



Haslett Community Church
United Church of Christ

Sunday, March 3, 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 Third Sunday in Lent
March 3, 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: *"Owning land is like owning the ocean or the air. No one owns the land."
– Tamanend (1608-1701), Chief of the Turtle Clan of the Lenni-Lenape nation*

Gathering Music

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude

"Great Spirit God"

Dakota hymn
LACQUIPARLE

Call to Worship (by C. Longhurst)

The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it!
From the east to the west, from the north to the south,
God's Spirit moves across the face of the earth.

**From the east to the west, from the north to the south,
we gather together, united by God's Spirit,
to celebrate God's glory and proclaim God's praise!**

Let's worship God together!

* **Hymn #341**

"Great Spirit God"
(verses 1,2, & 4)

Dakota hymn
LACQUIPARLE

Prayer of Approach (Prayer of the Lakota people)

Great Spirit, Great Mystery,

teach me how to trust

my heart,

my mind,

my intuition,

my inner knowing,

the senses of my body,

the blessings of my spirit.

Teach me to trust these things

so that I may enter my sacred space

and love beyond my fear,

and thus walk in balance

with the passing of each glorious sun.

Amen.

Moment of Reflection

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

Psalm 24: 1-6

The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it,
the world, and those who live in it,
² for he has founded it on the seas
and established it on the rivers.
³ Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord?
And who shall stand in his holy place?
⁴ Those who have clean hands and pure hearts,
who do not lift up their souls to what is false
and do not swear deceitfully.
⁵ They will receive blessing from the Lord
and vindication from the God of their salvation.
⁶ Such is the company of those who seek him,
who seek the face of the God of Jacob.

Anthem

“Holy”

attr. Caccini
arr. Fettke

Children's Moment

Preschool through 5th graders are invited to Sunday School.

Second Scripture Reading

Mark 12: 1-12

Then he began to speak to them in parables. “A man planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a pit for the winepress, and built a watchtower; then he leased it to tenants and went away. ² When the season came, he sent a slave to the tenants to collect from them his share of the produce of the vineyard. ³ But they seized him and beat him and sent him away empty-handed. ⁴ And again he sent another slave to them; this one they beat over the head and insulted. ⁵ Then he sent another, and that one they killed. And so it was with many others; some they beat, and others they killed. ⁶ He had still one other, a beloved son. Finally he sent him to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ ⁷ But those tenants said to one another, ‘This is the heir; come, let us kill him, and the inheritance will be ours.’ ⁸ So they seized him, killed him, and threw him out of the vineyard. ⁹ What then will the owner of the vineyard do? He will come and destroy the tenants and give the vineyard to others. ¹⁰ Have you not read this scripture:

‘The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone;
¹¹ this was the Lord’s doing,
and it is amazing in our eyes?’”

¹² When they realized that he had told this parable against them, they wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowd. So they left him and went away.

Sermon

“Mitakuye Oyasin”

* Hymn #58

“Spirit of Love”

Murray
Barnby

Invitation to Share Tithes & Offerings ([see page 4](#) 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

Seven-fold Amen

Stainer

Postlude

“Come Ye, Weary”

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.
Through March 20

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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Holy Week 2024

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March 24 10 a.m. Palm Sunday *with Palms to Wave*



March 28 7 p.m. Maundy Thursday *with Communion*



March 29 7 p.m. Good Friday *with Choir*



March 31 7:30 a.m. Sunrise Service

10 a.m. Easter Sunday *with Choir*

all services in person · all but easter sunrise & maundy thurs also live-streamed
haslettcommunitychurch.org for livestream and more info

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



We are so grateful for your generosity!

Ministry Connections
Reaching Out to Each Other and Our Community
March 3, 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.



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 Haslett Community Church

CHURCH CALENDAR (March 3 - March 10)

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| 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) |
| | 7:00 - 9:00 PM | YOUTH: HS Youth Grp (YR) |
| Monday 3/4/2024 | 7:30 PM | Social Committee Meets (Fr) |
| Tuesday 3/5/2024 | 10:30 AM - 1PM | Onsite Office Hours (Ofc) |
| | 1:15 PM | Staff Lunch |
| | 6:00 - 7:30 PM | YOUTH: 8th Grade Dinner (FH) |
| | 7:00 PM | Safety Team Meets (L) |
| Wednesday 3/6/2024 | 11:30 AM - 1PM | Pastor Betsy Office Hrs (Ofc) |
| | 5:30 - 7:00 PM | KIDS: Lent Event (FH) |
| | 6:00 PM | Wisdom & Wondering (Fr,Z) |
| | 7:00 PM | Choir Rehearsal (CR) |
| Thursday 3/7/2024 | 9:00 - 9:45 AM | Sermon Preview Group (Z) |
| | 10:30 AM | HCC Onsite Office Hours (Ofc) |
| | 6:00 - 7:30 PM | YOUTH: 11th Grade Dinner (YR) |
| | 7:00 PM | Haslett Women's Club (Fr) |
| Saturday 3/9/2024 | 9:00 AM | Men's Group Meets (Z) |
| | 6:30 PM | BINGO Night (FH) |
| | 6:30 - 9:00 PM | YOUTH: Road Rally Scav. Hunt |
| Sunday 3/10/2024 | 10:00 AM | Worship (S, PL, Online) |
| | 10:00 AM | Sunday School (SS) |
| | 11:00 AM | Coffee Fellowship (Fr) |
| | 11:15 AM | Knitters, Crocheters, etc (L) |
| | Daylight Saving Time Begins 6:00 - 800 PM | YOUTH: Green Team leads ALL Youth (YR) |
| | 8:15 PM | YOUTH: Seniors&Erin @Culvers |

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

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.



Daylight Saving Time Begins NEXT SUNDAY, March 10.

Remember to set your clocks forward 1 hour on Saturday night, March 9.

BINGO

BINGO Night!

Join Social Committee and friends for a night of BINGO, fun, and laughs together.

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| 12 | 25 | 41 | 51 | 63 |
| 3 | 30 | 37 | 54 | 66 |
| 7 | 21 | FREE | 56 | 74 |
| 1 | 26 | 35 | 50 | 69 |
| 10 | 17 | 45 | 47 | 64 |

Saturday, March 9, at 6:30pm.

Bring yourself, friends, and family for this fun night. Sign Up is on the Board in Friendship Hall.

The Staff:

| | | | |
|-------------------|-------------------------------|--|------------------|
| Rev. Betsy Aho | Pastor | aho.betsy@att.net | 517.339.8383 x11 |
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| Barbara Freeman | Church Musician | | 517.881.9976 |
| Landon Black | Choral Conductor Intern | | |
| Michele Booher | Office Manager | hcc1@att.net | 517.339.8383 x10 |
| Sally Sanchez | Custodian | | |

Our thanks this morning to:

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|---------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Reader: | Barb Szkotnicki |
| Greeters: | Barb & Mike Szkotnicki |
| Ushers: | Sylvia Davis & Lucretia Hildabridle |
| Coffee Hosts: | Tim & Laura Roumpz |
| Audio/Visual Tech: | Jon Lineberry |
| Tellers | Barb Szkotnicki & Sylvia Davis |



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 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.

Jer. 10:12-13; Matt. 6:25-33

Dakota hymn, Joseph R. Renville, 1842

Transl. Sidney H. Byrd, 1993

For another translation, see 3

Optional hand-drum rhythm: ♩ ♩ ♩ ♩

1 Great Spir - it God, the things which are yours are nu - mer -
 2 Your will, mys - ter - i - ous and so strong, brings growth to
 3 You gave your law to Ad - am and Eve, fore - bears of
 4 That day you came to dwell on the earth, bring - ing us

ous and great. The heavens a - bove you set in their place,
 all the earth. Food for our souls and cloth - ing to wear,
 hu - man - kind. That law I dis - o - beyed with my sin,
 all great joy! The na - tions scat - tered o - ver the world,

and earth re - ceived its form by your hands. The o - cean
 are like your cup that bless - es and fills. Pro - vide for
 and now I suf - fer pain and dis - grace. Je - sus, ex -
 to them you gave the light of all life. O Je - sus,

depths re - spond to your will, for you can do all things.
 us each day of our lives suf - fi - cient for our needs.
 press your mer - cy to me, and pay for all my sins.
 O Com - pas - sion - ate One, we of - fer praise to you.

Recollecting the accounts told by his grandfather and others, Sidney Byrd stated: "This hymn was sung by thirty-eight Dakota Indian prisoners of war as they went to the gallows at Mankato, Minnesota, on December 26, 1862, in the largest mass execution in American history."

Tune: LACQUIPARLE 9.6.9.9.6.

Native American melody (Dakota)

Adapt. Joseph R. Renville, 1842

Harm. J. R. Murray, 1877

(Back)

Spirit of Love

Shirley Erena Murray, 1992

1 Spir - it of love, you move with - in cre - a - tion,
 2 Though we have frayed the fab - ric of your mak - ing,
 3 Great loom of God, where his - to - ry is wo - ven,

draw - ing the threads to col - or and de - sign:
 tear - ing a - way from all that you in - tend,
 you are the frame that holds us to the truth,

Life in - to life, you knit our true sal - va - tion,
 Yet, to be whole, hu - man - i - ty is ach - ing—
 Christ is the theme, the pat - tern you have giv - en—

come, work with us, and weave us in - to one.
 come, work with us, and weave us in - to one.
 come, work with us, and weave us in - to one.

Easter Flowers



Spring flowers add to the beauty of our sanctuary on Easter. We are asking for your help to purchase at least 50, 6-inch foiled pots of blooming plants (daffodils & tulips are \$12 each, and single stem white lilies are \$16 each). Please **order by Sunday, March 24.**

You can order on our website under News & Events, Easter Flowers Order ([HERE](#)) or by using your phone camera to scan the QR code at the right. Otherwise, you can order by attaching cash or check to this form (also found in your March bulletins) and **return it to the church office by Sunday, March 24.** Thanks!



Your name: _____

In honor of: _____ (relationship) _____

In memory of: _____ (relationship) _____

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| Plant type preferred: | Yellow daffodils (\$12 ea.) | Number of plants | _____ |
| | Spring color tulips (\$12 ea.) | Number of plants | _____ |
| | White lilies (\$16 ea.) | Number of plants | _____ |

Total number of daffodils or tulips @ \$12 ea. _____

Total number of lilies @ \$16 each _____

Amount enclosed: \$ _____ cash ___ check___

Your plant may be taken home following the 10:00 a.m. worship service on Easter Sunday, March 31.

_____ I will pick up my plant(s).

_____ Please donate my plant(s) to our homebound members and friends.

**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.

Share the light.

**One Great
HOUR**
OF SHARING

75
YEARS



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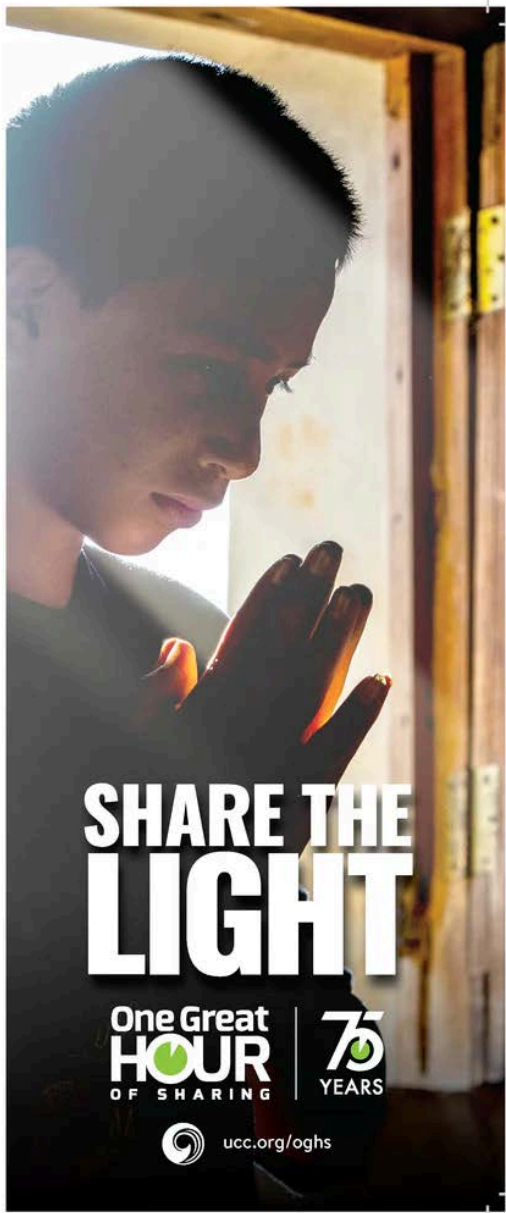
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Don Pedro Antonio Maldonado lives in the countryside of Honduras where he works on his crops and coffee plantations. In 2019, when the pandemic lockdown happened, it was difficult for Don Pedro and his family to access food and supplies needed to maintain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