



Haslett Community Church
United Church of Christ

Sunday, February 25, 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 88.7FM)
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:

*We strive joyfully and prayerfully to warmly welcome all, freely share our blessings,
and humbly explore God's love.*

**The Second Sunday in Lent
February 25, 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: *“When we make room in our hearts and minds for the presence of God, little by little God’s love and goodness start to change us. Our bodies become temples for the Spirit, and, somehow, we are transformed – though we might not notice it happening all in an instant. .” – Rev. Dr., K. Bowler*

Gathering Music

Welcome & Announcements

Choral Call to Worship

“Nothing Can Trouble”

Taizé

Call to Worship (by Rev. Dr. K. Lizardy-Hajbi)

We may come here for a glimpse of glory,

But Jesus asks us: “Can you drink the cup that I drink?”

The cup of Jesus’ own life: struggle and joy; suffering and hope. Fullness of life!

We may come here to get close to Jesus,

And Jesus asks us: “Can you be baptized with my baptism?”

Baptized into the reign of God, where the Spirit breaks down barriers among all people and creates new relationships!

We may come here for honor or fame,

But Jesus challenges us: “To become great you must serve!”

Why are we here?

To drink the cup of fullness of life;

To immerse ourselves in Jesus’ struggle for justice and peace;

To learn how to serve so that the world may be healed.

* Hymn #539

“Won’t You Let Me Be Your Servant”

Gillard

Prayer of Approach (by Rev. Dr. K. Lizardy-Hajbi)

**Holy Dwelling Place,
Your tent is wide enough to provide
shelter for all who seek you,
food for all who hunger, and
healing for all who suffer.
Meet us here today, and fill us with confidence in your presence,
that we may risk sharing Jesus’ cup and his baptism
so the world may become
the place of love and mercy you desire for all.
Shelter us with your light,
and clothe us with your heavenly garments.
Teach us how we may best serve ourselves and one another
on this daring adventure . Amen.**

Moment of Quiet Meditation

Hymn Response

“By Your Cross”
(please sing 2 times)

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: 32-40

They were on the road, going up to Jerusalem, and Jesus was walking ahead of them; they were amazed, and those who followed were afraid. He took the twelve aside again and began to tell them what was to happen to him, ³³ saying, “Look, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be handed over to the chief priests and the scribes, and they will condemn him to death; then they will hand him over to the gentiles; ³⁴ they will mock him and

spit upon him and flog him and kill him, and after three days he will rise again.”

³⁵ James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, “Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.” ³⁶ And he said to them, “What is it you want me to do for you?” ³⁷ And they said to him, “Appoint us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.” ³⁸ But Jesus said to them, “You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?” ³⁹ They replied, “We are able.” Then Jesus said to them, “The cup that I drink you will drink, and with the baptism with which I am baptized you will be baptized, ⁴⁰ but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to appoint, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.”

Anthem

“The Lord Is My Shepherd”

Psalm 23
Goodall

*** Passing the Peace**

May the Peace of Christ be with you;
And also with you.

Preschool through 5th graders are invited to Sunday School.

Second Scripture Reading

Mark 10: 41-45

When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. ⁴² So Jesus called them and said to them, “You know that among the gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. ⁴³ But it is not so among you; instead, whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, ⁴⁴ and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. ⁴⁵ For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve and to give his life a ransom for many.”

Sermon

“Just One More Thing”

*** Hymn #410**

“If You But Trust in God to Guide You”

Psalm 55: 22
Neumark

Invitation to Share Tithes & Offerings ([see page 5](#) for digital giving options)

Offertory

*** 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 (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

Choral Benediction

"Four-fold Amen"

Carter

Postlude

"Nashville"

Freeman



You are invited to join us for Coffee Fellowship after worship in Friendship Hall.

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

Wednesday Wisdom & Wondering Presents:
The Beautiful and The Terrible
following Jesus through real life
Lent 2024 · Wednesdays · 6-7p.m.
Feb. 21st – March 20th

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
Passcode: 48840

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Ministry Connections
Reaching Out to Each Other and Our Community
February 25, 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 25 - March 3)

Sunday 2/25/2024	10:00 AM	Worship (S, PL, Online)
	10:00 AM	Sunday School (SS)
	11:00 AM	Coffee Fellowship (Fr)
	11:00 AM - Noon	Inquirer's Class (S)
	Noon - 3:00 PM	HCC Leadership Retreat (FH)
	5:00 - 6:30 PM	YOUTH: MS Youth Grp (YR)
	7:00 - 9:00 PM	YOUTH: HS Youth Grp (YR)
Tuesday 2/27/2024	7 AM - 8 PM	Meridian Township Polling
	10:30 AM - 1PM	Onsite Office Hours (Ofc)
	7:00 - 8:30 PM	YOUTH: All Youth Culver's Night
Wednesday 2/28/2024	11:30 AM - 1PM	Pastor Betsy Office Hrs (Ofc)
	6:00 PM	Wisdom & Wondering (FH,Z)
	7:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal (CR)
Thursday 2/29/2024	9:00 - 9:45 AM	Sermon Preview Group (Z)
	10:30 AM	HCC Onsite Office Hours (Ofc)
Saturday 3/2/2024	9:00 AM	Men's Group Meets (Z)
Sunday 3/3/2024	10:00 AM	Worship (S, PL, Online)
	10:00 AM	Sunday School (SS)
	11:00 AM	Coffee Fellowship (Fr)
	5:00 - 6:30 PM	YOUTH: MS Youth Grp (YR)
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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

HCC is a Meridian Township Polling location
 for the Presidential Primary Election
THIS TUESDAY, February 27, from 7am - 8pm.



TODAY, Sunday, Feb. 25

11:00 am - Noon

**In the Sanctuary
 with Pastor Betsy**

In just over an hour you can:

- Learn more about Haslett Community Church: programs, how to get involved, brief history, etc.
 - Learn more about our denomination, the United Church of Christ
 - Meet others who are interested in learning more; learn what drew people to HCC
 - Ask Pastor Betsy any questions you have
- And more!*

Inquirer's Class is required for Church Membership, but you are invited to the class with absolutely no pressure to join.

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.com



We are so grateful for your generosity!

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Our thanks this morning to:

Reader:	Carol Reid
Greeters:	Rebecca Reagan & Susan Schwaderer
Ushers:	Kim Carnes & Lucretia Hildabridle
Coffee Hosts:	Laura Belisle & family
Audio/Visual Tech:	Jim Gornick (Train Aaron Copeland)
Tellers	Dave Ferguson & 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.

Won't You Let Me Be Your Servant?

539

*Richard Gillard, 1977; alt.**Rom. 12:9-18; Col. 1:24-29*

1 & 6 Won't you let me be your ser - vant, let me be as Christ to you?
2 We are pil - grims on a jour - ney, we are trav - elers on the road;
3 I will hold the Christ - light for you in the shad - ow of your fear;
4 I will weep when you are weep - ing; when you laugh, I'll laugh with you.
5 When we sing to God in heav - en we shall find such har - mo - ny,

Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my ser - vant, too.
We are here to help each oth - er go the mile and bear the load.
I will hold my hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear.
I will share your joy and sor - row till we've seen this jour - ney through.
Born of all we've known to - geth - er of Christ's love and ag - o - ny.

(repeat stanza 1)

Richard Gillard was born in England and later made his home in New Zealand. Largely self-taught, Gillard has described his musical style as "folk." This is the best known of his many songs in the United States.

Tune: SERVANT SONG 8.7.8.7.
Richard Gillard, 1977

(Back) Arr. Betty Carr Pulkingham, 1977; adapt.

If You But Trust in God to Guide You

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Georg Neumark, 1641

Transl. Catherine Winkworth, 1863; alt.

Ps. 55:22

1 If you but trust in God to guide you, with hope-ful heart through
2 On - ly be still, and wait God's plea - sure in cheer-ful hope, with
3 Sing, pray, and keep God's ways un - swerv-ing; of - fer your ser - vice

all your ways, you will find strength, with God be - side you,
heart con - tent, trust-ing that grace which knows no mea - sure
faith - ful - ly, and trust God's word, though un - de - serv-ing,

to bear the worst of e - vil days; For those who trust God's
will by un - bound - ed Love be sent; Nor doubt our in - most
there find the truth to set you free; God will not fail to

change-less love build on the rock that will not move.
wants are clear to One who holds us al - ways near.
guide and bless those who em - brace God's faith - ful - ness.

The comforting words of Psalm 55:22 inspired this beautiful hymn by Georg Neumark, who wrote both words and music. Neumark was a German poet who suffered much during the Thirty Years' War.

Tune: NEUMARK 9.8.9.8.8.8.
Georg Neumark, 1657

(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.

Your contributions make a difference. Your dollars count. Give generously.

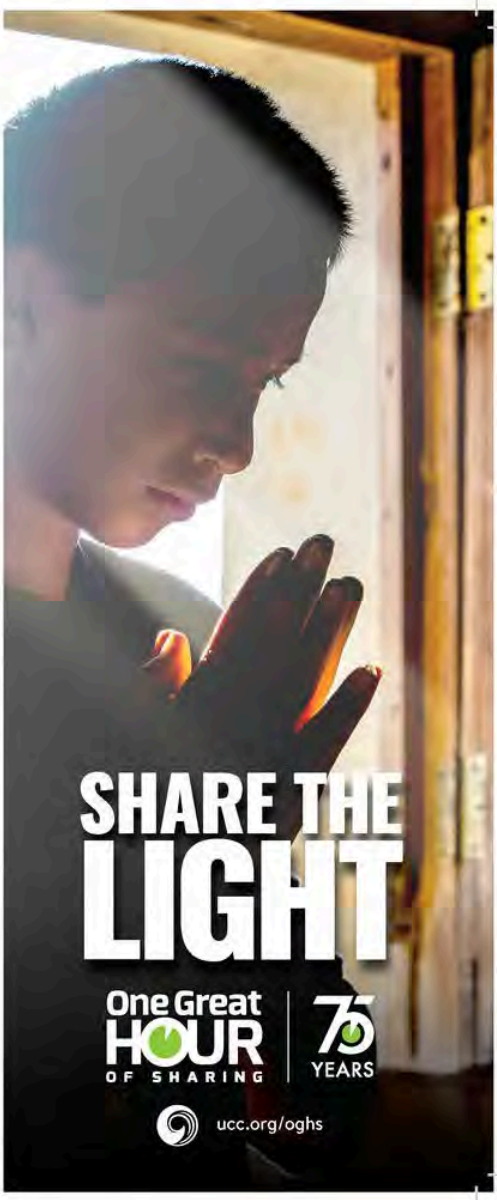
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Don Pedro Antonio Maldonado lives in the countryside of Honduras where he works on his crops and coffee plantations. In 2019, when the pandemic lockdown happened, it was difficult for Don Pedro and his family to access food and supplies needed to maintain 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.