



Haslett Community Church  
United Church of Christ

Sunday, April 2, 2023  
10:00 AM  
Palm Sunday

*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.*

**Sixth Sunday in Lent - Palm Sunday**  
**April 2, 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.*

**Gathering**

**Welcome**

**Prelude**

“The Palms”

Faure  
arr. Bruche

**Call to Worship** (adapted from a prayer by Thom Shuman)

We come to prepare for the holiest of weeks.

**We will journey through praise, with joy on our lips;  
we will recognize where we have been cracked open on the journey,  
and in hope know that God seeps in to transform us.**

Jesus leads us through this week, and we will follow,  
for Jesus is the life we long for,  
the one who sustains us.

**We wave palm branches in anticipation,  
we lay our love before him, to cushion his walk,**

Setting aside all power, glory, and might, he comes:  
modeling mercy and grace for all of us.

**Hosanna! Hosanna! Blessed is the One who comes in the name of God!**

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

“Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”

Threlfall  
ELLACOMBE

**Children's Moment**

**Blessing of 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!**

**\* Hymn**

“Jesus in Glory Comes”  
(vs. 1-3; please see insert)

Jabusch  
Israeli folk song

**First Scripture Reading**

**Matthew 20:29 - Matthew 21:5**

As they were leaving Jericho, a large crowd followed him. <sup>30</sup> There were two blind men sitting by the roadside. When they heard that Jesus was passing by, they shouted, “Lord, have mercy on us, Son of David!” <sup>31</sup> The crowd sternly ordered them to be quiet, but they shouted even more loudly, “Have mercy on us, Lord, Son of David!” <sup>32</sup> Jesus stood still and called them, saying, “What do you want me to do for you?” <sup>33</sup> They said to him, “Lord, let our eyes be opened.” <sup>34</sup> Moved with compassion, Jesus touched their eyes. Immediately they regained their sight and followed him.

**21** When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, <sup>2</sup> saying to them, “Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. <sup>3</sup> If anyone says anything to you, just say this, ‘The Lord needs them.’ And he will send them immediately.” <sup>4</sup> This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet:

<sup>5</sup> “Tell the daughter of Zion,  
Look, your king is coming to you,  
humble and mounted on a donkey,  
and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.”

**Anthem**

“Jesus, the King”

Larson

**\* Passing the Peace**

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

## Second Scripture Reading

**Matthew 21: 6-17**

The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; <sup>7</sup> they brought the donkey and the colt and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. <sup>8</sup> A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. <sup>9</sup> The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting,

“Hosanna to the Son of David!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!  
Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

<sup>10</sup> When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, “Who is this?”

<sup>11</sup> The crowds were saying, “This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.”

<sup>12</sup> Then Jesus entered the temple and drove out all who were selling and buying in the temple, and he overturned the tables of the money changers and the seats of those who sold doves. <sup>13</sup> He said to them, “It is written,

‘My house shall be called a house of prayer,’  
but you are making it a den of robbers.”

<sup>14</sup> The blind and the lame came to him in the temple, and he cured them. <sup>15</sup> But when the chief priests and the scribes saw the amazing things that he did and heard the children crying out in the temple and saying, “Hosanna to the Son of David,” they became angry <sup>16</sup> and said to him, “Do you hear what these are saying?” Jesus said to them, “Yes; have you never read,

‘Out of the mouths of infants and nursing babies  
you have prepared praise for yourself?’”

<sup>17</sup> He left them, went out of the city to Bethany, and spent the night there.

## Sermon

“Despair Cracked Open to Let In Hope”

## Hymn #216

“All Glory, Laud, and Honor”

St. Theodulf of Orleans,  
9<sup>th</sup> century  
Teschner

## 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

### Postlude

"The Palms / Jesus In Glory"

Faure / Jabusch



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  
United Church of Christ



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**  
**April 2, 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 (April 2 - April 9)**

<b>Palm Sunday</b> 4/2/2023	10:00 AM	Worship (S, PL, Online)
	10:00 AM	Sunday School (SS)
	11:00 AM	Coffee Fellowship (Fr)
	5:00-6:30 PM	YOUTH: MS Youth Grp (YR)
	7:00-9:00 PM	YOUTH: HS Youth Grp (YR)
<b>Tuesday</b> 4/4/2023	9:45 AM	HCC Staff Meeting (FH)
	10:30 AM - 1PM	Onsite Office Hours (Ofc)
<b>Wednesday</b> 4/5/2023	11:30 AM - 1PM	Betsy Office Hours (Ofc)
	7:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal (S)
<b>Maundy Thursday</b> 4/6/2023	9:00 AM	Pastor Betsy Bible Study (Z)
	10:30 AM - 1PM	Onsite Office Hours (Ofc)
	7:00 PM	Maundy Thursday Service (S,Z)
<b>Good Friday</b> 4/7/2023	7:00 PM	Good Friday Service (S,Z)
<b>Saturday</b> 4/8/2023	9:00 AM	Men's Grp Meets (Z)
<b>EASTER Sunday</b> 4/9/2023	7:30 AM	Sunrise Service (OD1,S)
	10:00 AM	Worship (S, PL, Online)
	10:00 AM	Sunday School (SS)
	11:15 AM	Knitters, Crocheters, etc. (L)

**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

Choir meets Wednesdays at 7pm in the Sanctuary. We're a fun group and would love to welcome new voices. Please consider dropping by to sing a bit with us!

**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.



The deadline for ordering Easter Flowers is TODAY!

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 TODAY**, **OR order and pay online from the News and Events, then Easter Flowers Order page of our website.**



**Coffee Fellowship after Worship**

Coffee Fellowship meets most

Sundays, after worship, in Friendship Hall.

All are Welcome!

We look forward to visiting with you.

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!

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**Our thanks this morning to:**

<b>Reader:</b>	Becky Leefers
<b>Greeters:</b>	Malinda Barr & Linda Bennett
<b>Ushers:</b>	Cambria Decker-Larkin & Sylvia Davis
<b>Coffee Hosts:</b>	Steve & Barb Decker
<b>Audio/Visual Techs:</b>	Jon Lineberry & Ambrose Meteyer
<b>Tellers</b>	Sylvia Davis & Jim Durr

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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.



# "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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# All Glory, Laud, and Honor

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Theodulph of Orléans, 9th century  
Transl. John Mason Neale, 1854; alt.

Matt. 21:8-9

1 All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to you, O Christ, we sing,  
2 O Prom-ised One of Is - rael, of Da - vid's roy - al line,  
3 As you re - ceived their prais - es, re - ceive our prayers to - day,

to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring!  
the one called "God's be - lov - ed," of flesh and yet di - vine,  
whose jus - tice and whose mer - cy and sov - ereign - ty hold sway.

The peo - ple of the He - brews with palms a - dorned your way;  
To you, be - fore your pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise;  
All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to you, O Christ, we sing,

our praise and prayer and an - thems we of - fer you this day.  
to you, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.  
to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring!

Brought to France by Charlemagne, Theodulph became bishop of Orléans but was later imprisoned by Charlemagne's successor. According to legend, he was released when the

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Tune: ST. THEODULPH 7.6.7.6.D.  
(VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN)

Melchior Teschner, 1615

# 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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