



Haslett Community Church
United Church of Christ

Sunday, March 12, 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.*

Third Sunday in Lent
March 12, 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: “No more apologies for a bleeding heart when the opposite is no heart at all. Danger of losing our humanity must be met with more humanity.” - Toni Morrison

Gathering “A Woman Came Who Did Not Count the Cost” WEXFORD CAROL
(our first hymn this morning)

Welcome

Choral Call to Worship from “Holy” Caccini
arr. Fettke

Call to Worship

We come to worship so that we might learn
How to serve as Christ serves.

We come to worship so that we might understand
How to share extravagantly, without counting the cost.

We come to worship so that we might practice
Loving God, neighbor and ourselves.

We come to worship so that we might know
That we are enough.

Come, let us worship together.

***Hymn #206** “A Woman Came Who Did Not Count the Cost” Leach
WEXFORD CAROL

Prayer of Approach

**Extravagant God,
lavishing your love on our poverty of heart:
inspire us to give with generosity,
to love life so that we may find it again,
and thus the world will be filled
with the fragrance of your love**

**Loving God,
how lavishly you pour out
the costly gift of your grace upon us.
Fill our homes and our lives
with the fragrance of your love
so that we may show your glory
and serve your people;
through Jesus Christ, Amen.**

Moment of Quiet Reflection

Hymn Response

“Holy, Holy ,Holy One”

Lindquist

(please sing 1 time)

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

John 12: 1-8

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. ²There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those reclining with him. ³Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus's feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. ⁴But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, ⁵“Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?” ⁶(He said this not because he cared about the poor but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) ⁷Jesus said, “Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. ⁸You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me.”

Anthem

“One Faith, One Hope, One Lord”

Courtney

Children's Moment

Second Scripture Reading

Matthew 26: 6-13

Now while Jesus was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, ⁷a woman came to him with an alabaster jar of very costly ointment, and she poured it on his head as he sat at the table. ⁸But when the disciples saw it, they were angry and said, “Why this waste? ⁹For this ointment could have been sold for a large sum and the money given to the poor.” ¹⁰But

Jesus, aware of this, said to them, “Why do you trouble the woman? She has performed a good service for me. 11 For you always have the poor with you, but you will not always have me. 12 By pouring this ointment on my body she has prepared me for burial. 13 Truly I tell you, wherever this good news is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will be told in remembrance of her.”

Sermon “Shame Cracked Open to Let In Love”

Hymn “A Living Prayer” R. Block
(please see insert)
(Jim Gornick - guitar; Regula Arnosti, Becky Leefers, & Mary Trebilcock - singers)

Invitation to Share Tithes and Offerings

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

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

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.

*** Benediction**

*** Benediction Response**

“Threefold Amen”

Danish

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:



an exploration of what makes us human

Join us in person or on Zoom:

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

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**

HASLETT COMMUNITY CHURCH

Attend one week or all 4!

LENTEN EVENT

MARCH 1ST, 8TH, 15TH and 22ND
from 5:30pm-7pm

For ages 3 through 5th grade

Join us as we explore different parables!

Please RSVP to the church
by February 28th

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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!

Ministry Connections
Reaching Out to Each Other and Our Community
March 12, 2023



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 12 - March 19)

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)
Monday 3/13/2023	6:00 PM	Property Committee Meets (Z)
	7:00 PM	Green Team Meets (Z)
	7:30 PM	Social Committee Meets (Fr)
Tuesday 3/14/2023	10:30 AM - 1PM	Onsite Office Hours (Ofc)
	7:15 PM	Church Council Meets (FH)
Wednesday 3/15/2023	11:30 AM - 1PM	Pastor Betsy Office Hours (Ofc)
	5:30 - 7 PM	KIDS: Lent Event (FH)
	6:00 - 7:00 PM	Wisdom & Wonderings (Fr,Z)
	7:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal (S)
Thursday 3/16/2023	9:00 AM	Pastor Betsy Bible Study (Z)
	10:30 AM - 1PM	Onsite Office Hours (Ofc)
	6:30-8:30 PM	Food Pantry Meeting (S)
Friday 3/17/2023	Noon - 6:00 PM	Red Cross Blood Drive (Fr,FH,S)
Saturday 3/18/2023	9:00 AM	Men's Grp Meets (Z)
Sunday 3/19/2023	10:00 AM	Worship (S, PL, Online) <i>Guest preacher: Melanie Baker</i>
	10:00 AM	Sunday School (SS)
	11:00 AM	Coffee Fellowship (Fr)
	11:00 AM	Inquirer's Class (S)
	11:15 AM	Coffee With Jesus (MM)
	11:15 AM	Member Caring Meets (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

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 Meets TODAY, March 12, right after Worship, in the Library.



Bible Study Group with Addy Stuever,

Environmental Justice Fellow,
 HCC & Edgewood UCC

Speak with the Earth and It Will Teach You: A Field Guide to the Bible by D. Cooperrider

This group usually meets Tuesdays 7-8pm at Grand Traverse pie company, thru 3/28/2023, but due to Pi Day, **our March 14 meeting will be at Edgewood UCC.**

There will be a blood drive at HCC on Friday, March 17, from Noon - 6pm



Donation by appointment only (No walk-in appointments).

Visit 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.

If you have been visiting, are new to our church, or would like to explore becoming a member, Inquirer's Class is for you!



Inquirer's Class is **NEXT SUNDAY, March 19, at 11:00 a.m.** in the Sanctuary with Pastor Betsy. Questions? Ask Betsy: 517.339.8383 x11 or aho.betsy@att.net

The Staff:

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Our thanks this morning to:

Reader:	Deb Klein
Greeters:	Liz Newport & Deb Klein
Ushers:	Sylvia Davis & Jean McIntyre
Coffee Hosts:	The Meteyer family
Audio/Visual Techs:	Rich Newport & Ambrose Meteyer
Tellers	Jim Durr & Sylvia Davis

Many thanks to our song leaders today: Jim Gornick, Regula Arnosti, Becky Leefers, and Mary Trebilcock.

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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.

A Woman Came Who Did Not Count the Cost

Mark 14:3-9

Richard D. Leach, 1998

Unison

B7sus4 B7 E G#m C#m F#m D

1 A wom-an came who did not count the cost of do - ing what she
 2 Some on - ly saw what she had spent—"Why such a waste with poor to
 3 You give as she, sur - pris - ing - ly, you give with beau - ty as she

Bm B7 E G#m C#m7

could, She broke an al - a - bas - ter flask, and sweet-ness
 feed?" They served the poor well with their tongues! But she had
 gave, You give as she, not hold - ing back, you make us

F#m7 B7sus4 E *Refrain* Bm

spilled on Je - sus' head.
 done a love - ly deed. O God, you are the A - noint - ing
 Christ - like with your love.

Em G D B7

One who does not count your pas - sion's cost, And when we

E G#m C#m7 F#m7 B7sus4 E

gath - er you will spill the sweet-ness of your grace on us.

United Church of Christ minister Richard D. Leach has stated that much of his inspiration as a hymnwriter comes during his sermon preparations. The theme of this text—God anointing us, as the woman anointed Jesus with perfume—was first developed in a sermon, and then given poetic form.

Tune: WEXFORD CAROL L.M.D.
 Irish folk melody
 Arr. Arthur G. Clyde, 1994

A Living Prayer

R. Block



1. In this world, I walk a - lone with no place
(2.) way is dark, the road is steep, (but) he's be - come
3. In these trials of life I find a - no - ther voice



— to call my home. But there's one
— my eyes to see. (The) strength to climb,
— in - side my mind (He) com - forts me.



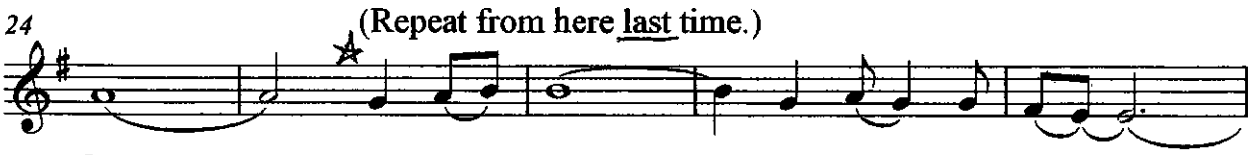
— who holds my hand the rug - ged road
— my griefs to bear, my sav - iour lives
— and bids me live in - side the love



— through bar - ren lands. *to 2nd verse* 2. The || In your
— in - side me there. *to CHORUS*
— the fa - ther gives. *to CHORUS*



love, I find re - lease, a ha - ven from my un - be -



— lief. Take my life, and let me be



— a liv - ing prayer, my God, to thee. (Back)