



Haslett Community Church
United Church of Christ

Sunday, February 19, 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 88.7 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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Transfiguration Sunday
February 19, 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.*

For Your Meditation: "To be able to enjoy the pleasure of descending from a mountaintop, something should take you to the top of the mountain in the first place." - Nesta Jojoe Erskine

Gathering

Welcome

Prelude

"O Wondrous Sight, O Vision Fair"

DEO GRACIAS
arr. BFF

Call to Worship (by Roddy Hamilton)

Behind all things
behind the dull surface
there is a glory escaping
that is born of heaven
and belongs to heaven

that casts a spell of hope
that sees the glory in the cross
and life within death

**a light that welcomes
a more profound way of seeing things
that transfigures the world**

**it is a glory
that meets us here
on this mountain
where Jesus Christ
covered in the dust of the world
is caught up in the glory of heaven.**

Welcome to the mountain.

***Hymn #182**

"We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding"

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Prayer of Approach (by Rev. Madison Shockley)

**Forgive us, God, when we linger too long by the waters,
and on the mountain tops,
enthralled with the glory that flows from you.**

(continued...)

**When we fail to listen to your voice leading and guiding us,
shake us from our contentment
and send us forward endowed with your power. Amen.**

[Moment of Quiet Reflection]

The God of Elijah, the God of Moses and the God of Jesus
desires mercy more than sacrifice
and a contrite heart rather than burnt offerings.
Love God and do the right thing
and forgiveness shall be your friend
and mercy your true companion.

Hymn Response

“Halle, Halle, Halle”
(please see insert - sing 2 times)

Caribbean melody

First Scripture Reading

Isaiah 43: 1-3a

¹ But now thus says the Lord,
who created you, O Jacob,
who formed you, O Israel:

³ For I am the Lord your God,
the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.”

Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;
I have called you by name; you are mine.

² When you pass through the waters, I will be with you,
and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;
when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,
and the flame shall not consume you.

Anthem

“Lead, Kindly Light”
(Sophie Kirchoff, soloist)

Newman
Assad

Children’s Moment

Second Scripture Reading

Matthew 17: 1-8

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. ² And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became bright as light. ³ Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. ⁴ Then Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will set up three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.”

⁵ While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" ⁶ When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. ⁷ But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." ⁸ And when they raised their eyes, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

Sermon "Walking Downhill is Hard on the Knees"

***Hymn #184** "O Wondrous Sight, O Vision Fair" DEO GRACIAS
(verses 1, 2, & 5) arr. BFF

Invitation to Share Tithes & Offerings

Offertory "Come Unto Me, All Ye Who Labor" Freeman

*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.

Announcements

*Responsive Benediction: 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."

Sometimes we must let go of our Alleluia.

(continued...)

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.

***Congregational**

Benediction Response

"God Be With You 'Til We Meet Again"
(please see insert, verse 1)

Rankin

Postlude



You are welcome to join us after Worship for Coffee Fellowship in Friendship Hall.

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



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 the right to access our Online Giving.
- Text GIVE to our secure giving number: 517-200-3995
- PayPal us at: HCCgenerosity@gmail.com

We are so grateful for your generosity!



Ministry Connections
Reaching Out to Each Other and Our Community
February 19, 2023

 UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST 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 19 - February 26)

Sunday 2/19/2023	10:00 AM	Worship (S, PL, Online)
	10:00 AM	Sunday School (SS)
	11:00 AM	Coffee Fellowship (Fr)
	11:15 AM	Coffee With Jesus (MM)
	6:00-8:00 PM	YOUTH: MS Olympics
	8:00 - 10PM	YOUTH: HS Olympics
Monday 2/20/2023	10 - 11:30 AM	YOUTH: Brkfst @ Blondies
Tuesday 2/21/2023		NEWSLETTER ITEMS DUE Please email to hcc1@att.net
	10:30 AM - 1PM	Onsite Office Hours (Ofc)
Wednesday 2/22/2023 Ash Wednesday	11:30 AM - 1PM	Pastor Betsy Office Hours (Ofc)
	6:00 PM	Ash Wednesday Service (S)
	7:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal (S)
Thursday 2/23/2023	9:00 AM	Pastor Betsy Bible Study (Z)
	10:30 AM - 1PM	Onsite Office Hours (Ofc)
Saturday 2/25/2023	9:00 AM	Men's Grp Meets (Z)
	9:30 AM-1 PM	Council Retreat (FH?)
Sunday 2/26/2023 1st Sunday of Lent	10:00 AM	Worship (S, PL, Online) <i>Communion & Joyful Offering</i>
	11:00 AM	Coffee Fellowship (Fr)
	5:00-6:30 PM	YOUTH: MS Youth Grp (YR)
	7:00 - 9:00 PM	YOUTH: HS Olympics (YR)

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

Next Sunday, the 1st Sunday in Lent, please bring your change for our children to collect for their Joyful Offering during Worship.



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 With Jesus
after
Worship TODAY at
11:15 am,

in the Mary & Martha room,
downstairs, next to the Youth Room.

All are Welcome



Bible Study Group with Addy Stuever,
Environmental Justice Fellow,
HCC & Edgewood UCC

**Tuesdays, 7-9 pm,
through Mar 28**

Grand Traverse Pie Co., East Lansing.
Community Room, 1403 E. Grand River Ave

Speak with the Earth and It Will Teach You: A Field Guide to the Bible by D. Cooperrider
(Available from Pilgrim Press and Amazon)

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Information for the March 2023 Newsletter is due to Michele THIS TUESDAY - February 21, 2023

Please send to: hcc1@att.net

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Our thanks this morning to:

Reader:	Don Flagg
Greeters:	Don & Kelly Flagg
Ushers:	Jim Gornick & Jewell Muller-Gornick
Coffee Hosts:	Ron & Cathy Rowe
Audio/Visual Techs:	Rich Newport
Tellers	Don Flagg & Jim Gornick

Special thanks to Sophie Kirchoff for sharing her musical talents with us today.

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Thank you for worshiping 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 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.

Halle, Halle, Halle

Congregation




Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - ia. Hal - le, hal - le, hal

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- le - lu - ia. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le -

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lu - ia. Hal - le - lu - ia!, Hal - le - lu - ia!

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

(Back)

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

(Back)



In 2014 we created a new way that we could organize all the opportunities folks have to serve HCC on Sunday mornings. We created the **Happy Heart** team- the greeters, ushers, Scripture readers, sound techs, coffee hosts and tellers who are so vitally important to our Sunday morning worship services.

The idea behind **Happy Heart**, is that when we serve others, not only are our own hearts filled with joy, but we also make happy the hearts of those we serve, and as a result, they make happy the hearts of those around them as well- the joy ripples outward into our community.

Folks were invited to indicate which roles they would be happy to serve in on Sunday mornings and a year-long calendar was created. If you were assigned a date that did not work for you, switching with someone else on the list was easy to do - you had a whole list of folks in front of you who you could call or email to easily switch Sundays (this helped lighten the load of our office staff). This easy-to-use calendar replaced the overlooked, often left blank, dust collecting sign-up sheets that hung in Friendship Hall.

After 9 years, especially post-pandemic, we've decided to have a **HAPPY HEART SUNDAY** to remember the reasoning behind it, to refresh some of the practices, and to RECRUIT new folks to join our **Happy Heart** Teams! At the start, we hoped no one would have to serve in any role more than TWICE per year. The more folks who sign up for each role, the closer we can get to that goal. ONCE per quarter in each role would be great.

What follows are descriptions of each of the **Happy Heart** roles. Even if you've served on the **Happy Heart** team for years, please take a minute to read through it as some of the roles have been refreshed or changed (in response to feedback we've received from volunteers and other changes).



Greeters: Our Greeters are the first to welcome folks into the building. They're encouraged to stand in Friendship Hall, near door #1 and the church office (this prevents too much of a bottle neck where the nametag table is now, near the sanctuary doors).



Ushers: Ushers distribute worship bulletins before the service. They also count everyone in attendance, as well as close/open the sanctuary doors. During the offering, they pass the offering plates and a basket for prayer requests, placing the offering plates on the communion table during the Doxology.



Scripture Reader: This person will do the first Scripture reading of the Service. The church office emails you the reading for the week so you are able to become familiar with it and practice it prior to Sunday morning.



Sound Techs:

These folks (usually 2 per Sunday) run the sound system. The people who work the system have been/ will be trained and are on a rotating schedule.



Coffee Hosts:

Coffee Hosts host our time of fellowship following the worship service. The coffee materials and instructions are posted in the kitchenette in Fellowship hall. Hosts are encouraged to arrive 45 minutes prior to worship to get the coffee started. Treats are not a requirement, but are enjoyed by the congregation when offered. Juice or punch (non-red) is nice for the children & non-coffee drinkers. There are also usually GLUTEN FREE options to use in the freezer in the HCC Main Kitchen.

Two recommended changes that we're making for our coffee hosts:

1. You can now **CHOOSE** which method of making coffee you are most comfortable with: brewers & air pots or the traditional percolators. Directions and supplies will be provided for both.
2. You can also **CHOOSE** whether to use one-time-use cups or washable mugs and cups.



Tellers: Tellers are specially-trained to count the offering. They are on a rotating schedule. If this is something you are interested in doing, and aren't already on the team, please contact Pastor Betsy or Pastor Erin.



You are invited to fill out the ways you would be interested in serving the Happy Heart team in 2023. Return it to the HCC office, place in the offering plate, or email the church office at hcc1@att.net to sign up.

NAME: _____

EMAIL: _____

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|---------------|-------------------|
| _____ Greeter | _____ Coffee Host |
| _____ Usher | _____ Sound Tech |
| _____ Reader | _____ Teller |

I would prefer to shadow someone on my first time as _____