



Haslett Community Church
United Church of Christ

Sunday, March 31, 2024
10:00 AM
Easter Sunday

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.*

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*When you see an *, you are invited to stand as you are able. When text is in bold, you are invited to speak aloud.*

Gathering

Welcome & Announcements

Fanfare "Ablassen" Reiche
(Rich Illman - piccolo trumpet)

Choral Call to Worship "Processional Alleluia" Causey

Call to Worship (by Thom Shuman)

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

We have not seen the risen Christ,

but we see him in the lives of those transformed by grace.

We have not seen Jesus face-to-face,

but we have seen him in the faces of everyone whose love encourages us.

We have not touched the wounds from the cross,

but we have been called to bring healing to the wounds of the world.

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

* **Opening Hymn #233** "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today" Wesley
(Rich Illman - flugelhorn) LYRA DAVIDICA

Prayer of Approach (by Christine Jarrett)

We praise you, living God, with songs and prayers and listening hearts.

You have created and are creating, bringing life and hope and love.

You come in Jesus, your Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new.

In a culture where the despair gets all the headlines, your Holy Spirit summons

us to be people shaped by resurrection.

(continued...)

We are not sure we believe as fully as we think we should.
 We are not sure we trust as deeply as we think you require.
 But we bring who we are and what we have become into your presence,
 longing to know your grace and your love.

Forgive what has gone wrong.
 Repair in us what is broken.
 Reveal in us what is good and turn us toward it.

So we may follow wherever your Spirit leads.
 So we may love with the love of Jesus flowing through us.
 So we may, in body, mind and spirit,
 be children of resurrection, children of hope, children of grace.
 In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

Hymn Response #236 "Halle, Halle, Halle" Caribbean Melody
 (Rich Illman - flugelhorn; please sing two times)

Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - ja. Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - ja.

Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - ja. Hal-le - lu-ja, hal - le - lu - ja.

*This joyous response may be used following readings of scripture,
 or as a processional or recessional, especially during Easter.*

Tune: HALLELUJA
 Caribbean melody

First Scripture Reading

Psalms 29

- Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings,
 ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
- ² Ascribe to the Lord the glory of God's name;
 worship the Lord in holy splendor.
- ³ The voice of the Lord is over the waters;
 the God of glory thunders,
 the Lord, over mighty waters.
- ⁴ The voice of the Lord is powerful;
 the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.

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- ⁵The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars;
the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon.
- ⁶The Lord makes Lebanon skip like a calf
and Sirion like a young wild ox.
- ⁷The voice of the Lord flashes forth flames of fire.
- ⁸The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness;
the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
- ⁹The voice of the Lord causes the oaks to whirl
and strips the forest bare,
and in God's temple all say, "Glory!"
- ¹⁰The Lord sits enthroned over the flood;
the Lord sits enthroned as king forever.
- ¹¹May the Lord give strength to the people!
May the Lord bless the people with peace!

Anthem

"Give Us the Wings of Faith to Rise"
(see words in insert to follow along)

Watts, 1707
Helvey, 1989

Children's Moment

Preschool through 5th graders are invited to Sunday School.

Second Scripture Reading

Mark 16: 1-8

When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. ²And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. ³They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" ⁴When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. ⁵As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a white robe sitting on the right side, and they were alarmed. ⁶But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. ⁷But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you." ⁸So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them, and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

Sermon

"Do We Dare?"

* Hymn #243

“Alleluia! Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven”
(Rich Illman - flugelhorn)

Wordsworth
WIESSE FLAGGEN

Invitation to Share Your Tithes & Offerings ([see page 5](#) 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

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

* **Benediction**

* **Congregational**

Benediction Response #236

“Halle, Halle, Halle”
([see page 2](#); Rich Illman - flugelhorn)

Caribbean Melody

Postlude

“Joy Spring”
(Rich Illman - Flugelhorn)

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Thank you to all who donated our beautiful plants for today’s worship ([see insert](#))



Ministry Connections
Reaching Out to Each Other and Our Community
March 31, 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 31 - April 7)

Sunday 3/31/2024 Easter Sunday	7:30 AM 10:00 AM 10:00 AM	Easter Sunrise Service (OD1,S) Easter Worship (S, Online) Sunday School (SS)
Monday 4/1/2024	7:30 PM	Social Committee Meets (Fr)
Tuesday 4/2/2024	9:45 AM 10:30 AM - 1PM 7:00 PM	Staff Meeting (FH) Onsite Office Hours (Ofc) Safety Team Meets (FH)
Wednesday 4/3/2024	11:30 AM - 1PM 6:00 PM 7:00 - 8:30 PM 7:00 - 8:30 PM	Pastor Betsy Office Hours (Ofc) Property Committee Dinner <i>Laura Clark-Roumpz home</i> Choir Rehearsal (CR) YOUTH: Culver's Night <i>Okemos Culvers</i>
Thursday 4/4/2024	9:00 - 9:45 AM 10:30 AM - 1PM 7:00 - 8:30 PM	Sermon Preview Group (Z) HCC Onsite Office Hours (Ofc) Mythology & Beliefs (MM)
Friday 4/5/2024	6:30 - 9:00 PM	Church & Society Potluck <i>Susan Turney's home</i>
Saturday 4/6/2024	9:00 AM	Men's Breakfast <i>Coral Gables, East Lansing</i>
Sunday 4/7/2024	8:30 - 9:30 AM 10:00 AM 10:00 AM 5:00 - 6:30 PM 7:00 - 9:00 PM	Breakfast in April #1 (FH,K) Worship (S, Online) Sunday School (SS) YOUTH: MS Youth Group (YR) YOUTH: HS Youth Group (YR)

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

Haslett Community Church welcomes You!

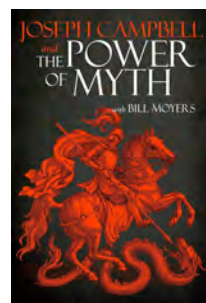
If you are visiting, please take a purple dove cup with a sweet treat and helpful information on your way out!

We worship every Sunday at 10:00 am.

Mythology & Beliefs: Joseph Campbell study

This Thursday, April 4, at 7pm,

join us as we begin a multi-week study of Joseph Campbell's ideas on mythology and beliefs. Hosted by Don Flagg, we will begin by exploring the PBS series with Bill Moyers. After the video, we will have time for discussion. **We meet at 7pm in the Mary & Martha room downstairs .**



There will be a **Church & Society Potluck THIS FRIDAY, April 5, 6:30-9:30PM** at Susan Turney's home. Susan's phone: 517.243.4691.



Breakfast in April!

Social Committee and friends look forward to serving you breakfast before worship

NEXT SUNDAY, April 7, 8:30 - 9:30 am.!

All are welcome!

Other breakfasts: April 14 & 28. Contact Kim Carnes if you'd like to help.

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 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!

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Our thanks this morning to:

Reader:	Rich Baumgartner
Greeters:	Sylvia Davis & Tom Nelson
Ushers:	Barb & Mike Szkotnicki
Audio/Visual Tech:	Helen & David Jones
Tellers	Rich Baumgartner & Barb Szkotnicki

Special thanks to Rich Illman for sharing his musical talents with us today!



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.

Matt. 28:5-8; 1 Cor. 15:20-22; 54-57

Charles Wesley, 1739; alt.

1 Christ the Lord is risen to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
 2 Let the Vic - tor's peo - ple sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
 3 Love's re - deem - ing work is done, Al - le - lu - ia!
 4 Soar we now where Christ has led, Al - le - lu - ia!

Mor - tal tongues and an - gels say: Al - le - lu - ia!
 Where, O death, is now your sting? Al - le - lu - ia!
 Fought the fight, the bat - tle won, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Fol - lowing our ex - alt - ed Head, Al - le - lu - ia!

Raise your joys and tri - umphs high, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Dy - ing once, Christ lives to save, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Death in vain for - bids Christ rise, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Made like Christ, like Christ we rise, Al - le - lu - ia!

Sing, glad heavens, and earth re - ply: Al - le - lu - ia!
 Where your vic - to - ry, O grave?
 God has o - pened par - a - dise, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Al - le - lu - ia!

The unknown editor of Lyra Davidica wanted music with more movement and spirit than found in the grave, slow-paced psalm tunes, with one note to a syllable. Easter Hymn was among the first of a new popular style.

Tune: EASTER HYMN 7.7.7.7. with alleluias
 Arr. from Lyra Davidica, London, 1708

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Today's Anthem

Give Us the Wings of Faith to Rise

Watts, 1707

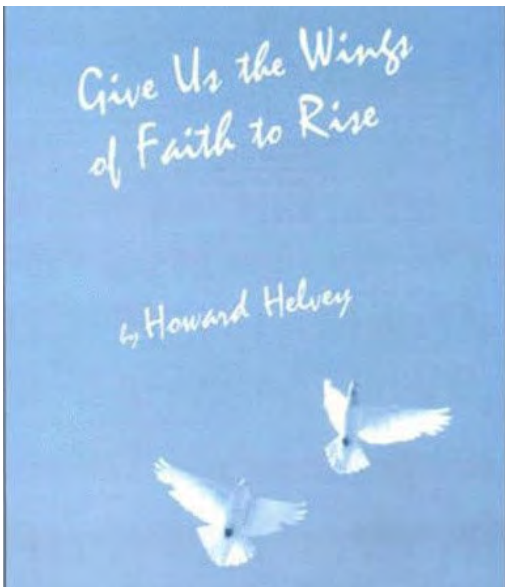
Helvey, 1989

*Give us the wings of faith to rise
within the veil, and see
the saints above, how great their joys,
how bright their glories be.*

*We ask them whence their victory came:
they, with united breath,
ascribe their conquest to the Lamb,
their triumph to his death.*

*They marked the footsteps that he trod,
his zeal inspired their quest;
and following their incarnate God,
possess the promised rest.*

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Alleluia! Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven

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Christopher Wordsworth, 1872; alt.

Matt. 28:5-8; Rom. 5:21; 6:4-11; 1 Cor. 15:20-22

1 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Hearts to heaven and voic - es raise;
 2 Now the i - ron bars are bro - ken, Christ from death to life is born;
 3 Christ is ris - en, we are ris - en; shed up - on us heav - en - ly grace,
 4 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Glo - ry to the God of joy;

Sing to God a hymn of glad - ness, sing to God a hymn of praise.
 Glo - rious life, and life im - mor - tal on this ho - ly Eas - ter morn;
 Rain and dew, and gleams of glo - ry from the bright - ness of your face;
 Al - le - lu - ia to the Sav - ior who came death's bonds to de - stroy;

Je - sus on the cross as Sav - ior for the world's sal - va - tion bled;
 Christ has tri - umphed, and we con - quer by God's lib - er - at - ing deed;
 That we, with our hearts in heav - en, here on earth may fruit - ful be,
 Al - le - lu - ia to the Spir - it, Fount of love and sanc - ti - ty;

But the cru - ci - fied Re - deem - er now is ris - en from the dead!
 Now the Christ with us a - bid - ing to e - ter - nal life shall lead.
 And by an - gel hands be gath - ered, and be yours e - ter - nal - ly.
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! To the Tri - une Maj - es - ty.

Christopher Wordsworth, gifted nephew of poet William Wordsworth, served the Church of England successively as canon at Westminster, parish priest in Barchingham, and finally, bishop of Exeter.

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Tune: WEISSE FLAGGEN 8.7.8.7.D.
 Tochter Zion, Cologne, 1741



We thank all who donated our beautiful plants for today's worship service (listed below).

(Those who requested may take their plants home after the 10:00 AM service.)

In Memory Of

- ~ Steve Booher (Michele's dad), Helen & Gib Walters, Hallie Hudson (grandparents); from Michele & Bob Booher-Purosky
- ~ Bob & Sue Copland and Henry & Delia Pizana (parents); from Bill & Liz Copland
- ~ Marjorie & Paul Dalton and Harry & Dorothy Curtis (our parents); from Heidi & Pat Dalton
- ~ My Family; from Cheryl Edwards
- ~ Bill Ferguson and Jerry Eifert (parents); from Dave & Nancy Ferguson
- ~ Norma & Dale Fink (Greg's parents) and Stan Ellis (Sheila's dad); from Sheila & Greg Fink
- ~ Dave Fry (husband); from Paula Fry
- ~ Robert & Elaine Westveer (Sally's parents) and Charles & Marcile Garrod (Mark's parents); from Mark & Sally Garrod
- ~ Logan Grasseschi; from Kendra Grasseschi
- ~ Our parents; from Bob & Sally Heisler
- ~ Velma & Ernie Hildabridle (parents), Velma Oesterle (sister), and Rob Oesterle (nephew); from Lucretia Hildabridle
- ~ Martin Fuchs (family friend); from Monique Jost & Family
- ~ Shelly Nelson (daughter); from Tom Nelson
- ~ James Cody, and Peg & Richard Newport, Sr. (parents); from Rich & Liz Newport
- ~ Kathleen Root (Mother); from Everett Root
- ~ Marie Garey (Mother); from Lisa Root
- ~ Tom & Skeet DeFord (parents) and Dean & HuDean Stewart (aunt & uncle); from Carolyn Solomon
- ~ Christy Rahl-Letts (daughter), from Barb & Mike Szkotnicki
- ~ Our parents; from John & Mary Trebilcock
- ~ Roger Wilson (father); from Russ & Lynn Wilson
- ~ Marian Sorrell (Liz's mom) and Wilbur Youngquist (Jay's Dad); from Liz & Jay Youngquist

In Honor Of

- ~ Our 25th Wedding Anniversary; from Phil & Betsy Aho
- ~ Gladys Booher and Gloria & Bill Purosky (our parents); from Michele & Bob Booher-Purosky
- ~ Our Mothers; from Don & Kelly Flagg
- ~ Elizabeth and Emily (our daughters); from Barbara & Charles Kotz
- ~ Allison and Lindsay Krueger; from Nick Krueger
- ~ Mary L. Nelson (wife), from Tom Nelson
- ~ Betty Cody (mother), from Rich & Liz Newport
- ~ The Burr and Ricks Families; from Joanne & Don Ricks
- ~ My family far and near; from Carolyn Solomon
- ~ World Peace; from Jenn Tafel
- ~ Teresa Wyatt (my heart sister) and Carolyn Solomon (my bff); from Barb Tranberg

