



Haslett Community Church
United Church of Christ

Sunday, March 5, 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.*

Second Sunday in Lent
March 5, 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: “Repentance is a result of God's kindness, not a prerequisite to it.”

- D.R. Silva

Gathering Music

Welcome

Choral Call to Worship

from “Holy”

Caccini
arr. Fettke

Call to Worship

Do you feel it? God's kin-dom is beneath our feet.

We live in the new creation shaped by God out of our brokenness.

Do you know it? God's reconciling love in Christ has shattered our ways of viewing people.

No longer do we label our sisters, brothers, and siblings, we welcome them with open arms.

Do you believe it? God has made everything new, including us,
and sends us forth to share this good news with everyone!

*Hymn #23

“There's A Wideness in God's Mercy”

Faber
Dutch melody

Prayer of Approach

We confess that at times, dear God, we have allowed jealousy and spite to determine our actions instead of love and justice. Our relationships with our siblings in Christ are broken and wounded, and so we turn to you. Make us a whole people. Reconcile us to one another and help us lean into a new way of being – a way that is crafted in your hope for a flourishing creation.

God cracks open everything that stands in our way – our past, our pain, our hesitation, and reshapes us into new people living in the new creation. What wonderful grace. We are forgiven!

Broken, we are made whole. Lost, we are brought home. Empty, we are filled with songs of gladness. We rejoice and give thanks to God who has graced us with mercy. Amen.

Moment of Quiet Reflection

Hymn Response

“Holy, Holy ,Holy One”

Lindquist

(please sing 1time)

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

Genesis 37: 3-8, 17b-22, 26-34

Joseph, being seventeen years old, was shepherding the flock with his brothers; he was a helper to the sons of Bilhah and Zilpah, his father’s wives, and Joseph brought a bad report of them to their father. ³Now Israel loved Joseph more than any other of his children because he was the son of his old age, and he made him an ornamented robe. ⁴But when his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, they hated him and could not speak peaceably to him.

⁵Once Joseph had a dream, and when he told it to his brothers, they hated him even more.

⁶He said to them, “Listen to this dream that I dreamed. ⁷There we were, binding sheaves in the field. Suddenly my sheaf rose and stood upright; then your sheaves gathered around it and bowed down to my sheaf.” ⁸His brothers said to him, “Are you indeed to reign over us? Are you indeed to have dominion over us?” So they hated him even more because of his dreams and his words.

^{17b} So Joseph went after his brothers and found them at Dothan. ¹⁸They saw him from a distance, and before he came near to them they conspired to kill him. ¹⁹They said to one another, “Here comes this dreamer. ²⁰Come now, let us kill him and throw him into one of the pits; then we shall say that a wild animal has devoured him, and we shall see what will become of his dreams.” ²¹But when Reuben heard it, he delivered him out of their hands, saying, “Let us not take his life.” ²²Reuben said to them, “Shed no blood; throw him into this pit here in the wilderness, but lay no hand on him”—that he might rescue him out of their hand and restore him to his father.

(continued...)

²⁶ Then Judah said to his brothers, “What profit is it if we kill our brother and conceal his blood? ²⁷ Come, let us sell him to the Ishmaelites and not lay our hands on him, for he is our brother, our own flesh.” And his brothers agreed. ²⁸ When some Midianite traders passed by, they drew Joseph up, lifting him out of the pit, and sold him to the Ishmaelites for twenty pieces of silver. And they took Joseph to Egypt.

²⁹ When Reuben returned to the pit and saw that Joseph was not in the pit, he tore his clothes. ³⁰ He returned to his brothers and said, “The boy is gone, and I, where can I turn?” ³¹ Then they took Joseph’s robe, slaughtered a goat, and dipped the robe in the blood. ³² They had the ornamented robe taken to their father, and they said, “This we have found; see now whether it is your son’s robe or not.” ³³ He recognized it and said, “It is my son’s robe! A wild animal has devoured him; Joseph has surely been torn to pieces.” ³⁴ Then Jacob tore his garments and put sackcloth on his loins and mourned for his son many days.

Anthem

“Mighty Spirit All Transcending”

H.W.F.
Mozart

Children’s Moment

Second Scripture Reading

Genesis 50: 15-21

Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph’s brothers said, “What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?” ¹⁶ So they approached Joseph, saying, “Your father gave this instruction before he died, ¹⁷ ‘Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.’ Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father.” Joseph wept when they spoke to him. ¹⁸ Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, “We are here as your slaves.” ¹⁹ But Joseph said to them, “Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? ²⁰ Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. ²¹ So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones.” In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

Sermon

“Harm Cracked Open to Let In Repentance”

Hymn #202

“Oh God, How We Have Wandered”

Nichols
Hassler/Bach

Invitation to Share Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

"A Woman Came Who Did Not Count the Cost"

Leach
WEXFORD CAROL

***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.

Prayer of the People 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.

Announcements

*** Benediction**

*** Benediction** “God Be With You 'til We Meet Again” Rankin
Response (please see insert)

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.

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**

Ministry Connections
Reaching Out to Each Other and Our Community
March 5, 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 (March 5 - March 12)

Sunday 3/5/2023	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 3/6/2023	7:00 PM	Mission Outreach Meets (FH)
Tuesday 3/7/2023	9:45 AM	HCC Staff Meeting (FH)
	10:30 AM - 1PM	Onsite Office Hours (Ofc)
	6 - 7:30 PM	YOUTH: 8th Grade Dinner (FH)
Wednesday 3/8/2023	11:30 AM - 1PM	Pastor Betsy Office Hours (Ofc)
	5:30 - 7 PM	KIDS: Lent Event (?)
	6:00 - 7:00 PM	Wisdom & Wonderings (FH)
	7:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal (S)
Thursday 3/9/2023	9:00 AM	Pastor Betsy Bible Study (Z)
	10:30 AM - 1PM	Onsite Office Hours (Ofc)
	7:00 PM	Haslett Women's Grp (FH)
Saturday 3/11/2023	9:00 AM	Men's Grp Meets (Z)
Sunday 3/12/2023	Daylight Saving Time Begins	
	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)
	5:00-6:30 PM	YOUTH: MS Youth Grp (YR)
	7:00 - 9:00 PM	YOUTH: HS Youth Grp (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



Knitters, Crocheters, & Wannabees Meets NEXT SUNDAY, March 12, right after Worship, in the Library.

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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HASLETT COMMUNITY CHURCH

MARCH 1ST, 8TH, 15TH and 22ND
from 5:30pm-7pm
 For ages 3 through 5th grade

Attend one week or all 4!

Join us as we explore different parables!

Please RSVP to the church by February 28th
 517.339.8383 or Hcc1@att.net

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 below 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:	Barb Szkotnicki
Greeters:	Barb & Mike Szkotnicki
Ushers:	Kim Carnes & Katie Riley
Coffee Hosts:	Tim & Laura Roumpz
Audio/Visual Techs:	Jon Lineberry & Helen Jones
Tellers	Barb Szkotnicki & Sylvia Davis

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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.

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

Frederick William Faber, 1854; alt.



1 There's a wide-ness in God's mer-cy, like the wide-ness of the sea;
2 For the love of God is broad-er than the mea-sures of our minds;



there's a kind-ness in God's jus-tice, which is more than lib-er-ty.
and the heart of the E-ter-nal is most won-der-ful-ly kind.



There's no place where earth-ly sor-rows are more felt than in God's heaven;
If our love were but more faith-ful, we would glad-ly trust God's word;



there's no place where earth-ly fail-ings have such kind-ly judg-ment given.
and our lives would show thanks-giv-ing for the good-ness of our God.



Of Huguenot Protestant ancestry, Frederick William Faber was influenced by the Oxford Movement and eventually became a Catholic priest. He wrote 150 hymns to correspond to the number of psalms.

Tune: IN BABILONE 8.7.8.7.D.
Dutch melody
Arr. Julius Röntgen, 1906
Alternate tune: HOLY MANNA

(Back)

O God, How We Have Wandered

Kevin Nichols, 1980; alt.

Luke 15:11-32; 2 Cor. 5:16-20

1 O God, how we have wan - dered and hid - den from your face;
 2 And now at length dis - cern - ing the e - vil that we do,
 3 O God of all the liv - ing, both ban - ished and re - stored,

In fool - ish-ness have squan - dered your leg - a - cy of grace.
 By faith we are re - turn - ing with hope and trust in you.
 Com - pas - sion-ate, for - giv - ing, our peace and hope as - sured.

But how, in ex - ile dwell - ing, we turn with fear and shame,
 In haste you come to meet us, and home re - joic - ing bring,
 Grant now that our trans - gress - ing, our faith-less-ness may cease.

As dis - tant but com - pell - ing, you call us each by name.
 In glad-ness there to greet us with calf and robe and ring.
 Stretch out your hand in bless - ing, in par - don, and in peace.

The tune for this contemporary text appears five times in J. S. Bach's St. Matthew Passion, and first appeared as a hymn setting in the early 1800s. It has an ecumenical history reaching back many centuries. Originally it was a German love song.

Tune: PASSION CHORALE 7.6.7.6.D.
 (HERZLICH TUT MICH VERLANGEN)

Melody by Hans Leo Hassler, 1601

Harm. J. S. Bach, 1729

For another harmonization, see 179

(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)