread, would give a stone? ¹⁰ Or if the child asked for a fish, would give a snake? ¹¹ If you, then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good things to those who ask him!

¹² “In everything do to others as you would have them do to you, for this is the Law and the Prophets.

¹³ “Enter through the narrow gate, for the gate is wide and the road is easy that leads to destruction, and there are many who take it. ¹⁴ For the gate is narrow and the road is hard that leads to life, and there are few who find it.

Anthem

“Like a River in my Soul”

arr. Osiek

Children’s Moment

Scripture Reading

Matthew 7: 24-29

“Everyone, then, who hears these words of mine and acts on them will be like a wise man who built his house on rock. ²⁵ The rain fell, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall because it had been founded on rock. ²⁶ And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not act on them will be like a foolish man who built his house on sand. ²⁷ The rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell—and great was its fall!”

²⁸ Now when Jesus had finished saying these words, the crowds were astounded at his teaching, ²⁹ for he taught them as one having authority and not as their scribes.

Sermon

“Where to Begin”

***Hymn**

“Sometimes A Light Surprises”

(please see insert)

Cowper
SALLEY GARDENS

New Member Induction

Mark Vorenkamp

We welcome you gladly into the life of our church and into the wider fellowship of the United Church of Christ. We promise our friendship and prayers, as we share the hopes, labors, and joys of our life in Christ. By the power of the Holy Spirit, may we grow together in love and faith. May we truly be God’s people, alive in service to one another and the world.

Invita. on to Share Tithes & Offerings

Offertory

Ministry Connections
Reaching Out to Each Other and Our Community
February 5, 2023



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.

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.



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CHURCH CALENDAR (February 5 - February 12)

Sunday 2/5/2023	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)
	7:00 - 9:00 PM	HS Youth Group (YR)
Tuesday 2/7/2023	10:30 AM - 1PM	Onsite Office Hours (Ofc)
Wednesday 2/8/2023	11:30 AM - 1PM	Pastor Betsy Office Hours (Ofc)
	7:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal (S)
Thursday 2/9/2023	9:00 AM	Pastor Betsy Bible Study (Z)
	10:30 AM - 1PM	Onsite Office Hours (Ofc)
Friday 2/10/2023	Friday 4PM - Saturday 8pm	YOUTH: MS Winter Retreat
Saturday 2/11/2023	9:00 AM	Men's Grp Breakfast (Blondie's)
Sunday 2/12/2023 Happy Heart Sunday	10:00 AM	Worship (S, PL, Online)
	10:00 AM	Sunday School (SS)
	11:00 AM	Coffee Fellowship (Fr)
	11:15 AM	Knitters, Crocheters, etc... (L)
	Afternoon	YOUTH: All Youth Sledding Meridian Hill

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 NEXT SUNDAY, February 12, right after Worship, in the Library.



NEXT 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 or call 517.339.8383.

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:

Reader:	Steve Decker
Greeters:	Sylvia Davis & Jean McIntyre
Ushers:	Ann Pierce & Sylvia Davis
Coffee Hosts:	Steve & Barb Decker
Audio/Visual Techs:	Helen & David Jones
Tellers	Sylvia Davis & 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.



1."Will you come and fol - low me if I but call your name? ____
 2."Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call your name? ____
 3."Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call your name? ____
 4."Will you love the you you hide if I but call your name? ____
 5.Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call my name. ____



Willyou go where you don't know and nev - er be the same? ____
 Willyou care for cruel and kind and nev - er be the same? ____
 Willyou set the pris - 'ners free and nev - er be the same? ____
 Willyou quell the fear in - side and nev - er be the same? ____
 Let me turn and fol - low you and nev - er be the same. ____



Will you let my love be shown, ____ will you let my name be known, ____
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare, ____ should your life at - tract or scare? ____
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, ____ and do such as this un - seen, ____
 Will you use the faith you've found ____ to re - shapethe world a - round, ____
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go ____ where your love and foot - steps show. ____



will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?" ____
 Will you let me an - swer pray'r in you and you in me?" ____
 and - ad - mit to what I mean in you and you in me?" ____
 throughmy sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?" ____
 Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me. ____

800 Sometimes a Light Surprises



1 Some - times a light sur - pris - es the child of God who sings;
 2 In ho - ly con - tem - pla - tion we sweet - ly then pur - sue
 3 It can bring with it noth - ing but he will bear us through;
 4 Though vine nor fig tree nei - ther their longed - for fruit should bear,



it is the Lord who ris - es with heal - ing in his wings;
 the theme of God's sal - va - tion and find it ev - er new;
 who gives the lil - ies cloth - ing will clothe his peo - ple, too;
 though all the fields should with - er, nor flocks nor herds be there,



when com - forts are de - clin - ing, he grants the soul a - gain
 set free from pres - ent sor - row, we cheer - ful - ly can say,
 be - neath the spread - ing heav - ens no crea - ture but is fed;
 yet God the same a - bid - ing, his praise shall tune my voice;



a sea - son of clear shin - ing to cheer it af - ter rain.
 "Let the un - known to - mor - row bring with it what it may."
 and he who feeds the ra - vens will give his chil - dren bread.
 for while in him con - fid - ing, I can - not but re - joice.