



Haslett Community Church
United Church of Christ

Sunday, April 16, 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).
- Appreciate that you wear a mask for everyone's safety during worship & in the office
- 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 (with mask)
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 space in the room at the back of the sanctuary with toys for little ones and the speakers to amplify the service.
- 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.*

Second Sunday of Easter
April 16, 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: *“Preach the Gospel at all times. If necessary, use words.” - attributed to Francis of Assisi*

Gathering

Welcome

Prelude

Jiyuan Zhang

Call to Worship

Let us worship the Triune God.

**Let us worship the One
who spoke in the beginning
and created something out of nothing.**

Let us worship the Triune God.

**Let us worship the One
who took on the clothing of humanity
to set those who were oppressed free.**

Let us worship the Triune God.

**Let us worship the One
whose Spirit rests continually upon us,
calling us from sorrow-filled endings
to bright new beginnings.**

* **Opening Hymn #243**

“Alleluia! Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven”

**Wordsworth
WIESSE FLAGGEN**

Prayer of Approach

Loving God, we ask that you nurture in us the global body of Christ so that we might be connected by your Spirit with our neighbors near and far. Forgive us when we close our minds and hearts to creative ways of sharing your grace and hope with the world. Transform us as we read your Word and pray for the good news of Jesus to be amplified as a song of praise in our lives. Help us to understand how we might best share the love of Christ in ways that are healthy, appropriate and healing, for the sake of loving you with all our hearts, minds, and souls, and loving our neighbors with all the grace and mercy you give. Amen.

Moment of Quiet Reflection

Hymn Response #245

“The Day of Resurrection”
(verse 2)

John of Damascus
Smart

First Reading

Psalm 8

God, brilliant Lord,
yours is a household name.

Yet we’ve so narrowly missed being gods,
bright with Eden’s dawn light.

Nursing infants gurgle choruses about you;
toddlers shout the songs
That drown out enemy talk,
and silence atheist babble.

You put us in charge of your handcrafted
world,

repeated to us your Genesis-charge,
Made us stewards of sheep and cattle,
even animals out in the wild,
Birds flying and fish swimming,

I look up at your macro-skies, dark and
enormous,
your handmade sky-jewelry,
Moon and stars mounted in their settings.
Then I look at my micro-self and wonder,
Why do you bother with us?
Why take a second look our way?

whales singing in the ocean deeps.

God, brilliant Lord,
your name echoes around the world.

Special Music

Jiyuan Zhang

Passing the Peace of Christ

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

Second Reading

Matthew 28: 16-20

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. ¹⁷ When they saw him, they worshiped him, but they doubted. ¹⁸ And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

Sermon

"Read the Room"

Hymn #230

"Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain"

John of Damascus
Sullivan

Announcements

Invitation to Share Your Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Jiyuan Zhang

* 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 and 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

Postlude

Jiyuan Zhang



Special Thanks to Jiyuan Zhang for sharing her musical gifts with us today.

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

documentary & discussion with
David C. Jones
documentary cinematographer

Sunday · April 16, 2023 · 6-9 p.m.
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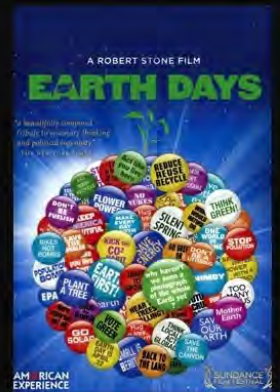
Come Watch: "Earth Days"

Then engage in discussion, led by HCC's own David C. Jones, about how we care for the aging members of our families and communities.

Haslett Community Church, United Church of Christ is wheelchair accessible and has gender neutral bathrooms available.



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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
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We are so grateful for your generosity!



Ministry Connections
Reaching Out to Each Other and Our Community
April 16, 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 (Apr. 16 - Apr. 23)

Sunday 4/16/2023	8:30 AM	Breakfast in April #1 (FH,K)
	10:00 AM	Worship (S, PL, Online)
	10:00 AM	Sunday School (SS, OE)
	11:15 AM	Coffee with Jesus (MM)
	11:15 AM	Inquirer's Class (L)
	5:00 - 6:30 PM	YOUTH: MS Youth Grp (YR)
	6:00-9:00 PM	Green Team Docu & Discuss (S)
	7:00 - 9:00 PM	YOUTH: HS Youth Grp (YR)
Tuesday 4/18/2023	10:30AM - 1PM	NEWSLETTER ITEMS DUE Please email to hcc1@att.net Onsite Office Hours (Ofc)
Wednesday 4/19/2023	11:30 AM - 1PM 7:00 PM	Betsy Office Hours (Ofc) Choir Rehearsal (S)
Thursday 4/20/2023	9:00 - 9:45 AM 10:30 AM - 1PM 7:15 PM	Sermon Preview Group (Z) Onsite Office Hours (Ofc) Spiritual Life Meets (S,Z)
Friday 4/21/2023	11:00 AM	Donna Bates' Memorial Visitation - 10AM, Service - 11AM Light lunch to follow
Saturday 4/22/2023	9:00 AM	Men's Grp Meets (Z)
Sunday 4/23/2023	8:30 AM	Breakfast in April #2 (FH,K)
	10:00 AM	Worship (S, PL, Online) New Member Induction
	10:00 AM	Sunday School
	5:00 - 6:30 PM	YOUTH: MS Youth Grp (YR)
	7:00 - 9:00 PM	YOUTH: HS Youth Grp (YR)

Legend: CR=Choir Rm; Edge=Edgewood UCC; FH= Fellowship Hall; Fr = Friendship Hall; L=Library; OD1= Door1; Ofc=HCC Office; K =Kitchen; 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.



Breakfast in April!

Social Committee and friends look forward to serving you breakfast before worship on the rest of the Sundays in April:

April 23, & 30
between 8:30 & 9:30 am.

All are welcome!
 Contact Kim Carnes if you'd like to help.

If you have been visiting, are new to our church, or would like to explore becoming a member, Inquirer's Class is for you!



Inquirer's Class is **TODAY, April 16, 11:15 a.m.** in the Library with Pastor Betsy. Questions? Ask Betsy: 517.339.8383 x11 or aho.betsy@att.net

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Information for the May 2023 Newsletter is due to Michele **THIS Tuesday - April 18, 2023**

Please send to: hcc1@att.net

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Our thanks this morning to:

Reader:	The Dudasik family
Greeters:	The Dudasik family
Ushers:	Ron Rowe & Liz Newport
Coffee Hosts:	No Coffee today
Audio/Visual Techs:	Rich Newport
Tellers	Bob Heisler & Cheryl Edwards
	<i>Training:</i> Cambria Decker-Larkin & Rachel Bullock

Special Thanks to Jiyuan Zhang for sharing her musical gifts with us today

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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.

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 Barbours, and finally bishop of Exeter.

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

The Day of Resurrection

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John of Damascus, 8th century
Transl. John Mason Neale, 1862; alt.

Mark 16:1-6

1 The day of res - ur - rec - tion! Earth, tell it out a - broad;
2 Our hearts be pure from e - vil, that we may see a - right
3 Now let the heavens be joy - ful, let earth its song be - gin,

the Pass - o - ver of glad - ness, the Pass - o - ver of God.
the Christ who reigns e - ter - nal in res - ur - rec - tion light;
the whole world keep high tri - umph, and all that is there - in;

From death to life e - ter - nal, from earth un - to the sky,
We lis - ten for the teach - ings once heard so calm and plain,
Let all things seen and un - seen their notes of glad - ness blend,

our Christ has brought us o - ver with hymns of vic - to - ry.
for we, too, want to fol - low and raise the vic - tor strain,
for Christ a - gain has ris - en, our joy that has no end.

A Greek canon—an extended poem of eight or nine odes, each based on a scriptural canticle—was the source of this hymn.
John of Damascus gave up a high government position to enter a monastery.

Tune: LANCASHIRE 7.6.7.6.D.
Henry T. Smart, 1836

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Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain

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Attrib. to John of Damascus (c. 696–c. 754 C.E.)

Exod. 15; Luke 24

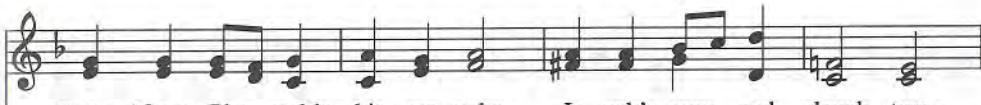
Transl. John Mason Neale, 1872; alt.



1 Come, you faith - ful, raise the strain of tri - um - phant glad - ness;
2 Spring has dawned on earth to - day; Christ has burst from pris - on,
3 Now the joy - ous sea - son, bright with the day of splen - dor,
4 Nei - ther might the gates of death, nor the tomb's dim por - tal,



God has brought all Is - ra - el in - to joy from sad - ness;
And from three days' sleep in death as the sun has ris - en;
With the roy - al feast of feasts, comes its joys to ren - der;
Nor the watch - ers, nor the seal hold you as a mor - tal;



Loosed from Pha - raoh's bit - ter yoke Ja - cob's sons and daugh - ters;
All the win - ter of our sins, long and gray, is fly - ing
Comes to glad Je - ru - sa - lem who with true af - fec - tion
But to - day a - mid the twelve you still stand, be - stow - ing



Led them with un - moist - ened foot through the Red Sea wa - ters.
From the Light, to whom we give laud and praise un - dy - ing.
Wel - comes in un - wear - ied strains Je - sus' res - ur - rec - tion.
Peace and joy which ev - er - more pass - es hu - man know - ing.



Little is known of St. John of Damascus, an early Greek theologian, but his writings have survived. Among these are poems that have been made into hymns and songs that have

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Tune: ST. KEVIN 7.6.7.6.D.

Arthur S. Sullivan, 1872