



Haslett Community Church
United Church of Christ

Sunday, April 7, 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

P.O. Box 217 · 1427 Haslett Rd.
Haslett, MI 48840

517.339.8383

hcc1@att.net

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 88.7 FM)
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:

*We strive joyfully and prayerfully to warmly welcome all, freely share our blessings,
and humbly explore God's love.*

Second Sunday of Easter
April 7, 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: *“The soul of the world has grown so very still. It wants to know what we have decided to be.” – Jaiya John*

Gathering

Welcome & Announcements

Choral Call to Worship

“How Shall We Show Your Love”

Bayler
SCHUMANN

Call to Worship (by M. Welton-Mitchell)

A new day has begun.

Hope wins!

A fresh start is granted.

Faith wins!

Today you have the opportunity to do something new.

Hope wins!

Christ is entering your life in a new way.

Faith wins!

Come, let us worship God, who is inviting us into life in a new way, a way that transcends death, a way of hope and faith.

Love wins!

Let us worship with open hearts prepared for new things !

*** Opening Hymn**

“Morning Has Broken”
(please see insert)

Farjeon
Gaelic Melody

Prayer of Approach (published by the Calvin Institute of Worship)

**Almighty God,
as we worship today,
we ask that you will stretch our imaginations
to sense the majesty and mystery of your ascension.
Help us perceive how Jesus' heavenly presence
can give us confidence in our praying
and hope for the future.
Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

Moment of Reflection

Hymn Response #236

“Halle, Halle, Halle”
(please sing two times)

Caribbean Melody

Congregation

Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - ia. Hal-le, hal-le, hal

- le - lu - ia. Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le -

lu - ia. Hal-le-lu-ia!, Hal-le-lu-ia!

First Scripture Reading

Acts 1: 1-5

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and teach ² until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. ³ After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. ⁴ While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem but to wait there for the promise of the Father. “This,” he said, “is what you have heard from me; ⁵ for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”

Anthem

“Fairest Lord Jesus”

Hakes
revised by Courtney

*** Pass the Peace**

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

Preschool through 5th graders are invited to Sunday School.

Second Scripture Reading

Acts 1: 6-14

So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?” ⁷ He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” ⁹ When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰ While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. ¹¹ They said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

¹² Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day’s journey away. ¹³ When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying: Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. ¹⁴ All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

Sermon “What, Where, Why and How: Mission, Vision and Values”

*** Hymn #391** “In the Midst of New Dimensions” Rush
(verses 1-3)

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**

*** Choral Benediction**

“Fourfold Amen“

Deal

Postlude

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



You are invited
TO JOIN IN THE CELEBRATION OF
THE 70TH ANNIVERSARY OF
Haslett Community Church
SUNDAY, APRIL 21, 2024

THE CELEBRATION WILL BEGIN WITH A SPECIAL WORSHIP AT 10AM.
CELEBRATORY LUNCHEON FOLLOWING THE SERVICE
(MAIN DISH WILL BE PROVIDED, ALL GUESTS ARE ASKED TO BRING
A SIDE DISH OR DESSERT TO SHARE POTLUCK STYLE).

PLEASE SHARE THIS INVITATION WITH PAST FRIENDS AND MEMBERS OF HCC. ALL ARE WELCOME!



Built Through Love and Work

Ministry Connections
Reaching Out to Each Other and Our Community
April 7, 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.

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.



Follow us on Facebook
 Haslett Community Church

CHURCH CALENDAR (April 7 - April 14)

Sunday 4/7/2024	8:30 - 9:30 AM	Breakfast in April #1 (FH,K)
	10:00 AM	Worship (S, Online)
	10:00 AM	Sunday School (SS)
	5:00 - 6:30 PM	YOUTH: MS Youth Group (YR)
	7:00 - 9:00 PM	YOUTH: HS Youth Group (YR)
Monday 4/8/2024	6:00 PM	Property Comm. Meets (FH,Z)
	7:00 PM	Green Team Meets (FH)
Tuesday 4/9/2024	10:30 AM - 1PM	Onsite Office Hours (Ofc)
	7:15 PM	Church Council Meets (FH,Z)
Wednesday 4/10/2024	11:30 AM - 1PM	Pastor Betsy Office Hours (Ofc)
	1:00 PM	Spiritual Life Meets (Z)
	2:30 PM	Mission Outreach (FH)
	6:00 PM	YOUTH:12 th Grade Dinner (FH)
	7:00 - 8:30 PM	Choir Rehearsal (CR)
Thursday 4/11/2024	9:00 - 9:45 AM	Sermon Preview Group (Z)
	10:30 AM - 1PM	HCC Onsite Office Hours (Ofc)
Saturday 4/13/2024	9:00 AM	Men's Group Meets (Z)
Sunday 4/14/2024	8:30 - 9:30 AM	Breakfast in April #1 (FH,K)
	10:00 AM	Worship (S, Online)
	10:00 AM	Sunday School (SS)
	11:15 AM	Mission Vision presentation (S)
	11:15 AM	Knitters, Crocheters, etc. (L)
	5:00 - 6:30 PM	YOUTH: MS Youth Group (YR)
	7:00 - 9:00 PM	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



Breakfast in April!

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

NEXT SUNDAY, April 14, & on April 28, 8:30 - 9:30 am.

All are welcome!

Contact Kim Carnes if you'd like to help.

SENIOR DINNER
****Important senior Sunday planning!****
Wednesday, April 10th 6-7:30pm at HCC



Knitters, Crocheters, & Wannabees



Meets NEXT SUNDAY, April 14, @ 11:15 AM,
 right after Worship,
 in the Library.

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 517-200-3995
- PayPal us at:

HCCgenerosity@gmail.com

We are so grateful for your gift



The Staff:

Rev. Betsy Aho	Pastor	aho.betsy@att.net	517.339.8383 x11
Rev. Erin Heisler	Minister for Youth & Children	erin.heisler@att.net	517.339.8383 x19
Barbara Freeman	Church Musician		517.881.9976
Landon Black	Choral Conductor Intern		
Michele Booher	Office Manager	hcc1@att.net	517.339.8383 x10
Sally Sanchez	Custodian		

Our thanks this morning to:

Reader:	Brett Meteyer
Greeters:	Carolyn & Kristin Schuster
Ushers:	Lynn & Russ Wilson
Audio/Visual Tech:	Jim Gornick
Tellers	Cheryl Edwards & Bob Heisler (Train Kristin Schuster)

The altar flowers today are donated by Liz & Rich Newport.



To donate Sanctuary flowers for a future Sunday, please sign up on the sheet on the wall outside the HCC office or online [HERE](#).

Permission to reprint music and words from sources other than The New Century Hymnal is granted under CCLI License # 1340749 or by special permission.

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.

Morning Has Broken

Farjeon
Gaelic Melody

C Am Dm G Dm G C



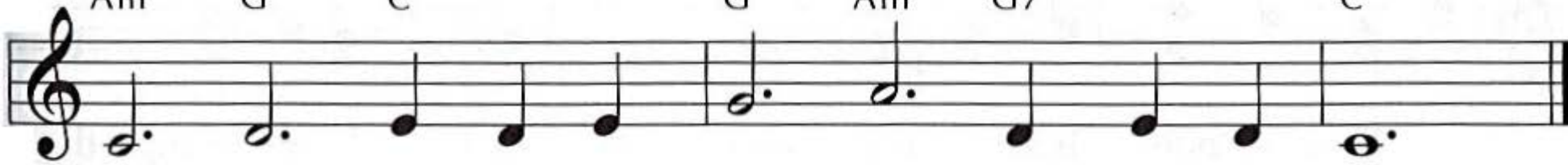
1 Morn - ing has bro - ken like the first morn - ing; black - bird has
2 Sweet the rain's new fall sun - lit from heav - en, like the first
3 Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing, born of the

Em Am Em F G C Am F C



spo - ken like the first bird. Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the
dew - fall on the first grass. Praise for the sweet - ness of the wet
one light E - den saw play! Praise with e - la - tion; praise ev - ery

Am G C G Am G7 C



morn - ing! Praise for them, spring - ing fresh from the Word!
gar - den, sprung in com - plete - ness where God's feet pass.
morn - ing, God's re - cre - a - tion of the new day!

(Back)

Here is what Church Council members are saying about the new Mission, Vision, and Values statements of Haslett Community Church, which were adopted unanimously and enthusiastically at the March Council meeting...

From Pat Dalton, Council Rep. for Property Committee:

"I can honestly say in my lifetime I have never looked at a mission/vision statement as part of a decision I needed to make about a group, organization, corporation. They always look and sound good on a website but to me, just fluff...until now. Having seen how three Pastors, and the countless contributors, with love, devotion, and pure boldness, are moving HCC into the future, is truly a spiritual game changer for me. Hopefully over the next few weeks as Pastor Betsy explains in layers what these changes are, we as a Community, listen, absorb, and learn that we will all be advancing our journey of spirituality and faith with Christ. Come on along, it will be a great ride!"

From Mark Garrod, Council Member at large:

"'Strong Words' was my immediate response to the new HCC Mission Statement. A powerful Mission Statement that contains Strong Words:

- Three Bold Words that leave no question about HCC's commitment to our shared future,
- Three Defining Words that grabbed my attention and made me excited about being a part of that future, and
- Three Strong Words with the power to hold me accountable to the pledge I made when joining the church.

Our future awaits..."

From Ann McGrath, Council Rep. for Social Committee:

"Just as people all over the world need food, water, and shelter, people also need a place to belong, a place to fit in, a community of support. HCC has always been a welcoming church and now has a vision that would encourage and develop this idea of a place for all to feel at home. The vision encompasses our own community, and hope for the world. This vision is ambitious, for it challenges the congregation to not only welcome, but purposefully work toward building a place where everyone will feel they fit in, and where they will experience a community of support and love."

In the Midst of New Dimensions

391

Julian Rush, 1985; alt.

Gen. 9:12-16; Exod. 13:21-22; Num. 14:14

C C/B F C F Am7 Dm7 G7sus4 G7

1 In the midst of new di-men-sions, in the face of chang-ing ways,
 2 Through the flood of starv-ing peo - ple, war - ring fac-tions and de - spair,
 3 As we stand a world di - vid - ed by our own self - seek - ing schemes,
 4 We are man and we are wom-an, all per-sua-sions, old and young,
 5 Should the threats of dire pre-dic-tions cause us to with - draw in pain,

C C/B F C F Am7 Dm7 G C

Who will lead the pil - grim peo - ples wan-dering in their sep - a-rate ways?
 Who will lift the ol - ive branch-es? Who will light the flame of care?
 Grant that we, your glob - al vil - lage, might en - vi - sion wid - er dreams.
 Each a gift in your cre - a - tion, each a lovesong to be sung.
 May your blaz-ing phoe-nix spir - it res - ur - rect the church a - gain.

Refrain
 Am Em F C F C G7 C Dsus4 D7 G7sus4 G7 Am

God of rain-bow, fier - y pil - lar, lead-ing where the ea-gles soar, We your

Em F C F C/E F C/E F C/E Dm7 G7 C

peo-ple, ours the jour-ney now and ev - er, now and ev - er, now and ev - er - more.

Julian Rush, an ordained minister in the United Methodist Church, has spent more than a decade as director of the Colorado AIDS Project. He wrote this hymn on the theme of "diversity" for a meeting of the Rocky Mountain Conference (United Methodist).

Tune: NEW DIMENSIONS 8.7.8.7. with refrain
 Julian Rush, 1985

Arr. The New Century Hymnal, 1994

(Back)