



Haslett Community Church  
United Church of Christ

Sunday, May 14, 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).
- 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 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.*

**Sixth Sunday of Easter**  
**May 14, 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**

**Prelude** "For the Beauty of the Earth" / "What A Wonderful World" DIX/  
Thiele/Weiss

**Call to Worship**

We worship God, who inhabits our world and indwells our lives.  
**We need not look up to find God,  
we need only to look around:  
within ourselves,  
beyond ourselves,  
into the eyes of another.**

We need not listen for a distant thunder to find God,  
we need only listen to the music of life,  
the words of children,  
the questions of the curious,  
the rhythm of a heartbeat.  
**We worship the God who inhabits our world  
and who indwells our lives.**

\* **Opening Hymn #28** "For the Beauty of the Earth" Pierpoint  
DIX

**Prayer of Approach**

**Holy God, we come together to worship,  
a people who try to love you.**

**Most of us really do want you to be the one  
in whom we live and move and have our being.**

**We really do want to hear your voice  
above all of the other voices in our lives.**

**But we get bogged down in the daily routine.**

**We forget who we are.**

**We forget who you are.**

**We forget what the church is supposed to be.**

**So here we are, with our human foibles  
and our short attention spans,**

*(continued...)*

asking that you would make yourself known to us,  
 that you would help us to recognize  
 the presence of the Holy,  
 that you would continue to challenge us, inspire us,  
 and make us into the people you want us to be. Amen.

**Moment of Quiet Reflection**

**Hymn Response**

“Sanctuary”  
 (please sing twice)

Thompson  
 Scruggs

Lord pre- pare me to be a sanc- tu - ar - y, Pure and ho - ly,  
 7 — tried and true. With thanks giv - ing I'll be a  
 12 liv - ing sanc - tu - ar - ry for You.

**First Scripture**

**Acts 17: 16-21**

While Paul was waiting for them in Athens, he was deeply distressed to see that the city was full of idols. <sup>17</sup> So he argued in the synagogue with the Jews and the devout persons and also in the marketplace every day with those who happened to be there. <sup>18</sup> Also some Epicurean and Stoic philosophers debated with him. Some said, “What does this pretentious babbler want to say?” Others said, “He seems to be a proclaimer of foreign divinities.” (This was because he was telling the good news about Jesus and the resurrection.) <sup>19</sup> So they took him and brought him to the Areopagus and asked him, “May we know what this new teaching is that you are presenting? <sup>20</sup> It sounds rather strange to us, so we would like to know what it means.” <sup>21</sup> Now all the Athenians and the foreigners living there would spend their time in nothing but telling or hearing something new.

**Anthem**

“Look At the World”

Rutter

**Children’s Moment**

## Second Scripture

Acts 17: 22-31

Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely spiritual you are in every way. <sup>23</sup> For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. <sup>24</sup> The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, <sup>25</sup> nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. <sup>26</sup> From one ancestor he made all peoples to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, <sup>27</sup> so that they would search for God and perhaps fumble about for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. <sup>28</sup> For 'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said, 'For we, too, are his offspring.'

<sup>29</sup> "Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. <sup>30</sup> While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, <sup>31</sup> because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.

## Sermon

"That'll Preach!"

## Hymn #427

"God Made From One Blood"

Troeger  
ST. DENIO

## Announcements

## Invitation to 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**

**Choral Benediction  
Response**

“The Peace of the Earth”

from Guatemala  
arr. Bell

**Postlude**

“Praise To Our God, Sing Praises”

Zimbabwe




*After worship, you are invited to join us for Coffee Hour 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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**NEXT SUNDAY, May 21, 2023**

**We will be celebrating the Music Ministry of Judy Connelly!**

**We are excited to share in the joy of the day with you!**

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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!

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**Ministry Connections**  
**Reaching Out to Each Other and Our Community**  
**May 14, 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 (May 14 - May 21)**

<b>Sunday</b> 5/14/2023	10:00 AM	Worship (S, PL, Online)
	10:00 AM	Sunday School (SS)
	11:00 AM	Coffee Fellowship (Fr)
	11:15 AM	Knitters, Crocheters, etc. (L)
	Mother's Day	5:00 - 6:30 PM 7:00 - 9:00 PM
<b>Tuesday</b> 5/16/2023	10:30AM - 1PM 7:15 PM	NEWSLETTER ITEMS DUE <i>Please email to <a href="mailto:hcc1@att.net">hcc1@att.net</a></i> Onsite Office Hours (Ofc) Spiritual Life Meets (S,Z)
<b>Wednesday</b> 5/17/2023	11:30 AM 6:00-7:00 PM 7:00 PM	Lee MacGillivray Memorial (S) <i>Visitation at 10:30 am</i> Wed. Wisdom & Wondering (FH) Choir Rehearsal (S)
<b>Thursday</b> 5/18/2023	9:00 - 9:45 AM 10:30 AM - 1PM	Sermon Preview Bible Study (Z) Onsite Office Hours (Ofc)
<b>Friday</b> 5/19/2023	11:00 AM Noon - 6:00 PM	Red Cross Blood Drive Setup Red Cross Blood Drive (FH,Fr,S)
<b>Saturday</b> 5/20/2023	9:00 AM	Men's Group Meets (Z)
<b>Sunday</b> 5/21/2023	10:00 AM	Worship (S, PL, Online)
	10:00 AM	Sunday School (SS)
	11:00 AM	Judy's JJ Luncheon (FH,S)
	11:15 AM	Knitters, Crocheters, etc. (L)
	Judy's Joyous Jubilee	5:00 - 6:30 PM 7:00 - 9:00 PM

**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

**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!

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**NEWSLETTER DEADLINE**

Information for the June 2023 Newsletter is due to Michele THIS Tuesday - May 16, 2023

*Please send to: [hcc1@att.net](mailto:hcc1@att.net)*



**American Red Cross** Blood Services

**American Red Cross Blood Drive**

The Red Cross has an immediate need for blood donations. **There will be a blood drive at HCC on Friday, May 19, Noon - 6pm**

- Donation **by appointment only** (NO WALK IN appointments).

Visit [www.redcrossblood.org/give](http://www.redcrossblood.org/give) then scroll through the Drives listed in the left panel to find Haslett Community Church and an appointment time that works for you.

Wednesday Wisdom & Wondering presents:

the power of storytelling

a class in the art of telling your own true stories



**Wednesday Wisdom & Wonderings**  
**Wednesday nights thru May 24**

In person and via Zoom:

Meeting ID: 815 3710 6943 Passcode: 48840

**The Staff:**

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**Our thanks this morning to:**

<b>Readers:</b>	Elliott Belisle
<b>Greeters:</b>	Cambria Decker-Larkin & Malinda Barr
<b>Ushers:</b>	Sylvia Davis & Lucretia Hildabridle
<b>Coffee Hosts:</b>	Laura Belisle & family
<b>Audio/Visual Techs:</b>	Helen & David Jones
<b>Tellers</b>	Sylvia Davis & Jim Durr

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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.



## For the Beauty of the Earth

St. 1-3, Foliott S. Pierpoint, 1864; alt.

St. 4, Miriam Therese Winter, 1993



1 For the beau-ty of the earth, for the splen-dor of the skies,  
 2 For the won-der of each hour of the day and of the night,  
 3 For the joy of hu-man love, broth-er, sis-ter, par-ent, child,  
 4 For the good that love in-spires, for a world where none ex-clude,



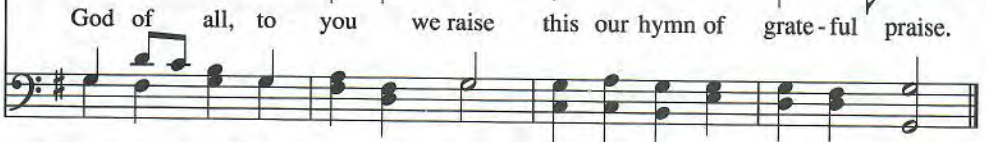
For the love which from our birth o-ver and a-round us lies,  
 Hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light,  
 Friends on earth, and friends a-bove, for all gen-tle thoughts and mild,  
 For a faith that nev-er tires, and for ev-ery heart re-newed,



## Refrain



God of all, to you we raise this our hymn of grate-ful praise.



*Foliott S. Pierpoint, author of numerous hymns, penned these verses near his native city of Bath, England, on a late spring day when flowers were in full bloom and all the earth seemed to rejoice.*

(Back)

Tune: DIX 7.7.7.7. with refrain

Conrad Kocher, 1838

Adapt. William H. Monk, 1861

# God Made from One Blood

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Thomas H. Troeger, 1988

1 God made from one blood all the fam - ilies of earth,  
2 We turn to you, God, with our thanks and our tears  
3 Through fam - ilies we've tast - ed the val - ue of trust  
4 Help fam - ilies in all of their var - i - ous forms

the cir - cles of nur - ture that raise us from birth,  
for all of the fam - ilies we've known through the years,  
and felt what it means to be lov - ing and just,  
to face with in - teg - ri - ty strug - gles and storms;

Com - pan - ions who join us to work through each stage  
The in - ti - mate net - works on whom we de - pend  
Yet fam - ilies have al - so be - trayed their best goals,  
Grant peace to our homes that will nur - ture the bud

of child - hood and youth and a - dult - hood and age.  
of par - ents and part - ners and chil - dren and friends.  
mis - treat - ing their mem - bers and bruis - ing their souls.  
of peace for the fam - ilies you made from one blood.

This text was commissioned by Yale University Press for A New Hymnal for Colleges and Schools (1992) to provide a hymn that recognizes the many different kinds of families that are represented when a campus congregation gathers to worship.

(Back)

Tune: ST. DENIO 11.11.11.11.  
Adapt. from a Welsh ballad in John Roberts' Caniadaeth y Cysegr, 1839