



Haslett Community Church
United Church of Christ

Sunday, February 26, 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 88.7FM)
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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and humbly explore God's love.*

**First Sunday in Lent
February 26, 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.*

Gathering

Welcome

Prelude

Call to Worship

We come into this space, aware of what worries our minds and hearts
We are human, after all, we sometimes feel fear

We come into this space, aware that God meets us here
We may carry a heavy load into this place

We come into this space, aware that God is our helper
We seek to listen for God's still, small voice in the chaos of life

We come into this space, aware that we will journey together through Lent
We seek the courage to be fully present as we travel. Let us worship together!

***Hymn #32**

"God of the Sparrow God of the Whale"
(verses 1,2,5, & 6)

Vajda
Schalk

Prayer of Approach

Gracious God, forgive us when we get lost in our legion of worries and fears, and think we can only find you by hiding in caves, or building walls around our hearts. Be gentle with us when we forget that we need not hide our true selves from you to be safe, to be loved. Remind us that there is solace to be found in letting down our guard, in reaching out, in listening for your still, small voice. Quiet Spirit, when we are overcome with worry, might we let you in to dismantle the walls, and set us free. Amen.

Moment of Quiet Reflection

Hymn Response

“Holy, Holy ,Holy One”

Grant

(please sing 2 times)

Williams

Refrain:Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly One, One Be - ing_ in us all. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly One, One Be - ing_ in us all. All cre - a - tion shows Your Light, filled with glo - ry, All cre - a - tion shows Your Life, filled with ho - ly Love.

First Scripture Reading

I Kings 19: 3-9a

³ Then Elijah was afraid; he got up and fled for his life and came to Beer-sheba, which belongs to Judah; he left his servant there.

⁴ But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die, "It is enough; now, O Lord, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors." ⁵ Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, "Get up and eat." ⁶ He looked, and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones and a jar of water. He ate and drank and lay down again.

⁷ The angel of the Lord came a second time, touched him, and said, "Get up and eat, or the journey will be too much for you." ⁸ He got up and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God. ⁹ At that place he came to a cave and spent the night there.

Anthem

“Order My Steps”

Burleigh

Passing of the Peace

May the Peace of Christ be with you;

And also with you.

Second Scripture Reading

I Kings 19: 9b-13

Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" ¹⁰ He answered, "I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts, for the Israelites have for-

saken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.”

¹¹ God said, “Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by.” Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind, and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake, ¹² and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire, and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. ¹³ When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, “What are you doing here, Elijah?”

Sermon “Fear Cracked Open to Let In Vulnerability”

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Invitation to the Table

Communion Prayer

Words of Institution

Partaking of the Elements *gluten free and alcohol free*

Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord’s Prayer (New Zealand Book of Prayer)

Eternal Spirit, Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver, Source of all that is and that shall be, Father and Mother of us all, Loving God, in whom is heaven:

The hallowing of your name echo through the universe! The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world! Your heavenly will be done by all created beings! Your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our hope and come on earth. With the bread we need for today, feed us. In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us. In times of temptation and test, strengthen us. From trials too great to endure, spare us. From the grip of all that is evil, free us. For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, now and for ever. Amen.

***Communion Hymn**

“Look Who Gathers at Christ’s Table”
(please see insert - verses 1, 2, & 4)

Troeger
BEACH SPRING

Invitation to Share Tithes & Offerings and Joyful Offering

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.

Announcements

* Benediction

* Congregational Response

“God Be With You 'til We Meet Again”
(please see insert, verse 1)

Rankin

Postlude

? / “Praise His Holy Name”

Burleigh/ Hampton



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.

Wednesday Wisdom & Wonderings
presents:

Every Wednesday in March, 6-7 p.m.



an exploration of what makes us human

Join us **in person** or on **Zoom**:

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March 1: **Fear** Cracked Open
to Let In **Vulnerability**

March 8: **Harm** Cracked Open
to Let In **Repentance**

March 15: **Shame** Cracked Open
to Let In **Love**

March 22: **Anger** Cracked Open
to Let In **Clarity**

March 29: **Despair** Cracked Open
to Let In **Hope**

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- Use your phone camera to scan the QR code to the right to access our Online Giving.
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We are so grateful for your generosity!



Ministry Connections
Reaching Out to Each Other and Our Community
February 26, 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.

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 26 - March 5)

Sunday 2/26/2023	10:00 AM	Worship (S, PL, Online) <i>Communion & Joyful Offering</i>
1st Sunday of Lent	11:00 AM 5:00-6:30 PM 7:00 - 9:00 PM	Coffee Fellowship (Fr) YOUTH: MS Youth Grp (YR) YOUTH: HS Olympics (YR)
Monday 2/27/2023	7:30 PM	CMT Meets (Fr)
Tuesday 2/28/2023	10:30 AM - 1PM 7 - 8:30 PM	Onsite Office Hours (Ofc) YOUTH: Culver's Night <i>Okemos Culvers</i>
Wednesday 3/1/2023	11:30 AM - 1PM 5:30 - 7 PM 7:00 PM	Pastor Betsy Office Hours (Ofc) KIDS: Lent Event (FH) Choir Rehearsal (S)
Thursday 3/2/2023	9:00 AM 10:30 AM - 1PM 7:00 PM	Pastor Betsy Bible Study (Z) Onsite Office Hours (Ofc) Haslett Women's Grp (FH)
Saturday 3/4/2023	9:00 AM	Men's Grp Brkfst @ Blondie's
Sunday 3/5/2023	10:00 AM 10:00 AM 11:00 AM 5:00-6:30 PM 7:00 - 9:00 PM	Worship (S, PL, Online) Sunday School (SS) Coffee Fellowship (Fr) YOUTH: MS Youth Grp (YR) YOUTH: HS Youth Grp (YR)

Today, the 1st Sunday in Lent, our children will join us throughout Worship, and they will collect their Joyful Offering.

In 2023, each time we collect our Joyful Offering it will go to support a different organization, ministry, or non-profit. This will give our children and our congregation the opportunity to learn about many different organizations doing important work in our world!

Our February Joyful Offering will go to support the Books for Kids program by Next Door in Milwaukee.

LENT EVENT begins Wednesday, March 1!

Like ADVENTure Club, LENT EVENT meets on Wednesday evenings from 5:30-7pm (during Lent). This year's dates are March 1st, 8th, 15th and 22nd. Sign up through church office!

**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

Passcode: 48840

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

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Our thanks this morning to:

Reader:	Carol Reid
Greeters:	Rebecca Reagan & Susan Schwaderer
Ushers:	Liz & Rich Newport
Coffee Hosts:	Pam & Todd Maxwell
Audio/Visual Techs:	Helen & David Jones
Tellers	Rich Newport & Dave Ferguson

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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.

(Introduction)

G G7 C Em Am Dm

1 God of the spar - row God of the whale
 2 God of the earth-quake God of the storm
 3 God of the rain - bow God of the cross
 4 God of the hun - gry God of the sick
 5 God of the neigh - bor God of the foe
 6 God of the a - ges God near at hand

G7 C FM7 E7 Am Em

God of the swirl - ing stars How does the crea-ture say
 God of the trum - pet blast How does the crea-ture cry
 God of the emp - ty grave How does the crea-ture say
 God of the prod - i - gal How does the crea-ture say
 God of the prun - ing hook How does the crea-ture say
 God of the lov - ing heart How do your chil-dren say

FM7 Em7 Am Dm 1-5 Gsus4 G C

Awe How does the crea-ture say Praise
 Woe How does the crea-ture cry Save
 Grace How does the crea-ture say Thanks
 Care How does the crea-ture say Life
 Love How does the crea-ture say Peace
 Joy How do your chil-dren say Home.

After forty years in the ministry, Jaroslav Vajda wrote this text to provoke answers to how and why we serve God. By creating new poetic forms and adapting ageless ideas and expressions, Vajda speaks in the language of his time.

Tune: ROEDER 5.4.6.7.7.
 Carl F. Schalk, 1983

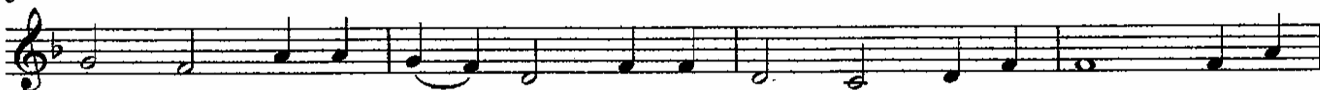
Look Who Gathers at Christ's Table

BEACH SPRING



1. Look who ga - thers at Christ's ta - ble! Hear the stor - ies that they bring. Some are
2. Clouds of light sur - round the ta - ble; an - cient fol - low - ers ap - pear. saints con -
3. Their sad stor - ies are re - peat - ted in a thou - sand diff' - rent ways, but they
4. Bring your joy and bring your sor - row, and pre - pare to be sur - prised by the

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weep - ing, some are laugh - ing, some have songs they want to sing. O - thers
fess - ing how they wrest - led with their guilt, their doubt and fear. Pe - ter
share one thing in com - mon: They all end with thanks and praise for the
host whose hands are wound - ded, who will o - pen wide your eyes when he

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ask why they're in - vi - ted bur - dened by the wrong they've done. Christ in -
tells of his de - ny - ing Christ was ev - er in his sight; Paul re -
host who has in - vi - ted north and south and east and west to
bless - es bread and breaks it — truth and man - na from a - bove — and then

13



sists they all are wel - come: There is room for ev' - ry - one.
lates his fruit - less ef - forts to ob - lit - er - ate the light.
ga - ther 'round this ta - ble, where all life is fed and blest.
pass - es wine that kin - dles in your heart the light of love.

(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)