



Haslett Community Church  
United Church of Christ

Sunday, February 11, 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 88.7FM)
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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**The Last Sunday after Epiphany and Transfiguration Sunday  
February 11, 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:** *“What the story of Jesus on the mountain demonstrates, for those with eyes to see or ears to hear, is that, just as Jesus seems to be the place where God’s world and ours meet, where God’s time and ours meet, so he is also the place where, so to speak, God’s matter – God’s new creation – intersects with ours. - N.T. Wright*

**Gathering Music**

**Welcome & Announcements**

**Call to Worship** (by J. Harader)

The mountain top  
the shining face  
the glowing clothes  
the voice of God speaking from the cloud  
the commandments etched in stone

**the appearing and disappearing  
the excitement  
the wondering  
the silence**

**Sometimes God shows up  
in ways we cannot deny  
in a place we can go  
a light we can see  
a voice we can hear  
a stone we can touch**  
Sometimes

Sometimes God shows up  
in ways we cannot deny.  
Always God shows up  
somehow.

**Sometimes  
there is the veil  
the overshadowing, terrifying cloud  
the questions**

**So we have shown up  
here, now  
May God give us eyes to see.**

\* Hymn #182

“We Have Come at Christ’s Own Bidding”

Daw, Jr.  
HYFRYDOL

### Prayer of Approach (adapted from a prayer by T. Shuman)

**God of mountaintops, sometimes we wait for you to astound us with whirlwinds of wonders, even while you silently offer us grace. Forgive us, Revealer of Mystery. You offer mercy to us, so we might hear your call to discipleship. You whisper our names, so we might know how loved we are. Caught by the surprise of your never ending joy in us, how can we not follow Jesus onto the mountaintops of worship and into the valleys of sacrifice and service!**

On mountaintops and in valleys, in our homes and in our hearts, God knows us better than we know ourselves, and God forgives us when we cannot forgive ourselves.

**By God's mercy, we are forgiven;  
by God's mercy, we are made whole;  
by God's mercy, we are equipped to serve others.  
Thanks be to God. Amen.**

### Moment of Quiet Meditation

Hymn Response #42

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

Wesley  
AZMON

### First Scripture Reading

**Mark 8: 27-9:1**

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi, and on the way he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that I am?”<sup>28</sup> And they answered him, “John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.”<sup>29</sup> He asked them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered him, “You are the Messiah.”<sup>30</sup> And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

<sup>31</sup> Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes and be killed and after three days rise again.<sup>32</sup> He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him.

<sup>33</sup> But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

<sup>34</sup> He called the crowd with his disciples and said to them, “If any wish to come after me, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.”<sup>35</sup> For those who want to save



(repeat 2x)

## Hallelujah, Salvation and Glory

from Zimbabwe

Hal - le - lu - jah, sal - va - tion and glo - ry. hon - or and pow'r  
6 un - to the Lord our God. For the Lord our God is might - y, yes, the  
11 Lord our God is om - ni - po - tent, the Lord our God he is won - der - ful.

### \*Putting Away the Alleluia

When Jesus came down from the mount of Transfiguration, he began to tell his disciples that he would be betrayed and crucified.

#### **Sometimes we lose our Alleluia.**

Jesus did not enter into glory before he stretched out his arms on the hardwood of the cross.

#### **Sometimes we lose our Alleluia.**

Jesus told his disciples, "If you want to become my followers, deny yourselves and take up your cross and follow me."

#### CHORAL FAREWELL TO ALLELUIA

#### **Sometimes we must let go of our Alleluia.**

At Easter we will again celebrate the Resurrection and sing "Christ is risen."

#### **In God's time, we will find our Alleluia!**

For the days of Lent, we discontinue singing and saying, "Alleluia."

#### **Sometimes, we must let go of our Alleluia.**

### 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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**Ministry Connections**  
**Reaching Out to Each Other and Our Community**  
**February 11, 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 11 - February 18)**

<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
<b>Monday</b> 2/12/2024	6:00 PM	Property Meets (Z)
<b>Tuesday</b> 2/13/2024	10:30 AM - 1PM	Onsite Office Hours (Ofc)
	7:15 PM	Church Council Meets (FH,Z)
<b>Wednesday</b> 2/14/2024		<b>ASH WEDNESDAY</b>
	11:30 AM - 1PM	Betsy Drop-In Office Hrs (Ofc)
	6:00 PM	Ash Wednesday Service (S)
	7:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal (CR)
<b>Thursday</b> 2/15/2024	9:00 - 9:45 AM	Sermon Preview Group (Z)
	10:30 AM	HCC Onsite Office Hours (Ofc)
<b>Friday</b> 2/16/2024	9:30 AM	YOUTH: Brkfst @ Blondie's
		9:30 - grades 5-7;
		10:30 - grades 8-10;
		11:30 - grades 11-12
<b>Saturday</b> 2/17/2024	9:00 AM	Men's Breakfast (Z) <i>Coral Gables, East Lansing</i>
<b>Sunday</b> 2/18/2024	10:00 AM	Worship (S, PL, Online)
		<i>Communion &amp; Joyful Offering</i>
	11:00 AM	Coffee Fellowship (Fr)
	11:15 AM	Coffee With Jesus (MM)
	<b>1st Sunday in Lent</b>	5:00 - 6:30 PM
	7:00 - 9:00 PM	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

**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.

**Ash Wednesday Service**

**February 14, at 6:00 pm**

with imposition of ashes\*

(with livestream option)



Children's program during the service.

\*Ashes provided in document holders this week for those wishing to participate via livestream.



**NEXT SUNDAY**, the 1st Sunday in Lent, our children will be collecting their **Joyful Offering** during Worship. This offering will go to support the Lansing area Loaves & Fishes ministry. Please consider bringing your change for them to collect.



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
- PayPal us at:  
[HCCgenerosity@gmail](mailto:HCCgenerosity@gmail.com)



**We are so grateful for your generosity!**

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**Our thanks this morning to:**

<b>Reader:</b>	Deb Klein
<b>Greeters:</b>	Cindy & Brett Meteyer
<b>Ushers:</b>	Tom Nelson & Katie Riley
<b>Coffee Hosts:</b>	Tim & Laura Roumpz
<b>Audio/Visual Tech:</b>	Jon Lineberry
<b>Tellers</b>	Cheryl Edwards & Bob Heisler (Train Kristin Schuster)



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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Matt. 17:1-8; Mark 9:2-8; Luke 9:28-36

Carl P. Daw, Jr., 1988

1 We have come at Christ's own bid - ding to this high and  
 2 Light breaks through our clouds and shad - ows, splen - dor bathes the  
 3 Strength-ened by this glimpse of glo - ry, fear - ful lest our

ho - ly place, Where we wait with hope and long - ing for some  
 flesh-joined Word, Mo - ses and E - li - jah mar - vel as the  
 faith de - cline, We, like Pe - ter, find it tempt-ing to re -

to - ken of God's grace. Here we pray for new as -  
 heav - enly voice is heard. Eyes and hearts be - hold with  
 main and build a shrine. But true wor - ship gives us

sur - ance that our faith is not in vain, Search - ing  
 won - der how the Law and Proph - ets meet: Christ with  
 cour - age to pro - claim what we pro - fess, That our

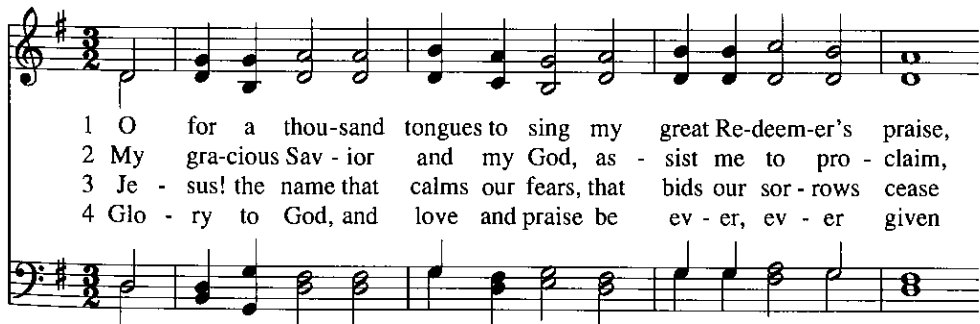
like those first dis - ci - ples for a sign both clear and plain.  
 gar - ments drenched in bright - ness, stands trans - fig - ured and com - plete.  
 dai - ly lives may prove us peo - ple of the God we bless.

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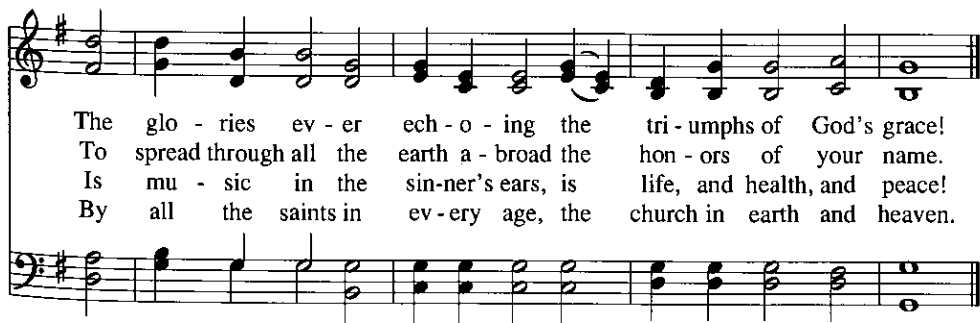
# O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

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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.*

Tune: AZMON C.M.

Carl G. Gläser, 1828

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

Alternate tune: RICHMOND

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Luke 9:28-36; Matt. 17:1-5; Mark 9:2-7

Latin, "Sarum Breviary," 1495  
Transl. John Mason Neale, 1851; alt.

1 O won - drous sight, O vi - sion fair of glo - ry  
2 From age to age the tale de - clare, how with the  
3 The law and proph - ets there have place, two cho - sen  
4 With shin - ing face and bright ar - ray, Christ deigns to  
5 And faith - ful hearts are raised on high by this great

that the church shall share, Which Christ up - on the  
three dis - ci - ples there, Where Mo - ses and E -  
wit - ness - es of grace; The voice of God out  
man - i - fest to - day What glo - ry shall be  
vi - sion's mys - ter - y, For which in joy - ful

moun-tain shows, where bright - er than the sun, Christ glows!  
li - jah meet, they with the Christ God's fu - ture greet.  
from the cloud pro - claims the Hu - man One a - loud.  
theirs be - yond, who live with - in God's lov - ing bond.  
strains we raise the voice of prayer, the hymn of praise.

This tune was composed in honor of the defeat of France at Agincourt by England under Henry V. The words, "Deo gracias . . .," were added in honor of the English king's wish that the glory for the victory be given to God.

Tune: DEO GRACIAS L.M.  
"The Agincourt Song," England, c. 1415  
For other harmonizations, see 209, 259

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