



Haslett Community Church
United Church of Christ

Sunday, March 19, 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.*

Fourth Sunday in Lent
March 19, 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: “We have the strength to lift and bear a friend's immobile weight,
The strength to watch and nurse and care through hours long and late,
Because we trust in ways unknown the springs of health are stirred,
And thus the mind, the flesh and bone receive Christ's healing word.” - Thomas H. Troeger, 1985
Hymn #178

Gathering Music

Welcome

Prelude

“Invitation”
(Jim Linnemann, Tongue Drum)

Linnemann

Call to Worship (from the Iona Abbey Worship Book)

We gather here in your presence, God,
In our need, and bringing with us the needs of the world.
We come to you, for you come to us, in Jesus,
And you know by experience what human life is like,
We come with our faith and with our doubts;
We come with our hopes and with our fears.
We come as we are, because you invite us to come:
And you have promised never to turn us away.

***Hymn #42**

“O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

Wesley
Glaser

Prayer of Approach (from the Iona Abbey Worship Book)

God of compassion and love, we offer you all our suffering and pain. Give us strength to bear our weeness, healing even when there is no cure, peace in the midst of turmoil and love to fill the spaces in our lives.	Glory to God, from whom all love flows, glory to Jesus, who showed his love through suffering, and glory to the Holy Spirit, who brings light into the darkest places. Amen.
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Moment of Quiet Reflection

Hymn Response

“Holy, Holy ,Holy One”
(please sing 1 time)

Lindquist

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

Psalm 41

- Happy are those who consider the poor;
the Lord delivers them in the day of trouble.
- ²The Lord protects them and keeps them alive;
they are called happy in the land.
You do not give them up to the will of their enemies.
- ³The Lord sustains them on their sickbed;
in their illness you heal all their infirmities.
- ⁴As for me, I said, “O Lord, be gracious to me;
heal me, for I have sinned against you.”
- ⁵My enemies wonder in malice
when I will die and my name perish.
- ⁶And when they come to see me, they utter empty words
while their hearts gather mischief;
when they go out, they tell it abroad.
- ⁷All who hate me whisper together about me;
they imagine the worst for me.
- ⁸They think that a deadly thing has fastened on me,
that I will not rise again from where I lie.
- ⁹Even my close friend in whom I trusted,
who ate of my bread, has lifted the heel against me.

(continued...)

¹⁰ But you, O Lord, be gracious to me,
and raise me up, that I may repay them.
¹¹ By this I know that you are pleased with me:
because my enemy has not triumphed over me.
¹² But you have upheld me because of my integrity
and set me in your presence forever.
¹³ Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel,
from everlasting to everlasting.
Amen and Amen.

Anthem

“The Yearning”

Boersma
Courtney

*** Passing the Peace**

May the Peace of Christ be with you;
And also with you.

Second Scripture Reading

Mark 2: 1-12

When Jesus returned to Capernaum after some days, it was reported that he was at home. ² So many gathered around that there was no longer room for them, not even in front of the door; and he was speaking the word to them. ³ Then some people came, bringing to him a paralyzed man, carried by four of them. ⁴ And when they could not bring him to Jesus because of the crowd, they removed the roof above him; and after having dug through it, they let down the mat on which the paralytic lay. ⁵ When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, “Son, your sins are forgiven.” ⁶ Now some of the scribes were sitting there, questioning in their hearts, ⁷ “Why does this fellow speak in this way? It is blasphemy! Who can forgive sins but God alone?” ⁸ At once Jesus perceived in his spirit that they were discussing these questions among themselves; and he said to them, “Why do you raise such questions in your hearts? ⁹ Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, ‘Your sins are forgiven,’ or to say, ‘Stand up and take your mat and walk’? ¹⁰ But so that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins” —he said to the paralytic— ¹¹ “I say to you, stand up, take your mat and go to your home.” ¹² And he stood up, and immediately took the mat and went out before all of them; so that they were all amazed and glorified God, saying, “We have never seen anything like this!”

Sermon “Harm Cracked Open to Let In Healing” or “Who are these people and what are they doing on my roof?”

Rev. Melanie Baker

Hymn #388

“Help Us Accept Each Other”

Kaan
AURELIA

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

“Sevenfold Amen”

Stainer

Postlude

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

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:

Wednesday Wisdom & Wonderings presents:



an exploration of
what makes us human

Join us in person or on Zoom:
ID: 897 1644 9674
Passcode: 48840

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

- 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 19, 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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 Haslett Community Church

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.

CHURCH CALENDAR (March 19 - March 26)

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)
Monday 3/20/2023	7:00 PM	YOUTH: Culver's Night Okemos Culver's
Tuesday 3/21/2023	NEWSLETTER ITEMS DUE	
	10:30 AM - 1PM 6:00 - 7:30 PM	Onsite Office Hours (Ofc) YOUTH: 11th Gr Dinner (FH)
Wednesday 3/22/2023	NO Betsy Office Hours Today	
	5:30 - 7 PM	KIDS: Lent Event (FH)
	6:00 - 7:30 PM 7:00 PM	Wisdom & Wonderings (Fr,Z) Choir Rehearsal (S)
Thursday 3/23/2023	9:00 AM	Pastor Betsy Bible Study (Z)
	10:30 AM - 1PM 7:15 PM	Onsite Office Hours (Ofc) Spiritual Life Meets (S,Z)
	Saturday 3/25/2023	9:00 AM
Sunday 3/26/2023	10:00 AM	Worship (S, PL, Online)
	10:00 AM	Sunday School (SS)
	11:00 AM	Coffee Fellowship (Fr)
	No Youth Group - Spring Break	

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

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 **TODAY, 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



Attend one week or all 4!

HASLETT COMMUNITY CHURCH

LENT

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
517.339.8383 or Hcc1@att.net

The Staff:

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Barbara Freeman	Church Musician		517.881.9976
Michele Booher	Office Manager	hcc1@att.net	517.339.8383 x10
Sally Sanchez	Custodian		

Our thanks this morning to:

Reader:	Lynn Wilson
Greeters:	Dave & Nancy Ferguson
Ushers:	Bob & Sally Heisler
Coffee Hosts:	Russ & Lynn Wilson
Audio/Visual Techs:	Jim Gornick & Jon Lineberry
Tellers	Cheryl Edwards & Bob Heisler

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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:

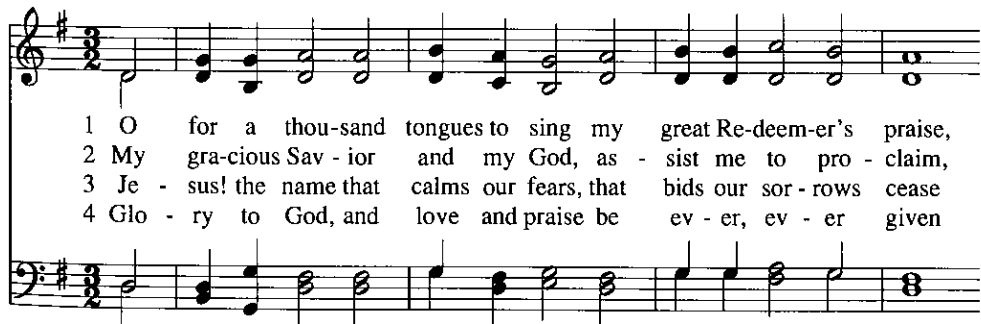
- Take a “Purple Dove Cup” for your household on your way out – it has some helpful info and a treat inside.
- Fill out a “Welcome!” card available in the seat in front of you, and drop it in the offering plate or hand it to an usher so that we might be in touch with you in the ways you indicate would 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.

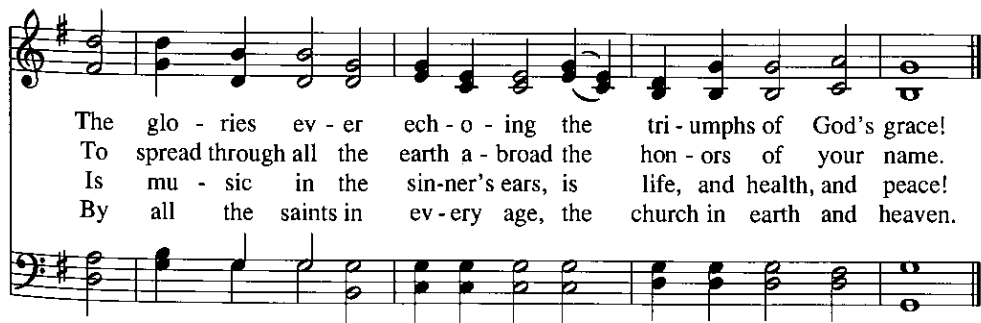
O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

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Charles Wesley, 1740; alt.



1 O for a thou-sand tongues to sing my great Re-deem-er's praise,
2 My gra-cious Sav-ior and my God, as-sist me to pro-claim,
3 Je-sus! the name that calms our fears, that bids our sor-rows cease
4 Glo-ry to God, and love and praise be ev-er, ev-er given



The glo-ries ev-er ech-o-ing the tri-umphs of God's grace!
To spread through all the earth a-broad the hon-ors of your name.
Is mu-sic in the sin-ner's ears, is life, and health, and peace!
By all the saints in ev-ery age, the church in earth and heaven.

The hymn is a cento from a longer poem of eighteen stanzas written by Charles Wesley on the first anniversary of his conversion. The present form of the hymn is one edited by John Wesley for The Wesleyan Hymn Book, 1780.

(Back)

Tune: AZMON C.M.

Carl G. Gläser, 1828

Adapt. in L. Mason's Modern Psalmody, 1839

Alternate tune: RICHMOND

John 15:12; 17:20-23; Eph. 4:1-6, 11-16

Fred Kaan, 1974; alt.

1 Help us ac- cept each oth- er as Christ ac- cept- ed us;
 2 Teach us, O God, your les- sons, as in our dai- ly life
 3 Let your ac- cep- tance change us, so that we may be moved
 4 God, for to- day's en- coun- ters with all who are in need,

teach us, as sis- ter, broth- er, each per- son to em- brace.
 we strug- gle to be hu- man and search for hope and faith
 in liv- ing sit- u- a- tions to do the truth in love;
 who hun- ger for ac- cep- tance, for righ- teous- ness and bread,

Be pres- ent, God, a- mong us, and bring us to be- lieve
 Teach us to care for peo- ple, for all, not just for some,
 To prac- tice your ac- cep- tance, un- til we know by heart
 Bring us new eyes for see- ing, new hands for hold- ing on;

we are our- selves ac- cept- ed and meant to love and live.
 to love them as we find them, or as they may be- come.
 the ta- ble of for- give- ness and laugh- ter's heal- ing art.
 re- new us with your Spir- it; God! Free us, make us one!

Like the writings of Ambrose many centuries earlier, this hymn was born out of a doctrinal dispute. The young priest Samuel J. Stone composed twelve hymns on the articles of the Apostles' Creed in support of those reacting against nontraditional views

Tune: AURELIA 7.6.7.6.D.
 Samuel S. Wesley, 1864

Easter Flowers



Spring flowers add to the beauty of our sanctuary on Easter. We are asking for your help to purchase at least 45, 6-inch foiled pots of blooming plants (daffodils & tulips are \$11 each, and single stem white lilies are \$15 each).

Please **order by Sunday, April 2, 2023.**

Please order on our website under News and Events, Easter Flowers Order ([HERE](#)) or attach cash or check to this form and return it to the church office. Thanks!

Your name: _____

In honor of: _____ (relationship) _____

In memory of: _____ (relationship) _____

Plant type preferred:	Yellow daffodils (\$11 ea.)	Number of plants	_____
	Spring color tulips (\$11 ea.)	Number of plants	_____
	White lilies (\$15 ea.)	Number of plants	_____

Total number of daffodils or tulips @ \$11 ea. _____

Total number of lilies @ \$15 each _____

Amount enclosed: \$ _____ cash ___ check___

Your plant may be taken home following the 10:00 a.m. worship service on Easter Sunday, April 9.

_____ I will pick up my plant(s).

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