



Haslett Community Church
United Church of Christ

Sunday, February 18, 2024
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 88.7 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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and humbly explore God's love.*

The First Sunday in Lent, Communion, & Joyful Offering
February 18, 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: *"I want Jesus to let me off the hook. Me and the rich young man. But he won't." – L. D. Schade*

Gathering Music

Welcome & Announcements

Choral Call to Worship

"By Your Cross"
(our Hymn Response for Lent)

Taizé

Call to Worship (by K. Hawker)

Treasure is...

**Gold and silver,
Frankincense and myrrh.**

Treasure is...

**To have and to hold,
'Til death us do part.**

Treasure is...

**Family heirlooms
Offering precious memories.**

Come...

bringing treasure, seeking treasure.

Come...

Treasured ones.

We come...

Treasuring worship and community.

* **Hymn #537**

"Christian, Rise and Act Your Creed"

Russell
INNOCENTS

Prayer of Approach

We stand before you, Saving God, stripped of our pretensions and pride, for nothing we do or say, or fail to, can be hidden from you. You hear the angry words we preach to ourselves; you sift through the rubble of hurts we have caused; you see how we stumble, weighed down by all that 'stuff' which keeps us from following Jesus.

We stand before you, Holy Grace. As you empty our hands of that wealth of unneeded things we cling so tightly to, fill them with your grace and hope. As we let go of all which might hold us back, give us the trust to follow Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, into that life which he offers to each of us.

Trusting in the One who redeems us, we decide to live as God's faithful and forgiven people. Amen.

Moment of Quiet Meditation

Hymn Response

"By Your Cross"

Taizé



By your cross and all the wounds you suffered,
grant us freedom in your love, grant us freedom in your love,
grant us freedom in your love, in your love.

First Scripture Reading

Mark 10: 17-22

As he was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" ¹⁸ Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. ¹⁹ You know the commandments: 'You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness. You shall not defraud. Honor your father and mother.'" ²⁰ He said to him, "Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth." ²¹ Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, "You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." ²² When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

Anthem

“Create In Me”

Psalm 51: 10-12

Larkin

Children’s Moment

Preschool through 5th graders are invited to Sunday School.

Second Scripture Reading

Mark 10: 23-31

Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!” ²⁴ And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, “Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! ²⁵ It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.” ²⁶ They were greatly astounded and said to one another, “Then who can be saved?” ²⁷ Jesus looked at them and said, “For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.”

²⁸ Peter began to say to him, “Look, we have left everything and followed you.” ²⁹ Jesus said, “Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields for my sake and for the sake of the good news ³⁰ who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. ³¹ But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.”

Sermon

“Who, Me?”

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Prayer at the Table

Words of Institution

Invitation to the Table

Partaking of the Elements

Prayer of Thanksgiving 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.

Ministry Connections
Reaching Out to Each Other and Our Community
February 18, 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.

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 18 - February 25)

Sunday 2/18/2024	10:00 AM	Worship (S, PL, Online) <i>Communion & Joyful Offering</i>
	11:00 AM	Coffee Fellowship (Fr)
1st Sunday in Lent	11:15 AM	Coffee With Jesus (MM)
	5:00 - 6:30 PM	YOUTH: MS Youth Grp (YR)
	7:00 - 9:00 PM	YOUTH: HS Youth Grp (YR)
Tuesday 2/20/2024		NEWSLETTER DEADLINE Please email hcc1@att.net
	10:30 AM - 1PM 7:00 PM	Onsite Office Hours (Ofc) Grn Team Book Club (Kim H's)
Wednesday 2/21/2024	11:30 AM - 1PM	Pastor Betsy Office Hrs (Ofc)
	6:00 PM 7:00 PM	Wisdom & Wondering (FH,Z) Choir Rehearsal (CR)
Thursday 2/22/2024	9:00 - 9:45 AM	Sermon Preview Group (Z)
	10:30 AM	HCC Onsite Office Hours (Ofc)
Friday 2/23/2024	6:30 - 9:30 PM	Church & Society Potluck <i>Susan Turney's home</i>
Saturday 2/24/2024	9:00 AM	Men's Group Meets (Z)
Sunday 2/25/2024	10:00 AM	Worship (S, PL, Online)
	10:00 AM	Sunday School (SS)
	11:00 AM	Coffee Fellowship (Fr)
	11:15 AM	Inquirer's Class (S)
	Noon - 3:00 PM	HCC Leadership Retreat (FH)
	5:00 - 6:30 PM 7:00 - 9:00 PM	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

TODAY, 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 donating your change for them to collect.



NEWSLETTER DEADLINE - Information you'd like included in the March 2024 Newsletter is due to Michele no later than **February 20 (THIS TUESDAY)** Please send to: hcc1@att.net



Sunday, Feb. 25
11:15 am - 12:20 pm
 in the Sanctuary w/ Pastor Betsy
 Learn more about HCC & how to get involved. See [HCC Connections, pg. 7](#), for details.

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)



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Our thanks this morning to:

Reader:	Don Flagg
Greeters:	Ann McGrath & Jean McIntyre
Ushers:	Jim Gornick & Kelly Flagg
Coffee Hosts:	Carol Cramer & Kelly Flagg
Audio/Visual Tech:	Jon Lineberry
Tellers	Don Flagg & Jim Gornick



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.

Christian, Rise and Act Your Creed

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Francis Albert Rollo Russell, 1893; alt.

1 Chris - tian, rise and act your creed; let your
2 Hearts a - round you sink with care; you can
3 Of - fer oth - ers hope and joy, and God's
4 Come then, law di - vine, and reign: faith that

prayer be in your deed; Seek the right, per - form the
help their load to bear; You can bring in - spir - ing
wor - ship your em - ploy; Giv - ing thanks in hum - ble
doubt as - sails in vain, Per - fect love be - reft of

true, raise your work and life a - new.
light, strength - en them to do the right.
zeal, learn - ing all God's will to feel.
fear, born in heaven and ra - diant here.

Francis Albert Rollo Russell was a writer on scientific subjects and a Fellow of the Royal Meteorological Society. This hymn was first published in the *Pilgrim Hymnal* (1904). The tune originated with a text used for the Feast of the Holy Innocents.

Tune: INNOCENTS 7.7.7.7.
The Parish Choir, 1850

(Back)



1 Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees;
 * 2 Let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees;
 3 Let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees;



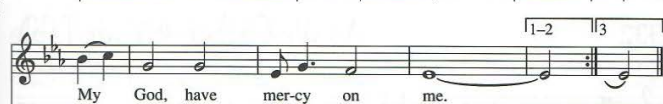

let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees.
 let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees.
 let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees.



Refrain



When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing sun,

My God, have mer - cy on me.



* "Share the cup" may be substituted for "drink wine."

The earliest version of this spiritual probably began with the current stanza three, and was a song some of the enslaved in Virginia used when gathering for secret meetings. The communion stanzas were added some time after the Civil War.

Tune: LET US BREAK BREAD
 10.10. with refrain
 Harm. David Hurd, 1983

(Back)

You're here to be light, bringing out the God-colors in the world.

Matthew 5:14-15 (The Message)

"This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine...Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine..."

If Jesus had a playlist of music, surely this familiar hymn would be among the Top Five.

Jesus teaches that faith calls for action. Sharing our light, as the diverse and colorful expression of God's love here on earth, leads to making blankets, staffing food pantries, cooking meals, building houses and schools, signing petitions for worthy causes, and protesting injustices. A simple song with a simple message—our light is on a light stand, for all to see—shine and share. On any given day, light is shining because we are there through our gifts to OGHs.

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Don Pedro Antonio Maldonado lives in the countryside of Honduras where he works on his crops and coffee plantations. In 2019, when the pandemic lockdown happened, it was difficult for Don Pedro and his family to access food and supplies needed to maintain their harvests. His wife even suggested she leave for the U.S. to find employment and help make ends meet. Despite their challenges, Don Pedro and his wife decided they would hold on to their deep faith and stay together in Honduras. Following this decision, they received the blessing they had been hoping for when Church World Service (CWS) and local partner CASM with funding assistance from One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) invited them to participate in a food security program. Pedro received chickens, a piglet, sheep, and a cow. He was given intense training in caring for these animals. He also learned how to start a vegetable garden.

Today Don Pedro invites his neighbors to his home to share what he is doing. He says, "I teach them by doing the job, not just giving them theory. They see that if I can do it, our community, which faces limitations, can do it too." He added that since joining the program, his family has made a good income that will allow them to maintain a happy life together in their country. Don Pedro credits all of his success to God. His gratitude and desire to share these blessings makes him a blessing to the rest of his community. His family can stay planted where they are and share the light in their community.

Your contributions to OGHS make Don Pedro's good work possible. He shares the light of Christ—revealing God-colors in the world.