



Haslett Community Church
United Church of Christ

Sunday, May 21, 2023
10:00 AM



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.*

Seventh Sunday of Easter and Judy's Joyous Jubilee

May 21, 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

Welcome

Prelude

"Mighty Spirit, All Transcending"

Mozart

Call to Worship {plain = leader; **bold** = congregation; *italic* = choir}

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

Worship the Lord with gladness!

Come into God's presence with singing!

Know this! The Lord is God.

Know this! We belong to the Lord who made us.

Know this! We are God's people, and the sheep of God's pasture.

So, enter God's gates with thanksgiving,

Come into the holy courts with praise.

Give thanks to God and bless God's holy name.

For the Lord is good;

God's steadfast love endures forever,

God's faithfulness is for all generations.

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

* Hymn #73

"Enter, Rejoice and Come In"
(verses 1-3)

Ruspini

Prayer of Gratitude

Gracious God, with joy in our hearts and a song on our lips, we come before you with Thanksgiving for the Music Ministry of Judy Connelly. For her way of being an eternal teacher and musician, for the family she keeps close and the friendships she's formed near and far, and for her gracious and loving presence and guidance. We are grateful for this opportunity to honor Judy in the context of joyful worship, surrounded by your presence and one another. Gracious God, for your guiding Judy to her vocation, this

community, and this church more than five decades ago, we pray with gratitude, and say all of this in the name of Jesus Christ, for whose glory we sing and pray and worship. Amen.

Anthem

“How Lovely Are the Messengers”
(Landon Black, guest conductor)

Mendelssohn

First Reading

2 Chronicles 5: 11-14

The priests then withdrew from the Holy Place. All the priests who were there had consecrated themselves, regardless of their divisions.¹² All the Levites who were musicians—Asaph, Heman, Jeduthun and their sons and relatives—stood on the east side of the altar, dressed in fine linen and playing cymbals, harps and lyres. They were accompanied by 120 priests sounding trumpets.¹³ The trumpeters and musicians joined in unison to give praise and thanks to the Lord. Accompanied by trumpets, cymbals and other instruments, the singers raised their voices in praise to the Lord and sang:

“He is good;
his love endures forever.”

Then the temple of the Lord was filled with the cloud,¹⁴ and the priests could not perform their service because of the cloud, for the glory of the Lord filled the temple of God.

Anthem

“Deep River”
(Landon Black, guest conductor)

Afr. Amer. Spiritual
arr. Parker/Shaw

Children’s Moment *including Sophie Kirchoff singing “It’s You I Like” by Fred Rogers*

Second Reading

Psalm 100

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

² Serve the Lord with gladness;
come into his presence with singing.

³ Know that the Lord is God.
It is he who made us, and we are his;
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

⁴ Enter his gates with thanksgiving
and his courts with praise.
Give thanks to him; bless his name.

⁵ For the Lord is good;
his steadfast love endures forever
and his faithfulness to all generations.

Sermon

“The Joy of Music”

Presentation of Gifts

Passing the Peace

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

Anthem

“His Eye Is On the Sparrow”

Martin
Gabriel/arr. Manuel

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.

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

“Go Out With Joy”

Beebe

*** 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.

*** Benediction**

**Choral Benediction
Response**

“Old Irish Blessing”
(please see insert)

traditional words
Agay

Postlude

“Go Out With Joy”

Beebe



*After worship, you are invited to join us for our continued celebration of
the music ministry of Judy Connelly.*

*Special thanks to the celebration planning team for all their work: Becky & Larry Leefers,
Bill Copeland, Kirk Riley, Monique Jost, Joyce Bischoff, Carol Reid, Barbara Freeman,
Mike Eberlein, Sandra Porter, and Erin Heisler.*

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



TODAY, 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!

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
May 21, 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 21 - May 28)

Sunday 5/21/2023 Judy's Joyous Jubilee	10:00 AM	Worship (S, PL, Online)
	10:00 AM	Sunday School (SS)
	11:00 AM	Judy's JJ Luncheon (FH,S)
	5:00 - 6:30 PM	YOUTH: MS Youth Grp (YR) <i>Last YG for school yr</i>
	7:00 - 9:00 PM	YOUTH: HS Youth Grp (YR) <i>Last YG for school yr-Sr Farewell</i>
Tuesday 5/23/2023	10:30AM - 1PM	Onsite Office Hours (Ofc)
Wednesday 5/24/2023	11:30 AM	Betsy Office Hours (Ofc)
	6:00-7:00 PM	Wed.Wisdom&Wondering (FH)
	7:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal (S)
Thursday 5/25/2023	9:00 - 9:45 AM	Sermon Preview Bible Study (Z)
	10:30 AM - 1PM	Onsite Office Hours (Ofc)
Saturday 5/27/2023	9:00 AM	Men's Group Meets (Z)
Sunday 5/28/2023 Pentecost	10:00 AM	Worship (S, PL, Online) <i>Communion & Joyful Offering</i>
	10:00 AM	Sunday School (SS)
	11:00 AM	Coffee Fellowship (Fr)
	11:15 AM	Coffee With Jesus (MM)

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!

We worship every Sunday at 10:00 am.

Wednesday Wisdom & Wonderings

Wednesday nights thru 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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Sermon Preview Group

Thursdays, 9-9:45am, via Zoom,

Join Pastor Betsy for a weekly Bible Study based on the Scripture passages for the upcoming Sunday Sermon. The discussion is appropriate for those new to Bible study and those who've been at it for years - come when it's convenient for you.

Meeting ID: 879 0122 4109

Passcode: 48840

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Our thanks this morning to:

Readers:	Brett Meteyer, Carol Reid, Cheryl Edwards, Mary Trebilcock
Greeters:	Cindy & Brett Meteyer
Ushers:	Russ & Lynn Wilson
Coffee Hosts:	<i>No Coffee - Judy's Joyous Jubilee!</i>
Audio/Visual Techs:	Rich Newport & Ambrose Meteyer
Tellers	Cheryl Edwards & Bob Heisler
	<i>Training: Cambria Decker-Larkin & Rachel Bullock</i>

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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.

Enter, Rejoice, and Come In

73

Louise Ruspini; alt.

Ps. 100

Unison C FM7 C C7 FM7 Dm7 G7 C

- 1 En - ter, re - joice, and come in. En - ter, re - joice, and come in.
2 O - pen your - self to the song. O - pen your - self to the song.
3 O - pen your hearts ev - ery - one. O - pen your hearts ev - ery - one.
4 Don't be a - fraid of some change. Don't be a - fraid of some change.
5 En - ter, re - joice, and come in. En - ter, re - joice, and come in.

C7 FM7 Dm7 G7 C F Em7 A7 Dm7sus4 Dm7 G7 C

To - day will be a joy - ful day; en - ter, re - joice, and come in.

This song, based on Psalm 100, became popular in the 1970s in the United States. It works equally well with organ, piano, or guitar accompaniment.

Tune: ENTER, REJOICE 7.7.8.7.

Louise Ruspini

Harm. The New Century Hymnal, 1993

(Back)

Old Irish Blessing

trad. words
Agay

*May the road rise to meet you,
May the wind be always at your back,
The sun shine warm upon your face,
The rains fall soft upon your fields,
And, until we meet again,
May God hold you in the palm of his hand.*

*May the Lord bless you and keep you,
May the Lord cause his face to shine upon you-
and give you peace.*

*May the road rise to meet you,
May the wind be always at your back,
The sun shine warm upon your face,
The rains fall soft upon your fields,
And, until we meet again,
May God hold you in the palm of his hand.*

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Shortly after Haslett Community Church was founded, a young choir member, new mother, and elementary music teacher in the Haslett School District accepted an assignment as the church's interim choir director. Judy Connelly's assignment ended 54 years later, in August, 2022.

The story begins with Judy's farming family in Dexter, MI. She attended school there until the seventh grade when she transferred to University High School on U of M's campus, aspiring to become a singer and a teacher. A Bachelor's degree from Albion College and a Masters from MSU followed.

In the meantime, her husband, Chuck, took an engineering position at what is now MDOT, and she started teaching elementary music students in Haslett's school system—becoming part-time as her own children arrived. She joined HCC as well, singing in the choir for 6 years, until, in her words “Things abruptly changed.” HCC's music director took a position elsewhere, and Reverend Bob Frederick asked her to fill in for “two weeks”. The rest, as they say, is history!

Judy's choirs were engaged and dedicated to the choir's work. She created and directed Children's and Youth choirs. She recruited guest musicians from the greater Lansing Area including MSU's College of Music. Judy led the choir on international tours, in England and in Germany, and she organized evening cabaret programs of lighter musical fare. Judy cared for every performer and every audience member, and that love was felt and returned in kind.

Here's what Judy says about it, “A wonderful 54 years has passed and it's time to sit back and enjoy the work of others. When I think back to what has occurred, especially the two trips to Europe, the various musical events we were part of, the assortment of music we performed and the love and caring of this special group of people through the years I will be eternally grateful. Thank you to all of you for your continued support.”

We thank YOU Judy, for all of your years of loving dedication to making the music at HCC so wonderful for so many years!

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