



Haslett Community Church  
United Church of Christ

Ash Wednesday  
February 14, 2024  
6:00 PM



*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 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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*When you see an \*, you are invited to stand as you are able. When text is in **bold**, you are invited to speak aloud.*

## **Welcome**

### **Prelude**

“Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life”

Herbert  
THE CALL

### **Call to Worship**

For just such a time as this,  
we were made.

In the image of God,  
loving, grace-giving, and wise,  
we are created to be the hands,  
hearts, and feet of divinity.

**We gather on this Ash Wednesday,  
not because we must,  
not to puff ourselves up,  
but to start out on the trail  
leading to the resurrection.**

**We commit to learning to live faithfully,  
embracing the royal divinity within each of us.**

### **\*Hymn #331**

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## Prayer of Confession

We confess we sin individually against others,  
we confess we repeat our mistakes, even though we know better.  
We allow our actions to make it harder for others to reach you.  
Release us from our flawed ideas and the desires that trip us up causing our fall into sin.  
Move us closer to you and away from that which tempts us.

We confess we are also a part of the world's systems of sin.  
We are all twisted up in that which we barely understand.  
We claim our success is of our own doing and anyone can do as we do,  
even as our kindred struggle in poverty or other injustices that we never face.

Release us from our ignorance and arrogance so we can live in your beloved community.  
In the name of those with whom we are connected yet do not know,  
In the name of the children who come to Jesus and are blessed,  
In the name of the humble,  
In the name of our Triune God of Grace and forgiveness we pray. Amen.

## Time for Quiet Reflection and Confession

### Blessing the Dust

### Imposition of Ashes

### Hymn Response

### "Sign Us With Ashes"

Bringler/Rowan

The musical score is written on three staves in a 4/4 time signature with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The first staff begins with the tempo marking 'All' and contains the lyrics 'Sign us with ash - es, mer - ci - ful God, chil - dren of'. The second staff continues with 'dust, as to dust we re - turn. Sign us with ash - es,'. The third staff concludes with 'mer - ci - ful God. Mark us and make us your own.' and ends with a double bar line and the word 'Fine'.

## Scripture Reading

**Mark 9: 30-37**

They went on from there and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it, <sup>31</sup>for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, “The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again.” <sup>32</sup>But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him. <sup>33</sup>Then they came to Capernaum, and when he was in the house he asked them, “What were you arguing about on the way?” <sup>34</sup>But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. <sup>35</sup>He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, “Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.” <sup>36</sup>Then he took a little child and put it among them, and taking it in his arms he said to them, <sup>37</sup>“Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.”

## Message

**Pastoral Prayer and The Lord’s Prayer** (from the Iona Community 2023 Prayer Book)

**Creator and Kin, as near as breath and yet far beyond our understanding, holy is your name. Your new reality come, your justice be done, here and now. May we feed each other as you feed us. You hold us in grace when we don’t ‘get it,’ may we hold others in grace, too. May we resist complacency and strive for peace, for all people, and all times. Amen.**

## \* Benediction

## Postlude



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

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Wednesday Wisdom & Wondering Presents:  
**The Beautiful and The Terrible**

following Jesus through real life

Lent 2024 · Wednesdays · 6-7p.m.

Feb. 21<sup>st</sup> – March 20<sup>th</sup>

Feb. 21 · Entering the Wilderness

Feb. 28 · The Limitless Love of God

March 6 · Transformation Not Perfection

March 13 · The Depths of Renewal

March 20 · The Compassion of God

Join us in person or Zoom

Come when you can

No preparation needed

If joining by Zoom:

Meeting ID: 841 6543 6911

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- 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
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We are so grateful for your generosity!

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**Ministry Connections**  
**Reaching Out to Each Other and Our Community**  
**February 14-18**



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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 Haslett Community Church

**CHURCH CALENDAR (February 14 - February 18)**

<b>Wednesday</b> 2/14/2024 Ash Wednesday	11:30 AM - 1PM 1:00 PM 6:00 PM 7:00 PM	Pastor Betsy Office Hours (Ofc) Spiritual Life Meets (L) Ash Wednesday Service (S) Choir Rehearsal (CR)
<b>Thursday</b> 2/15/2024	9:00 - 9:45 AM 10:30 AM - 1PM	Pastor Betsy Bible Study (Z) 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 1st Sunday of Lent	10:00 AM 11:00 AM 11:15 AM 5:00 - 6:30 PM 7:00 - 9:00 PM	Worship (S, PL, Online) <i>Communion &amp; Joyful Offering</i> Coffee Fellowship (Fr) Coffee With Jesus (MM) 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



Men's Group meets  
**THIS SATURDAY,**  
**February 17, at 9 AM**  
 for breakfast together  
 at **Coral Gables, 2838**  
**Grand River Ave,** East  
 Lansing.

**We look forward to seeing you!**

**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.

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!

**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

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**THIS SUNDAY,** the 1st Sunday in Lent, our children will be collecting their **Joyful Offering** during Worship. This offering will go to support the Meridian Cares Baby Bottle Boomerang. Please consider bringing your change for them to collect.



## The Staff:

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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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# Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life

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George Herbert, 1633; alt.

John 8:12; 14:1-7; 15:11

Unison

1 Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life: such a way as gives us  
2 Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength: such a light as shows a  
3 Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart: such a joy as none can

breath; Such a truth as ends all strife;  
feast; Such a feast as mends in length;  
move; Such a love as none can part;

such a life as con- - - quers death.  
such a strength as makes a guest.  
such a heart as joys in love.

Shortly before his death, the poet George Herbert entrusted his manuscript of *The Temple* (including this hymn) to a friend for publication. The musical setting by English composer Ralph Vaughan Williams is from *Five Mystical Songs* from George Herbert.

Tune: THE CALL 7.7.7.7.  
Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1911

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