



Haslett Community Church  
United Church of Christ

Sunday, March 26, 2023  
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 88.7FM)
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 5<sup>th</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders

Our Vision:

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and humbly explore God's love.*

**Fifth Sunday in Lent**  
**March 26, 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:** “If your house is on fire, the most urgent thing to do is to go back and try to put out the fire, not to run after the person you believe to be the arsonist.”

- Thich Nhat Hanh

**Gathering**

**Welcome**

**Choral Call to Worship**

“Holy”

Caccini  
Fettke

**Call to Worship**

**The Spirit of God that breathes us into life, whispers: Come home.**

We come home to the open arms of Love.

**We come as we are.**

We come with joy.

**We come hungry for nourishment.**

We come beaten down and burnt out.

**We come eager to find our place in the whole.**

We come bringing all of who we are;

**our grief and our anger**

our regrets and our longings.

**We give God thanks, for Christ's welcome is eternal.**

**\*Hymn #289**

“Come Forth, O Love Divine”

Siena  
Vaughn Williams

**Prayer of Approach**

**Living God, so many are tired of being tired. We are tired of divisions that are stoked and the anger that is fueled between strangers and friends, enemies and loved ones. We spend so much energy building walls to keep others out that we are often too tired to tear them down. We come seeking your clarity and love. We come longing for connection and forgiveness. Free our minds and spirits that we may move into your spacious freedom and ease into your mysterious peace. Amen.**

## Moment of Silent 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

Luke 15: 11-24

Then Jesus said, “There was a man who had two sons. <sup>12</sup>The younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the share of the wealth that will belong to me.’ So he divided his assets between them. <sup>13</sup>A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant region, and there he squandered his wealth in dissolute living. <sup>14</sup>When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that region, and he began to be in need. <sup>15</sup>So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that region, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. <sup>16</sup>He would gladly have filled his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, and no one gave him anything. <sup>17</sup>But when he came to his senses he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! <sup>18</sup>I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; <sup>19</sup>I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.”’ <sup>20</sup>So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. <sup>21</sup>Then the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ <sup>22</sup>But the father said to his slaves, ‘Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. <sup>23</sup>And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate, <sup>24</sup>for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!’ And they began to celebrate.

**Anthem**

“If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee”

Neumark  
arr. Lindh

**\* Passing the Peace**

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

**Second Scripture Reading**

**Luke 15: 25-32**

“Now his elder son was in the field, and as he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. <sup>26</sup> He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. <sup>27</sup> He replied, ‘Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf because he has got him back safe and sound.’ <sup>28</sup> Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. <sup>29</sup> But he answered his father, ‘Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command, yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. <sup>30</sup> But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your assets with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!’ <sup>31</sup> Then the father said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. <sup>32</sup> But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.’”

**Sermon**

“Anger Cracked Open to Let In Clarity”

**Hymn #188**

“Give Me A Clean Heart”  
(please sing 2 times)

Psalm 51  
Douroux

**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**

**Prayers 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**

“Amazing Grace / My Chains Are Gone”

Newton/Tomlin  
arr. BFF



You are welcome to join us after Worship for Coffee Fellowship 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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## Holy Week 2023



Haslett Community Church  
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April 2 10 a.m. Palm Sunday with Palms to Wave



April 6 7 p.m. Maundy Thursday with Communion



April 7 7 p.m. Good Friday with Choir



April 9 7:30 a.m. Sunrise Service

10 a.m. Easter Sunday with Choir

all services in person · all but easter sunrise also live-streamed  
[haslettcommunitychurch.org](http://haslettcommunitychurch.org) for livestream and more info

**Ministry Connections**  
**Reaching Out to Each Other and Our Community**  
**March 26, 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 26 - April 2)**

<b>Sunday</b> 3/26/2023	10:00 AM 10:00 AM 11:00 AM	Worship (S, PL, Online) Sunday School (SS) Coffee Fellowship (Fr) No Youth Group - Spring Break
<b>Tuesday</b> 3/28/2023	10:30 AM - 1PM 7:00 - 8:00 PM	Onsite Office Hours (Ofc) Safety Team Meets (FH)
<b>Wednesday</b> 3/29/2023	11:30 AM - 1PM 6:00 - 7:30 PM 7:00 PM	Betsy Office Hours (Ofc) Wisdom & Wonderings (Fr,Z) Choir Rehearsal (S)
<b>Thursday</b> 3/30/2023	9:00 AM 10:30 AM - 1PM	Pastor Betsy Bible Study (Z) Onsite Office Hours (Ofc)
<b>Saturday</b> 4/1/2023	9:00 AM	Men's Grp Meets (Z)
<b>Sunday</b> 4/2/2023  <b>Palm Sunday</b>	10:00 AM 10:00 AM 11:00 AM 5:00-6:30 PM 7:00-9:00 PM	Worship (S, PL, Online) Sunday School (SS) Coffee Fellowship (Fr) YOUTH: MS Youth Grp (YR) 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



Please help us fill our sanctuary with flowers for Easter! Fill out the order form

insert in today's bulletin and turn it into the office with payment **by Apr. 2**

**OR** [order and pay online from the News and Events, then Easter Flowers Order page of our website.](#)

**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.



**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 meets Tuesdays 7-8pm  
 thru 3/28/2023 - **NOW at Edgewood UCC.**

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!

**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 pm.

**The Staff:**

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**Our thanks this morning to:**

<b>Reader:</b>	Kim Carnes
<b>Greeters:</b>	Joanne Ricks & Lucretia Hildabridle
<b>Ushers:</b>	Jim Gornick & Jewell Muller-Gornick
<b>Coffee Hosts:</b>	Kelly Flagg & Carol Cramer
<b>Audio/Visual Techs:</b>	Helen & David Jones
<b>Tellers</b>	Don Flagg & Jim Gornick

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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.

Acts 2:1-4

Bianco da Siena (d. 1434)

Transl. Richard F. Littledale, 1867; alt.

1 Come forth, O Love di - vine, seek now this soul of  
 2 O let it free - ly burn, till earth - ly pas - sions  
 3 And so the yearn - ing strong with which the soul will

mine, and vis - it it with your own ar - dor glow - ing;  
 turn to dust and ash - es in its heat con - sum - ing;  
 long, shall far out - pass the power of hu - man tell - ing;

O Com - fort - er, draw near, with - in my heart ap - pear,  
 And let your glo - rious light shine ev - er on my sight,  
 For none can guess its grace, till love cre - ate a place

and kin - dle it, your ho - ly flame be - stow - ing.  
 and clothe me round, the while my path il - lum - ing.  
 where - in the Ho - ly Spir - it makes a dwell - ing.

*Bianco da Siena lived in Venice, where he was a member of a religious order following the rule of St. Augustine. Ralph Vaughan Williams' tune composed for this hymn was named for his birthplace in England.*

Tune: DOWN AMPNEY 6.6.11.D.  
 Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906

Ps. 51:1-12

Margaret J. Douroux, 1970; alt.

Give me a clean heart so I may serve you.

The first system of music features a vocal line in the treble clef and a piano accompaniment in the grand staff. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is 6/8. The lyrics are: "Give me a clean heart so I may serve you."

God, fix my heart so that I may be used by you.

The second system continues the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics are: "God, fix my heart so that I may be used by you."

For I'm not worthy of all these blessings.

The third system continues the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics are: "For I'm not worthy of all these blessings."

Give me a clean heart and I'll follow you.

The fourth system concludes the piece. The lyrics are: "Give me a clean heart and I'll follow you."

Margaret J. Douroux, the daughter of a Baptist minister, is known especially for this gospel song, which was recorded by singer James Cleveland. Among her other popular songs found in church hymnals is "God Is Not Dead."

Tune: DOUROUX 10.12.10.10.  
Margaret J. Douroux, 1970  
Arr. Albert Denis Tessier, 1987

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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 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.

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In 2014 we created a new way that we could organize all the opportunities folks have to serve HCC on Sunday mornings. We created the **Happy Heart** team- the greeters, ushers, Scripture readers, sound techs, coffee hosts and tellers who are so vitally important to our Sunday morning worship services.

The idea behind **Happy Heart**, is that when we serve others, not only are our own hearts filled with joy, but we also make happy the hearts of those we serve, and as a result, they make happy the hearts of those around them as well- the joy ripples outward into our community.

Folks were invited to indicate which roles they would be happy to serve in on Sunday mornings and a year-long calendar was created. If you were assigned a date that did not work for you, switching with someone else on the list was easy to do - you had a whole list of folks in front of you who you could call or email to easily switch Sundays (this helped lighten the load of our office staff). This easy-to-use calendar replaced the overlooked, often left blank, dust collecting sign-up sheets that hung in Friendship Hall.

After 9 years, especially post-pandemic, we've decided to have a **HAPPY HEART SUNDAY** to remember the reasoning behind it, to refresh some of the practices, and to RECRUIT new folks to join our **Happy Heart** Teams! At the start, we hoped no one would have to serve in any role more than TWICE per year. The more folks who sign up for each role, the closer we can get to that goal. ONCE per quarter in each role would be great.

What follows are descriptions of each of the **Happy Heart** roles. Even if you've served on the **Happy Heart** team for years, please take a minute to read through it as some of the roles have been refreshed or changed (in response to feedback we've received from volunteers and other changes).



**Greeters:** Our Greeters are the first to welcome folks into the building. They're encouraged to stand in Friendship Hall, near door #1 and the church office (this prevents too much of a bottle neck where the nametag table is now, near the sanctuary doors).



**Ushers:** Ushers distribute worship bulletins before the service. They also count everyone in attendance, as well as close/open the sanctuary doors. During the offering, they pass the offering plates and a basket for prayer requests, placing the offering plates on the communion table during the Doxology.



**Scripture Reader:** This person will do the first Scripture reading of the Service. The church office emails you the reading for the week so you are able to become familiar with it and practice it prior to Sunday morning.



**Sound Techs:**

These folks (usually 2 per Sunday) run the sound system. The people who work the system have been/ will be trained and are on a rotating schedule.



**Coffee Hosts:**

Coffee Hosts host our time of fellowship following the worship service. The coffee materials and instructions are posted in the kitchenette in Fellowship hall. Hosts are encouraged to arrive 45 minutes prior to worship to get the coffee started. Treats are not a requirement, but are enjoyed by the congregation when offered. Juice or punch (non-red) is nice for the children & non-coffee drinkers. There are also usually GLUTEN FREE options to use in the freezer in the HCC Main Kitchen.

**Two recommended changes that we're making for our coffee hosts:**

1. You can now **CHOOSE** which method of making coffee you are most comfortable with: brewers & air pots or the traditional percolators. Directions and supplies will be provided for both.
2. You can also **CHOOSE** whether to use one-time-use cups or washable mugs and cups.



**Tellers:** Tellers are specially-trained to count the offering. They are on a rotating schedule. If this is something you are interested in doing, and aren't already on the team, please contact Pastor Betsy or Pastor Erin.



You are invited to fill out the ways you would be interested in serving the Happy Heart team in 2023. Return it to the HCC office, place in the offering plate, or email the church office at [hcc1@att.net](mailto:hcc1@att.net) to sign up.

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

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|---------------|-------------------|
| _____ Greeter | _____ Coffee Host |
| _____ Usher   | _____ Sound Tech  |
| _____ Reader  | _____ Teller      |

I would prefer to shadow someone on my first time as \_\_\_\_\_