



Haslett Community Church
United Church of Christ

Sunday, May 28, 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 88.7FM)
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.*

Pentecost Sunday, Communion, and Joyful Offering
May 28, 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: "O winds that blow across the sea,
What is the story that you bring?
Leaves clap their hands on every tree
And birds about their branches sing."

- from "The Wind's Song" by Gabriel Setoun

Gathering

Welcome

Prelude

Call to Worship (adapted from a prayer by Rev. Karla Miller)

O rushing wild spirit of God
pour out the fire of love upon us!
Unfurl your language upon our lips,
Unlock our minds to embrace all possibility
Unleash our hearts so Your justice flows freely.

**O rushing wild spirit of God
pour out the fire of love upon us!
May your breeze bring health and wholeness,
May your breath heat our resolve,
May your Spirit storm the earth with mercy and grace.**

O rushing wild spirit of God
pour out the fire of love upon us!
Set us free from self-doubt,
Make us listeners as we seek awareness,
Shake us awake when we forget our voice.

**O rushing wild spirit of God
pour out the fire of love upon us!
Amen. Amen. Amen.**

* Hymn

Prayer of Approach (adapted from a prayer by Rev. Joanna Harader)

Flaming God of Pentecost,
Let us speak in tongues of comfort
to those weeping over the bodies of their loved ones
shot by troubled gunmen, killed in border clashes, dying from poverty or disease.

**Let us speak in tongues of courage
to those living in fear
of the next shooting, the next bomb, the illness that threatens.**

Let us speak in tongues of condemnation
against systems and policies that promote violence,
where some are safe, and others are not.

**Let us speak in tongues of care
for the most vulnerable in our world—
human beings and habitats.**

Let us speak in tongues of love
for you and for your people, all your people,
that Your language might be our language.

**And when our tongues are still,
when we have no words to speak,
let our hearts burn with your fire,
let our ears hear your words in our own
native tongue.
let our skin feel the wind of your Spirit—
a rushing wind, blowing where it will.
Amen.**

Moment of Quiet Reflection

Hymn Response

First Scripture Reading

Acts 1: 6-11

So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?”⁷ He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority.⁸ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”⁹ When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight.¹⁰ While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them.¹¹ They said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

Anthem

Children's Moment

Second Scripture Reading

Acts 2: 1-4

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. ² And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³ Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴ All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Sermon

“Any Way the Wind Blows”

Sacrament of Holy Communion (our Communion elements are alcohol-free & gluten-free)

Invitation to the Table

Communion Prayer

Words of Institution and Partaking of the Elements

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.

Hymn

Invitation to Share Tithes & Offerings and Joyful Offering

Offertory

*** Doxology**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ all creatures here below;

Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
One God, Triune, whom we adore. Amen.

Announcements

*** Benediction**

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



Summer Concert Series 2023!!
Thursdays, 7-8 pm; June 15 – July 20

Free for everyone!

Back for a third summer! Bring along a chair, your favorite beverage and snack, and come relax on the front lawn of the

church while enjoying great music in a friendly atmosphere!

These concerts are growing in popularity, and are enjoyed by HCC regulars, and the greater community!

We can't wait to see 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 28, 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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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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CHURCH CALENDAR (May 28 - Jun 4)

Sunday 5/28/2023 Pentecost	10:00 AM 11:15 AM	Worship (S, PL, Online) <i>Communion & Joyful Offering</i> Coffee With Jesus (MM)
Monday 5/29/2023		MEMORIAL DAY Staff Day Off
Tuesday 5/30/2023	10:30AM - 1PM 7:00 PM 7:00 PM	Onsite Office Hours (Ofc) Safety Team (FH, Z) YOUTH Mission Trip Adult Meeting 1 (YR)
Wednesday 5/31/2023	11:30AM - 1 PM 7:00 PM 7:00 PM	Betsy Office Hours (Ofc) Choir Rehearsal (S) YOUTH Mission Trip Adult Meeting 2 (YR)
Thursday 6/1/2023	9:00 - 9:45 AM 10:30 AM - 1PM	Sermon Preview Bible Study (Z) Onsite Office Hours (Ofc)
Saturday 6/3/2023	9:00 AM ALL DAY	Men's Breakfast (Blondie's) Open House
Sunday 6/4/2023 Last Choir Sunday	10:00 AM 10:00 AM 11:00 AM 1:00 - 4:00 PM	Worship (S, PL, Online) Sunday School (SS) Coffee Fellowship (Fr) Spiritual Life Retreat (L)

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



Today, our children will join us throughout Worship, and they will collect their Joyful Offering.

In 2023, each time we collect our Joyful Offering it will go to support a different organization, ministry, or non-profit. This will give our children and our congregation the opportunity to learn about many different organizations doing important work in our world!

Our May Joyful Offering will go to support Re-Member. Re-Member is a non-profit that serves alongside the Oglala Lakota Nation at Pine Ridge, SD. Haslett Community Church, and the Michigan Conference of the UCC, have a history with Re-Member. You can learn more about Re-Member, [HERE](#).

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

Men's Group will meet at Blondie's Barn restaurant in Haslett Saturday, June 3, at 9 AM for breakfast!

The Staff:

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Our thanks this morning to:

Readers:	Carolyn Lucas
Greeters:	Joanne Ricks & Deb Klein
Ushers:	Liz & Rich Newport
Coffee Hosts:	<i>No Coffee Hour today</i>
Audio/Visual Techs:	Jon Lineberry
Tellers	Bob Heisler & Cheryl Edwards <i>Training: Cambria Decker-Larkin</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.