



Haslett Community Church
United Church of Christ

Sunday, April 23, 2023
10:00 AM

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 88.7 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:

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and humbly explore God's love.*

Third Sunday of Easter
April 23, 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 you are a dreamer, come in
If you are a dreamer, a wisher, a liar
A hope-er, a pray-er, a magic bean buyer
If you're a pretender, come sit by my fire
For we have some flax-golden tales to spin
Come in, come in. - "Invitation," by Shel Silverstein*

Gathering

Welcome

Prelude

"Come Unto Me, All Ye That Labor"

Freeman

Call to Worship

We bid you welcome who come with weary spirit seeking rest.

**Who come with troubles that are too much with you,
who come hurt and afraid**

We bid you welcome who come with hope in your heart.

**Who come with anticipation in your step,
who come proud and joyous.**

We bid you welcome who are seekers of new faith.

**Who come to ask and explore,
who come to learn.**

We bid you welcome who enter this place as a homecoming.

**Who have found here room for your spirit,
who find in this people a home.**

Whoever you are,
whatever you bring,
wherever you are on your journey,
we bid you welcome.

* **Opening Hymn**

“All Are Welcome”
(please see insert)

Haugen
TWO OAKS

Prayer of Approach (adapted from a prayer by Naomi King)

Beloved, teach us to open our shuttered hearts and our boarded up spirits to bold generosity and courageous hospitality. Estranged and alienated so often and from so much, sustain us in making circles of welcome out of our gatherings. Meet us in abundance, draw out our stories and show us how to weave together community with steadfast love. The wells of life are our responsibilities; teach us to care for them together, with forbearance, forgiveness, gratitude, and rejoicing. When we are cast out and wandering, may we find welcome and compassion that calls us back into accountable relationship, into the ways of healing, into the ways of peace. Generation after generation has learned anew how to make welcome, how to make home wherever they are, however they are, and how to welcome You, Beloved, in welcoming enemies, strangers, and exiles into a life of transforming love. Amen.

Moment of Quiet Reflection

Hymn Response

“Halle, Halle, Halle”
(please see insert - sing two times)

Caribbean Melody

First Reading

Acts 10: 1- 8

In Caesarea there was a man named Cornelius, a centurion of the Italian Cohort, as it was called. ² He was a devout man who feared God with all his household; he gave alms generously to the people and prayed constantly to God. ³ One afternoon at about three o'clock he had a vision in which he clearly saw an angel of God coming in and saying to him, “Cornelius.” ⁴ He stared at him in terror and said, “What is it, Lord?” He answered, “Your prayers and your alms have ascended as a memorial before God. ⁵ Now send men to Joppa for a certain Simon who is called Peter; ⁶ he is lodging with Simon, a tanner, whose house is by the seaside.” ⁷ When the angel who spoke to him had left, he called two of his slaves and a devout soldier from the ranks of those who served him, ⁸ and after telling them everything he sent them to Joppa.

Anthem

“Put Peace Into Each Other’s Hands”

Kaan
ST. COLUMBA

Induction of New Members

Morgan Collins, Doug and Marie Holem, Carolyn Schuster, Kristin Schuster, Jay and Liz Youngquist

We welcome you gladly into the life of our church and into the wider fellowship of the United Church of Christ. We promise our friendship and prayers, as we share the hopes, labors, and joys of our life in Christ. By the power of the Holy Spirit, may we grow together in love and faith. May we truly be God’s people, alive in service to one another and the world.

Second Reading

Acts 10: 9-17, 34-35

About noon the next day, as they were on their journey and approaching the city, Peter went up on the roof to pray. ¹⁰ He became hungry and wanted something to eat, and while it was being prepared he fell into a trance. ¹¹ He saw the heaven opened and something like a large sheet coming down, being lowered to the ground by its four corners. ¹² In it were all kinds of four-footed creatures and reptiles and birds of the air. ¹³ Then he heard a voice saying, “Get up, Peter; kill and eat.” ¹⁴ But Peter said, “By no means, Lord, for I have never eaten anything that is profane or unclean.” ¹⁵ The voice said to him again, a second time, “What God has made clean, you must not call profane.” ¹⁶ This happened three times, and the thing was suddenly taken up to heaven. ¹⁷ Now while Peter was greatly puzzled about what to make of the vision that he had seen, suddenly the men sent by Cornelius appeared. They were asking for Simon’s house and were standing by the gate.

³⁴ Then Peter began to speak to them: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵ but in every people anyone who fears God and acts justly is acceptable to God.

Sermon

“Come In, Come In”

Hymn #237

“I Come to the Garden Alone”

Miles

Announcements & Invitation to Share the Offering

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 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

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

YOUTH ON A MISSION TAGO SALE

MAY 7TH

PRE ORDER BEFORE
WORSHIP AND YOUR
ORDER WILL BE READY
TO GO AFTERSHARDS

**HOMEMADE TAGO MEALS
INCLUDE (CHICKEN, PORK OR BEEF):
RICE, BEANS &
TWO TAGOS FOR \$10.**

**TAGOS CAN BE PURCHASED
A LA CARTE FOR \$5 PER TAGO.**

**HOMEMADE CHIPS: \$7 A BAG
PICO (SALSA): \$6**

**ALL PROCEEDS WILL GO TOWARD OUR
2023 YOUTH MISSION TRIP TO
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE**

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!

Ministry Connections
Reaching Out to Each Other and Our Community
April 23, 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. 23 - Apr. 30)

Sunday 4/23/2023	8:30-9:30 AM	Breakfast in April #2 (FH,K)
	10:00 AM	Worship (S, PL, Online) <i>New Member Induction</i>
	10:00 AM	Sunday School (SS)
	5:00 - 6:30 PM	YOUTH: MS Youth Grp (YR)
	7:00 - 9:00 PM	YOUTH: HS Youth Grp (YR)
Tuesday 4/25/2023	10:30AM - 1PM	Onsite Office Hours (Ofc)
	7:00 PM	Safety Team Meets (FH)
Wednesday 4/26/2023	<i>Tree Removals</i>	
	11:30 AM - 1PM	Betsy Office Hours (Ofc)
	6:00-7:00 PM	Wed. Wisdom & Wondering (FH)
Thursday 4/27/2023	9:00 - 9:45 AM	Sermon Preview Group (Z)
	10:30 AM - 1PM	Onsite Office Hours (Ofc)
Saturday 4/29/2023	9:00 AM	Men's Grp Meets (Z)
Sunday 4/30/2023	8:30- 9:30 AM	Breakfast in April #3 (FH,K)
	10:00 AM	Worship (S, PL, Online) <i>Ady Stuever preaches</i>
	10:00 AM	Sunday School
	11:15 AM	Pollinator Garden Dedication
	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

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 again next Sunday before worship

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

All are welcome!

Contact Kim Carnes if you'd like to help.

Wednesday Wisdom & Wonderings is back on Wednesday nights April 26 - May 24

In person and via Zoom:

Meeting ID: 815 3710 6943 Passcode: 48840

Wednesday Wisdom & Wondering presents:

the power of
storytelling

a class in the art of telling
your own true stories



Blend the beauty of storytelling in
Scripture with the wisdom of
The Moth,
and learn to share compelling
personal stories

Class will culminate in an
optional Story Slam!



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Our thanks this morning to:

Reader:	Becky Leefers
Greeters:	Sheila Fink & Deb Klein
Ushers:	Dave & Nancy Ferguson
Coffee Hosts:	No Coffee today
Audio/Visual Techs:	Jim Gornick & Ambrose Meteyer
Tellers	Larry Leefers & Dave Ferguson

Today's Sanctuary flowers are donated in memory of Donna Bates.

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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.



1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can
 2 Let us build a house where proph - ets speak, and words are
 3 Let us build a house where love is found in wa - ter,
 4 Let us build a house where hands will reach - be - yond the
 5 Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and



safe - ly live, a place where saints and chil - dren tell
 strong and true, where all God's chil - dren dare to seek
 wine, and wheat; a ban - quet hall on ho - ly ground
 wood and stone to heal and strength-en, serve and teach,
 vi - sions heard and loved and trea - sured, taught and claimed



how hearts learn to for - give. Built of hopes and dreams and
 to dream God's reign a - new. Here the cross shall stand as
 where peace and jus - tice meet. Here the love of God, through
 and live the Word they've known. Here the out - cast and the
 as words with - in the Word. Built of tears and cries and



vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the
 wit - ness and as sym - bol of God's grace; here as
 Je - sus, is re - vealed in time and space; as we
 strang - er bear the im - age of God's face; let us
 laugh - ter, prayers of faith and songs of grace; let this



love of Christ shall end di - vi - sions:
 one we claim the faith of Je - sus:
 share in Christ the feast that frees us: all are wel - come;
 bring an end to fear and dan - ger:
 house pro-claim from floor to raf - ter:



all are wel - come; all are wel - come in this place.

Although it was written for a church dedication, this text is not about a physical structure but a spiritual one. The building is at best only a vessel for the essential love and hope, life and faith, peace and justice, hospitality and nurture that form the worshipping community.

Halle, Halle, Halle

Congregation

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

6
- le - lu - ia. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le -

11
lu - ia. Hal - le - lu - ia!, Hal - le - lu - ia!

(Back)

John 20:14-18

C. Austin Miles, 1912

1 I come to the gar-den a-lone, while the dew is still on the
 2 He speaks, and the sound of his voice is so sweet the birds hush their
 3 I'd stay in the gar-den with him, though the night a-round me be

ros-es; And the voice I hear, fall-ing on my ear, the
 sing-ing; And the mel-o-ody that he gave to me with-
 fall-ing; But he bids me go; through the voice of woe his

Refrain

Son of God dis-clos-es.
 in my heart is ring-ing. And he walks with me, and he
 voice to me is call-ing.

talks with me, and he tells me I am his own, And the

joy we share as we tar-ry there, none oth-er has ev-er known.

C. Austin Miles wrote this hymn and its music to tell the story of Mary Magdalene's encounter with Jesus at the tomb, when she recognizes him and calls him "Rabboni" ("Teacher").

Tune: GARDEN 8.9.5.5.7. with refrain
 C. Austin Miles, 1912

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