



Haslett Community Church  
United Church of Christ

Sunday, April 9, 2023  
10:00 AM  
Easter 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).
- 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 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.*

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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**

**Choral Prelude**

“Processional Alleluia”

Causey

**Call to Worship**

The tomb is dark, but empty

**The one you are looking for has overcome the darkness**

The stone has been rolled away

**The one you are looking for has overcome death**

The burial clothes are put aside

**The one you are looking for is alive!**

Christ is Risen!

**Christ is Risen Indeed!**

**Alleluia!**

**\* Opening Hymn #233**

“Christ the Lord is Risen Today”

Wesley  
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.**

*(continued...)*

In a culture where the power of death gets all the headlines  
your Holy Spirit summons us to be people  
shaped by your power to work resurrection.

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 may we follow wherever your Spirit may lead.  
So may we love with the love of Jesus flowing through us.  
So may we, body, mind and spirit,  
be children of resurrection, children of hope, children of grace.

In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

## Hymn

"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 Reading

Psalm 118: 17-29

I didn't die. I lived!

And now I'm telling the world what God did.  
God tested me, and pushed me hard,  
but didn't hand me over to Death.

Swing wide the city gates—the righteous gates!

I'll walk right through and thank God!

This Temple Gate belongs to God,  
so the victors can enter and praise.

Thank you for responding to me;  
you've truly become my salvation!  
The stone the masons discarded as flawed  
is now the capstone!  
This is God's work.

We rub our eyes—we can hardly believe it!  
This is the very day God acted—  
let's celebrate and be festive!  
Salvation now, God. Salvation now!  
Oh yes, God—a free and full life!

Blessed are you who enter in God's name—  
from God's house we bless you!

God is God,  
who has bathed us in light.  
Adorn the shrine with garlands,  
hang colored banners above the altar!  
You're my God, and I thank you.  
O my God, I lift high your praise.  
Thank God—God is so good.  
God's love never quits!

**Anthem**

“Crown Him Now with Alleluias”

Brighton

## Children's Moment

### Second Reading

**Matthew 28: 1-10**

After the Sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. <sup>2</sup> And suddenly there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. <sup>3</sup> His appearance was like lightning and his clothing white as snow. <sup>4</sup> For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. <sup>5</sup> But the angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. <sup>6</sup> He is not here, for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. <sup>7</sup> Then go quickly and tell his disciples, ‘He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.’ This is my message for you.” <sup>8</sup> So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy and ran to tell his disciples. <sup>9</sup> Suddenly Jesus met them and said, “Greetings!” And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. <sup>10</sup> Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers and sisters to go to Galilee; there they will see me.”

**Sermon**

“Resurrect Wonder”

**Hymn #238**

“Now the Green Blade Rises”

Crum  
NOËL NOUVELET

## Invitation to Share Your Tithes and Offerings

### Offertory

“I Will Rise”

Tomlin

### \* 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

### \* Congregational

#### Benediction Response

“Halle, Halle, Halle”

Caribbean Melody

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

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

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### **A Shared Meal to Learn About Food Security and Environmental Justice**

**Wednesday, April 12, 6 p.m. at Edgewood United Church, UCC**

Immerse yourself in issues of environmental justice and food security over dinner. Join us at 6pm on April 12 at Edgewood United Church alongside your friends from Haslett Community Church, United Church of Christ and Edgewood United Church of Christ. The meal will be hosted by Addy Stuever, our Environmental Justice Fellow, and will be a dinner experience like no other!

**Ministry Connections**  
**Reaching Out to Each Other and Our Community**  
**April 9, 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. 9 - Apr. 16)**

|                                  |                |                                |
|----------------------------------|----------------|--------------------------------|
| <b>EASTER Sunday</b><br>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) |
| <b>Monday</b><br>4/10/2023       | 6:00 PM        | Property Committee meets (Z)   |
|                                  | 6:30 PM        | Scout Eagle Ceremony (FH,S)    |
|                                  | 7:00 PM        | Green Team meets (Z)           |
|                                  | 7:30 PM        | Social Committee meets (Fr)    |
| <b>Tuesday</b><br>4/11/2023      | 10:30AM - 1PM  | Onsite Office Hours (Ofc)      |
|                                  | 7:15 PM        | Church Council meets (FH, Z)   |
| <b>Wednesday</b><br>4/12/2023    | 11:30 AM - 1PM | Betsy Office Hours (Ofc)       |
|                                  | 6:00 PM        | Climate Justice Banquet (Edge) |
|                                  | 7:00 PM        | Choir Rehearsal (S)            |
| <b>Thursday</b><br>4/13/2023     | 9:00 - 9:45 AM | Sermon Preview Group (Z)       |
|                                  | 10:30 AM - 1PM | Onsite Office Hours (Ofc)      |
| <b>Saturday</b><br>4/15/2023     | 9:00 AM        | Men's Breakfast (Z)            |
| <b>Sunday</b><br>4/16/2022       | 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)         |
|                                  | 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)       |

**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.



**Knitters, Crocheters, & Wannabees Meets TODAY, April 9,** right after Worship, in the Library.



**Breakfast in April!**

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

**April 16, 23, & 30**  
**between 8:30 & 9:30 am.**

All are welcome!

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 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!

**The Staff:**

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**Our thanks this morning to:**

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|----------------------------|------------------------------------|
| <b>Reader:</b>             | Rich Baumgartner                   |
| <b>Greeters:</b>           | Sylvia Davis & Tom Nelson          |
| <b>Ushers:</b>             | Rich Baumgartner & Ann Pierce      |
| <b>Coffee Hosts:</b>       | No Coffee today                    |
| <b>Audio/Visual Techs:</b> | Helen & David Jones                |
| <b>Tellers</b>             | Rich Baumgartner & Barb Szkotnicki |

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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.





We thank all who donated our beautiful plants for today's worship service, including Beth Hubbell, and Todd & Pamela Maxwell, and those listed below.

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

### **In Memory Of**

- ~ *Sylvia Aho (Phil's mom), from Phil, Betsy, Zoe, & Bryce Aho*
- ~ *Marilyn Doty Larson, from Malinda Barr*
- ~ *Mike Bray & Pat Kay (husband & sister), from Carol Bray*
- ~ *Jean Weinert (mother), from Jill Campbell-Mason*
- ~ *Rha & Ruth Arnold, Nick & Florence Connelly (parents), from Judy Connelly*
- ~ *Bob & Sue Copland, Henry & Delia Pizana (parents), from Bill & Liz Copland*
- ~ *Donna Bates (aunt), from Carol & Bob Cramer*
- ~ *Loving memory of Harry & Dorothy Curtis (parents), from Heidi & Pat Dalton*
- ~ *Daisy (beloved pet), from Barbara & Steve Decker*
- ~ *Family & Cindy Macpherson (family & sister), from Cheryl Edwards*
- ~ *Norma & Dale Fink, Stan Ellis (parents), from Sheila & Greg Fink*
- ~ *Our parents, from Don & Kelly Flagg*
- ~ *Dave Fry (husband), from Paula Fry*
- ~ *Charles & Marcile Garrod and Robert & Elaine Westveer (parents), from Mark & Sally Garrod*
- ~ *James & Gloria Giannestras and Kenneth Hatch (parents), from Holly & Kevin Hatch*
- ~ *Our parents, from Bob & Sally Heisler*
- ~ *Ernest Hildabridle, Velma Hildabridle, and Rob Oesterle (parents, & nephew), from Lucretia Hildabridle*
- ~ *Virginia & Lester Jones and Milton & Mary Ten Have (parents), and Carol Oberg from David & Helen Jones*
- ~ *Martin Fuchs (family friend), from Monique Jost & Family*
- ~ *Astrid Olson and Lucy Hammond (grandmothers), from Amy Lerg*
- ~ *Shelly Nelson (daughter), from Tom Nelson*
- ~ *James Cody, Richard Newport, Sr. & Peg Newport (parents), from Rich & Liz Newport*
- ~ *Allen (brother-in-law), from Carol Reid*
- ~ *Martha & Ted Burr and Evelyn & Glenn Ricks (parents), from Joanne & Don Ricks*
- ~ *Patsy Ann Pellegrum, Greta Riley, & Donald Riley (parents), from Kirk & Katie Riley*
- ~ *Michael Greca (Cathy's son), from Cathy & Ron Rowe*
- ~ *Juanita & Tom DeFord (parents) and HuDean & Dean Stewart (aunt & uncle), from Carolyn Solomon*
- ~ *Libby Warner (France's mom), from David & Frances E. Sowders*
- ~ *Christy Rahl-Letts (daughter), from Barb & Mike Szkotnicki*
- ~ *BJ & Ed Freeman, Dick Tuffs (parents), from David Tuffs & Barbara Freeman*
- ~ *Roger Wilson (father), from Russ & Lynn Wilson*

### **In Honor Of**

- ~ *Elliott & Dominic Belisle (sons), from Laura & Simon Belisle*
- ~ *Caleb Ezekiel Bullock (son), from Rachel Bullock*
- ~ *Martha Ducham (sister) & all others being treated for breast cancer, from Dave & Nance Ferguson*
- ~ *Mary L. Nelson (late wife), from Tom Nelson*
- ~ *Betty Cody (mother), from Rich & Liz Newport*
- ~ *Elaine Pierce (mother), from Ann Pierce*
- ~ *Jean (sister), from Carol Reid*
- ~ *Peter Sevegney (grandpa), from Sienna Reynolds*
- ~ *Dale Schuster (late husband), from Carolyn Schuster*
- ~ *Marilyn Tuffs (mother), from David Tuffs & Barbara Freeman*

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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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# Now the Green Blade Rises

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*John M. C. Crum, 1928; alt.**Mat. 27:57-28:7; Luke 23:50-24:12*

1 Now the green blade ris - es from the bur - ied grain;  
2 In the grave they laid their Love whom hate had slain,  
3 Christ came forth at Eas - ter, like the ris - en grain,  
4 When our hearts are win - try, griev - ing, or in pain,

Wheat that in dark earth for man - y days has lain;  
Think - ing that their Love would nev - er wake a - gain,  
Je - sus, who for three days in the grave had lain,  
Christ's warm touch can call us back to life a - gain,

Love lives a - gain, that with the dead has been:  
Laid in the earth like grain that sleeps un - seen:  
Quick from the dead the ris - en One is seen:  
Fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been:

*Refrain*  
Love is come a - gain like wheat that ris - es green.

*John M. C. Crum, an English priest who was canon of Canterbury for fifteen years, wrote these words for this ancient French Christmas carol tune when it was included in the Oxford Book of Carols (1928).*

Tune: NOËL NOUVELET 11.10.10.11.

*French noel, 15th century  
Harm. Martin F. Shaw, 1928*

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