



Haslett Community Church  
United Church of Christ

Sunday, March 10, 2024  
10:00 AM

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

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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 Fourth Sunday in Lent  
March 10, 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 everyone else is distracted by the big goings-on among the power-brokers, it’s Jesus who points out the widow .” – L.D. Schade*

**Gathering Music**

**Welcome & Announcements**

**Choral Call to Worship**

“God Loved the World”  
(our 2<sup>nd</sup> hymn this morning)

John 3: 16-17  
arr. Miller

**Call to Worship**

Jesus opens our eyes to see his world where the last are first.

**Jesus takes the widow’s mite and the child’s loaves of bread  
and uses them to show us the Kingdom.**

Here in the company of the neighbor whom we know  
and the stranger in our midst,  
and the self from whom we turn,  
we ask to love as Jesus loves.

**Make this the place and time, good Lord,  
when heaven and earth become one,  
and we know that we and others are beloved. Amen.**

**\* Hymn #43**

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”  
(verses 1-3)

Wesley  
BEECHER

**Prayer of Approach**

**God of light and shadow,  
we have seen the glimmer of your love beckoning quietly to us,  
but we have often turned away and followed other paths.  
We confess that we have not loved you with all our heart,**

*(continued...)*

with all our soul, with all our mind, and with all our strength.  
 We have not quietly loved our neighbors as ourselves,  
 but instead have chosen ways that lead to recognition and to self-aggrandizing.  
 Forgive us, Holy One.  
 Turn our hearts and hands to the places where we are needed, so that we can do good  
 Even without an audience, and guide us in your holy way of generosity of spirit. 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 free - dom in your love, grant us free - dom in your love,  
 grant us free - dom in your love, in your love.

**First Scripture Reading**

**Mark 12: 28-34**

One of the scribes came near and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well he asked him, “Which commandment is the first of all?” <sup>29</sup> Jesus answered, “The first is, ‘Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; <sup>30</sup> you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.’ <sup>31</sup> The second is this, ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no other commandment greater than these.” <sup>32</sup> Then the scribe said to him, “You are right, Teacher; you have truly said that ‘he is one, and besides him there is no other’; <sup>33</sup> and ‘to love him with all the heart and with all the understanding and with all the strength’ and ‘to love one’s neighbor as oneself’—this is much more important than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices.” <sup>34</sup> When Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, “You are not far from the kingdom of God.” After that no one dared to ask him any question.

**Anthem**

“His Eye Is on the Sparrow”

Gabriel  
 arr. Manuel

**\* 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 12: 38-44**

As he taught, he said, "Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces <sup>39</sup> and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets! <sup>40</sup> They devour widows' houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation."

<sup>41</sup> He sat down opposite the treasury and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. <sup>42</sup> A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. <sup>43</sup> Then he called his disciples and said to them, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. <sup>44</sup> For all of them have contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on."

**Sermon**

"Paying Attention"

**\* Hymn #208**

"God Loved the World"

John 3: 16-17  
arr. Miller

**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 & 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**

"Dresden Amen"

Anonymous

## Postlude



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

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

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**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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**HASLETT COMMUNITY CHURCH**

**LENT EVENT**

Attend one week or all 3!

**MARCH 6th, 13th and 20th**  
from **5:30pm-7pm**  
For ages 3 through 5th grade

Join us as we explore different parables!



## 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](http://haslettcommunitychurch.org) for livestream and more info

**Ministry Connections**  
**Reaching Out to Each Other and Our Community**  
**March 10, 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 10 - March 17)**

<b>Sunday</b> 3/10/2024  <b>Daylight Saving Time Begins</b>	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)
	6:00 - 9:00 PM	YOUTH: All Youth Road Rally Scavenger Hunt
<b>Monday</b> 3/11/2024	6:00 PM	Property Comm. Meets (FH)
	7:00 PM	Church Council Meets (FH,Z)
<b>Tuesday</b> 3/12/2024	10:30 AM - 1PM	Onsite Office Hours (Ofc)
	7:15 PM	Safety Team Meets (L)
<b>Wednesday</b> 3/13/2024	11:30 AM - 1PM	Pastor Betsy Office Hours (Ofc)
	1:00 PM	Spiritual Life Meets (L)
	2:30 PM	Mission Outreach Meets (FH)
	5:30 - 7:00 PM	KIDS: Lent Event (FH)
	6:00 PM	Wisdom & Wondering (Fr,Z)
7:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal (CR)	
<b>Thursday</b> 3/14/2024	9:00 - 9:45 AM	Sermon Preview Group (Z)
	10:30 AM - 1PM	HCC Onsite Office Hours (Ofc)
<b>Friday</b> 3/15/2024	10:00 AM	CGP Team Meeting (MM)
	11:00 AM	Red Cross Blood Drive Setup
	Noon - 6 PM	Red Cross Blood Drive (Fr,S,FH)
<b>Saturday</b> 3/16/2024	9:00 AM	Men's Group Meets (Z)
<b>Sunday</b> 3/17/2024  <b>One Great Hour of Sharing</b>	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 (L)
	5:00 - 6:30 PM	YOUTH: MS Youth Grp (YR)
7:00 - 9:00 PM	YOUTH: HS Youth Grp (YR)	

**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.



**Knitters, Crocheters, & Wannabees**

We meet **TODAY, SUNDAY, Mar. 10, 2024**, right after Worship (~11 am), in the Library.



**American Red Cross**

Blood Services

**American Red Cross Blood Drive**

The Red Cross has an immediate need for blood donations. **There will be a blood drive at HCC on**

**Friday, March 15, Noon - 6pm**

- Donation **by appointment only** (NO WALK IN appointments).

Visit [www.redcrossblood.org/give](http://www.redcrossblood.org/give) then scroll through the Drives listed in the left panel to find Haslett Community Church and an appointment time that works for you.

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!



**The Staff:**

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**Our thanks this morning to:**

<b>Reader:</b>	Barb Szkotnicki
<b>Greeters:</b>	Liz Newport & Deb Klein
<b>Ushers:</b>	Dave Ferguson & Kim Carnes
<b>Coffee Hosts:</b>	Brett & Cindy Meteyer
<b>Audio/Visual Tech:</b>	Rich Newport
<b>Tellers</b>	Rich Newport & Larry Leefers



Today's flowers are donated by Kelly Flagg in memory of her mom's birthday.

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.

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*Mal. 3:1; 2 Cor. 3:18; 5:17; Eph. 5:27**Charles Wesley, 1747; alt.*

1 Love di-vine, all loves ex-cel-ling, joy of heaven, on earth be found,  
 2 Breathe, O breathe your lov-ing Spir-it in-to ev-ery trou-bled breast;  
 3 Come, al-might-y to de-liv-er, let us all your life re-ceive;  
 4 Fin-ish, then, your new cre-a-tion; pure and spot-less may we prove;



Fix in us a hum-ble dwell-ing, all your faith-ful mer-cies crown;  
 Let us all in you in-her-it, let us find your prom-ised rest;  
 Sud-den-ly re-turn, and ne-ver, ne-ver-more your tem-ples leave.  
 Let us see your great sal-va-tion per-fect-ly re-stored in you;



Je-sus, you are all com-pas-sion; pure, un-bound-ed love im-part.  
 Take a-way our love of sin-ning; Al-pha and O-me-ga be;  
 You we would be al-ways bless-ing, love you as your an-gels love,  
 Changed from glo-ry in-to glo-ry, till in heaven we take our place,



Vis-it us with your sal-va-tion, en-ter ev-ery trem-bling heart.  
 End of faith, as its be-gin-ning, set our hearts at lib-er-ty.  
 Pray and praise for your un-fail-ing, wound-ed arms out-stretched a-bove.  
 Crowned as saints, we ev-er shall be lost in won-der, love, and praise.



*This hymn is said to have been suggested by a "Song of Venus" from Dryden's King Arthur. It is one of 6,500 written by Charles Wesley, the "sweet singer of Methodism," who was skilled at interweaving literary and scriptural images.*

Tune: BEECHER 8.7.8.7.D.

John Zundel, 1855

Alternate tune: HYFRYDOL

For another harmonization, see 368, 499

(Back)

John 3:16-17

Heiliges Lippen und Herzens Opfer, Stettin, 1778  
Transl. August Crull, 1845; alt.

1 God loved the world, and lov - ing gave  
2 Christ Je - sus is the ground of faith,  
3 If you are sick, if death is near,  
4 Be of good cheer, for God in Christ

a won - drous gift, the lost to save,  
who was made flesh and suf - fered death;  
this truth your trou - bled heart can cheer;  
for - gives the flock, by sin en - ticed,

That all who would in Christ be - lieve  
All who con - fide in Christ a - lone  
Christ Je - sus saves us all from death;  
And jus - ti - fied by Je - sus' blood,

should ev - er - last - ing life re - ceive.  
are built on this chief cor - ner - stone.  
that is the firm - est ground of faith.  
your bap - tism grants the high - est good.

Edward Miller, a skilled flutist in G. F. Handel's orchestra,  
adapted Rockingham from the tune Tunbridge. Miller named it  
for the Marquis of Rockingham, a patron and friend, and prime  
minister of Great Britain.

Tune: ROCKINGHAM L.M.  
Anon.

Adapt. Edward Miller, 1790

(Back)

# 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) \_\_\_\_\_

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.



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# SHARE THE LIGHT



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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.*