



Haslett Community Church
United Church of Christ

Sunday, March 17, 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 Fourth Sunday in Lent
March 17, 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: *“Jesus will put the cosmos right again. Creator uses love to heal and restore, and we can choose to cooperate with that plan. We were created in Shalom and to Shalom we shall return - to a profoundly good creation..” – Lenore Three Stars*

Gathering Music

Welcome & Announcements

Choral Call to Worship

“At the Name of Jesus”

Vaughn Williams
arr. Beall

Call to Worship

You are making all things new.

A new heaven

A new earth

A new way of thinking

A new way of being.

You are making all things new.

Renew our minds

to renew the world

by living out your

commandment of love.

You are making all things new.

No more death

No more mourning

No more crying

No more pain.

You are making all things new.

* **Hymn #575**

“O For A World”

Winter
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Prayer of Approach

We do sin ...
we are not only sinners

We have weaknesses ...
we are not only weak

We can fail ...
we are not always failures

We have destroyed...
we have also loved.

You, God, do not limit us to the stories by which the world knows us.

You see much more in us than the labels we give ourselves.

Give us courage to defy all expectations – especially our own – and in your love become all of who we are. 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 13: 1-8

As he came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, “Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!” ² Then Jesus asked him, “Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down.”

³ When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, ⁴ “Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?” ⁵ Then Jesus began to say to them, “Beware that no one leads you astray. ⁶ Many will come in my name and say, ‘I am he!’ and they will lead many astray. ⁷ When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed; this must

take place, but the end is still to come. ⁸ For nation will rise against nation and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birth pangs.

Anthem

“Jesus Walked this Lonesome Valley”

Spiritual
arr. Hornibrook

Children’s Moment

Preschool through 5th graders are invited to Sunday School.

Second Scripture Reading

Mark 13: 24-37

“But in those days, after that suffering,

the sun will be darkened,

and the moon will not give its light,

²⁵ and the stars will be falling from heaven,

and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.

²⁶ “Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in clouds’ with great power and glory.

²⁷ Then he will send out the angels and gather the elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

²⁸ “From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. ²⁹ So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. ³⁰ Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. ³¹ Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

³² “But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven nor the Son, but only the Father. ³³ Beware, keep alert, for you do not know when the time will come.

³⁴ It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. ³⁵ Therefore, keep awake, for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening or at midnight or at cockcrow or at dawn, ³⁶ or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. ³⁷ And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.”

Sermon

“You’re Gonna Want to Stay Up for This”

*** Hymn**

“O Day of Peace”
(please see insert)

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JERUSALEM

Invitation to Share Tithes & Offerings and One Great Hour of Sharing

Offertory (see page 5 for digital giving options)

* 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

from "O Day of Peace"

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JERUSALEM

Postlude

"The Cupboard is Bare"



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

HASLETT COMMUNITY CHURCH
LENT EVENT
MARCH 6th, 13th and 20th
from 5:30pm-7pm
For ages 3 through 5th grade
Attend one week or all 3!
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 for livestream and more info

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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Ministry Connections
Reaching Out to Each Other and Our Community
March 17, 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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CHURCH CALENDAR (March 17 - March 24)

Sunday 3/17/2024	10:00 AM 10:00 AM 11:00 AM 11:15 AM 5:00 - 6:30 PM 7:00 - 9:00 PM	Worship (S, PL, Online) One Great Hour of Sharing Sunday School (SS) Coffee Fellowship (Fr) Coffee With Jesus (L) YOUTH: MS Youth Grp (YR) YOUTH: HS Youth Grp (YR)
Tuesday 3/19/2024	10:30 AM - 1PM 7:00 PM 7:00 - 8:30PM	NEWSLETTER ITEMS DUE <i>Email hcc1@att.net</i> Onsite Office Hours (Ofc) Green Team Book Club (FH) YOUTH: Culver's Night
Wednesday 3/20/2024	11:30 AM - 1PM 5:30 - 7:00 PM 6:00 PM 7:00 PM	Pastor Betsy Office Hours (Ofc) KIDS: Lent Event (FH) Wisdom & Wondering (Fr,Z) Choir Rehearsal (CR)
Thursday 3/21/2024	9:00 - 9:45 AM 10:30 AM - 1PM	Sermon Preview Group (Z) HCC Onsite Office Hours (Ofc)
Saturday 3/23/2024	9:00 AM	Men's Group Meets (Z)
Sunday 3/24/2024	10:00 AM 10:00 AM 11:00 AM	Easter Flower Orders Due Worship (S, PL, Online) Sunday School (SS) Coffee Fellowship (Fr)
Palm Sunday		

Legend: CR=Choir Rm; DS = downstairs; FH= Fellowship Hall; Fr = Friendship Hall; K =Kitchen; L=Library; Ofc=HCC Office;

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE - Information you'd like included in the April 2024 Newsletter is due to Michele no later than **THIS TUESDAY, March 19**. Please send to: hcc1@att.net

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.

GREEN TEAM BOOK CLUB!!!

The Green Team Book Club is sponsoring Betty Seagull for an informational program on planting native plants, to celebrate the first day of spring!

This one-hour program will be **March 19, at 7 pm**. Members of the Haslett Community Church are most welcome to attend. After Betty's program is over, we will begin discussion of our next book: *"Not the End of the World"* by Hannah Ritchie! This book is available at Schuler's book store and anyone is welcome to join!

If you have further questions, you can email Kim Huston at: kimahuston@gmail.com.



EASTER FLOWER DEADLINE - If you would like to help us beautify our Easter Sanctuary by dedicating spring flowers, the deadline for orders is **NEXT SUNDAY, March 24** (please see insert for details)

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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Landon Black	Choral Conductor Intern		
Michele Booher	Office Manager	hcc1@att.net	517.339.8383 x10
Sally Sanchez	Custodian		

Our thanks this morning to:

Reader:	Cheryl Edwards
Greeters:	Dave & Nancy Ferguson
Ushers:	Bob & Sally Heisler (Train Aaron Copeland)
Coffee Hosts:	Russ & Lynn Wilson
Audio/Visual Tech:	Helen & David Jones
Tellers	Cheryl Edwards & Bob Heisler



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.

O for a World

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*Miriam Therese Winter, 1987**Acts 4:32-35; 1 Cor. 1:26-31; 1 Pet. 3:8-12*

- 1 O for a world where ev - ery - one re - spects each oth - er's ways,
2 O for a world where goods are shared and mis - er - y re - lieved,
3 We wel - come one world fam - i - ly and strug - gle with each choice
4 The poor are rich, the weak are strong, the fool - ish ones are wise.
5 O for a world pre - par - ing for God's glo - rious reign of peace,



Where love is lived and all is done with jus - tice and with praise.
Where truth is spo - ken, chil - dren spared, e - qual - i - ty a - chieved.
That o - pens us to u - ni - ty and gives our vi - sion voice.
Tell all who mourn: out - casts be - long, who per - ish - es will rise.
Where time and tears will be no more, and all but love will cease.



Inspired by Charles Wesley's phrase "O for a thousand tongues" and the familiar tune Azmon, Miriam Therese Winter wrote this hymn envisioning a new world order for the Presbyterian Women's Triennial Conference in 1982. It was later recrafted and recorded by the Medical Mission Sisters.

Tune: AZMON C.M.

Carl G. Gläser, 1828

Adapt. Lowell Mason in Modern Psalmody, 1839

(Back)

O Day of Peace



1 O day of peace that dim - ly shines through all our
 2 Then shall the wolf dwell with the lamb. nor shall the



hopes and prayers and dreams, guide us to jus - tice, truth, and
 fierce de - vour the small; as beasts and cat - tle calm - ly



love, de - liv - ered from our self - ish schemes. May swords of hate
 graze, a lit - tle child shall lead them all. Then en - e - mies



fall from our hands, our hearts from en - vy find re - lease, till by God's
 shall learn to love, all crea - tures find their true ac - cord; the hope of



grace our war - ring world shall see Christ's prom - ised reign of peace.
 peace shall be ful - filled, for all the earth shall know the Lord.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

This text on peace was created to offer non-nationalistic words for a popular British tune. The first stanza depicts *pax*, a mode of peace focused on ending conflict, and the second (based on Isaiah 11:6-9) describes *shalom*, the condition of living in harmony and mutual good will.

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.

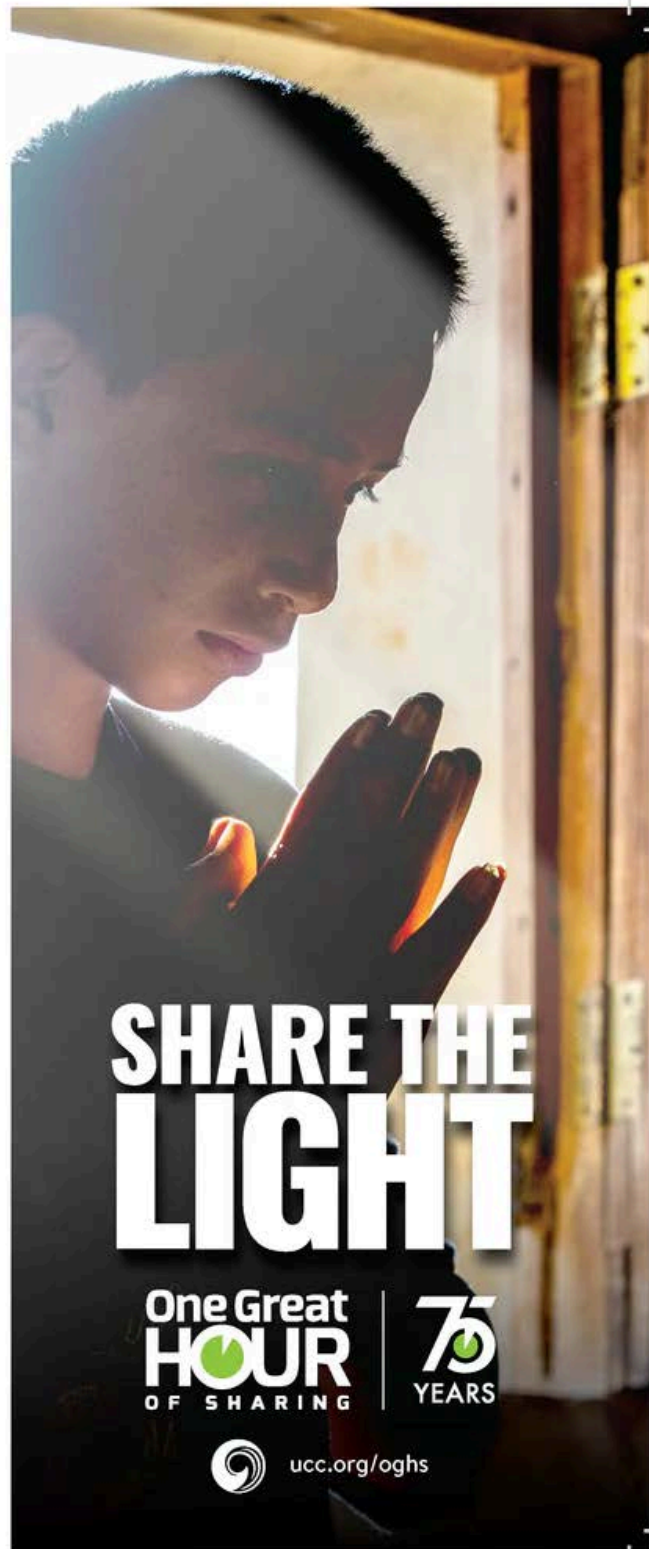
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Don Pedro Antonio Maldonado lives in the countryside of Honduras where he works on his crops and coffee plantations. In 2019, when the pandemic lockdown happened, it was difficult for Don Pedro and his family to access food and supplies needed to maintain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