



Haslett Community Church
United Church of Christ

Sunday, March 24, 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 88.7FM)
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.*

Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday
March 24, 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: *“These same crowds spreading cloaks and branches on the ground, singing Psalms with all their might, are the same crowds who will shout, several days later, “Crucify him!” We are no different. Their shouts are my shouts ... I want to love God. I do love God, and on some days, I sing praise from my heart, and I shout Hosanna. Other days I’m less hopeful, and it feels overwhelming to choose the way of love.” – Mark Longhurst*

Gathering Music

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude

“The Palms”

J-B Fauré

Call to Worship (by J. Richardson)

Blessed is the One
who comes to us
by the way of love
poured out with abandon.

Blessed is the One
who calls us to follow
in the way of blessing,
in the path of joy.

Blessed is the One
who walks toward us
by the way of grace
that holds us fast.

*** Palm Parade**
& Opening Hymn #213

“Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”

Threlfall
ELLACOMBE

Children's Moment

Blessing the Palms (by Rev. Amanda Meisenheimer)

Hosanna, we shout with our arms stretched out,
Waving branches before the servant-king. Bless
the branches,
Bless the crowds,
Bless the children, voices loud,
Bless everyone who comes to praise and sing.
We raise what we have,
Maybe branches, maybe hands,

Maybe voices, maybe banners,
Maybe everything in sight.
For the one who rides today,
In humility and glory,
Will be the one who bathes the world in light.
Hosanna, we shout with our arms stretched out!

Preschool through 5th graders are invited to Sunday School.

Hymn

"Jesus in Glory Comes"
(please see insert - verses 1-3)

Jabusch
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First Scripture Reading

Mark 11: 1-3

When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples ² and said to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. ³ If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' just say this: 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.'"

Anthem

"All Glory, Laud, and Honor"

Theodulph
arr. French

* Passing the Peace

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

Second Scripture Reading

Mark 11: 4-11

They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, ⁵ some of the bystanders said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" ⁶ They told them what Jesus had said, and they allowed them to take it. ⁷ Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it, and he sat on it. ⁸ Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. ⁹ Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,

"Hosanna!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

¹⁰ Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!
Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

¹¹ Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple, and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve."

Sermon

"Look Around at Everything"

* Hymn #215

"Ride On! Ride On in Majesty"

Milman
Dykes

Invitation to Share Tithes & Offerings (see page 4 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

Fivefold Amen

Pachelbel

Postlude



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

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



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

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- Use your phone camera to scan the QR code to the right 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 24, 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 24 - March 30)

Sunday		Easter Flower Orders Due
3/24/2024	10:00 AM	Worship (S, PL, Online)
Palm Sunday	10:00 AM	Sunday School (SS)
	11:00 AM	Coffee Fellowship (Fr)
Tuesday	10:30 AM - 1PM	Onsite Office Hours (Ofc)
3/26/2024	7:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal (S)
Wednesday	11:30 AM - 1PM	Pastor Betsy Office Hours (Ofc)
3/27/2024		
Thursday	9:00 - 9:45 AM	Sermon Preview Group (Z)
	10:30 AM - 1PM	HCC Onsite Office Hours (Ofc)
	7:00 PM	Maundy Thurs. Srv. (S)
Friday	7:00 PM	Good Friday Service (S, Online)
3/29/2024		
Saturday	9:00 AM	Men's Group Meets (Z)
	12:30 PM	Easter Flower delivery
Sunday	7:30 AM	Easter Sunrise Service (OD1,S)
	10:00 AM	Easter Worship (S, PL, Online)
	10:00 AM	Sunday School (SS)
	11:00 AM	Coffee Fellowship (Fr)
Easter Sunday		

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

Men's Group will meet at Coral Gable restaurant in East Lansing Saturday, Apr. 6, at 9 AM for breakfast!

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.



EASTER FLOWER DEADLINE IS TODAY!

Please consider helping us beautify HCC for Easter by sponsoring some spring flowers. You can even include a dedication in honor or memory of loved ones. The deadline for orders is **TODAY, March 24.**

You can **order by filling out the order form inserted in today's bulletin**, attaching your payment, and placing it in the offering plate or in the Office door.

You can also order and pay online using this QR code:



(please see insert for more details)

HOLY WEEK is so much more than Easter!

Join us throughout the week as we go from today's triumphal entry, to the last supper, the cross, and the empty tomb.

[Please note: Maundy Thursday and Easter Sunrise will not have a livestream option.]

See graphic on pg. 4 for details.

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Our thanks this morning to:

Reader:	Kim Carnes
Greeters:	Joanne Ricks & Lucretia Hildabridle
Ushers:	Jim Gornick & Jewell Muller-Gornick
Coffee Hosts:	Carol Cramer & Kelly Flagg
Audio/Visual Tech:	Jon Lineberry & Aaron Copeland
Tellers	Don Flagg & Jim Gornick



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.

"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

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*Jennette Threlfall, 1873; alt.**Mark 11:8-10; Matt. 21:15*

1 "Ho - san - na, loud ho - san - na," the lit - tle chil - dren sang;
2 From Ol - i - vet they fol - lowed a - mid a cheer - ing crowd,
3 "Ho - san - na in the high - est!" That an - cient song is ours.

through pil - lared court and tem - ple the love - ly an - them rang;
the vic - tor palm branch wav - ing, and chant - ing clear and loud.
We hail our great Re - deem - er and sing with all our powers:

To Je - sus, who had blessed them close fold - ed to his breast,
The one whom an - gels wor - ship rode on in low - ly state,
"Ho - san - na, Christ, we praise you with heart and life and voice.

the chil - dren sang their prais - es, the sim - plest and the best.
and glad to see the chil - dren, slowed down the don - key's gait.
Ho - san - na! In your pres - ence for - ev - er we'll re - joice!"

Jennette Threlfall of England, who was disabled by two accidents, wrote hymns that inspired hope and courage in others. This text was published in her collection Sunshine and Shadow.

Tune: ELLACOMBE C.M.D.
Gesangbuch der herzoglichen Württembergischen
katholischen Hofkapelle, 1784

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Jesus in Glory Comes

*Unison
Refrain*

Je - sus in glo - ry comes, the earth now re - joic - es.

O - pen the gates be - fore him, lift up your voic - es.

1. Who comes to us in glo - ry; how shall we call him?
 2. In all of Gal - i - lee, in cit - y or vil - lage,
 3. Sing then of Da - vid's Son, our sav - ior and broth - er;
 4. He gave his life for us, the pledge of sal - va - tion;
 5. He con - quered sin and death, he tru - ly has ris - en.

He is Em - man - u - el, the prom - ised of a - ges.
 he goes a - mong the peo - ple, cur - ing their ill - ness.
 in all of Gal - i - lee was nev - er an - oth - er.
 he took up - on him - self the sins of the na - tion.
 And he will share with us his heav - en - ly vi - sion.

WORDS: Willard F. Jabusch, 1966, alt.
 MUSIC: Israeli folk song; arr. John Ferguson, 1973

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John Ferguson was music editor of the 1974 *Hymnal of the United Church of Christ*. He is professor of organ and church music at St. Olaf College, Northfield MN.

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*Luke 19:36-38; Zech. 9:9**Henry H. Milman, 1827; adapt. Lavon Bayler, 1993*

1 Ride on! Ride on in maj - es - ty!
 2 Ride on! Ride on in maj - es - ty!
 3 Ride on! Ride on in maj - es - ty!
 4 Ride on! Ride on in maj - es - ty!

O Christ, with brave hu - mil - i - ty,
 As crowds of peo - ple come to see
 Ride on in hum - ble dig - ni - ty;
 For you have set your peo - ple free

On - low - ly colt, your road pur - sue,
 And shout ho - san - nas, lift - ing high
 Be - hold the ones you came to save
 And we, re - mem - bering all your pain,

as their palms and cloaks are spread for you.
 from praise for one a - bout to die.
 now sense - less life and end - less grave.
 meet a - gain to hail your reign.

Henry H. Milman, a priest of the Church of England, served successively as professor of poetry at Oxford, canon of Westminster, and dean of St. Paul's Cathedral, London. He was also a successful playwright and historian.

Tune: ST. DROSTANE L.M.

John B. Dykes, 1862

Alternate tune: WINCHESTER NEW

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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.