



Haslett Community Church  
United Church of Christ

Sunday, June 11, 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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## **Second Sunday after Pentecost & Recognition of Graduates**

**June 11, 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 we are each in a relationship of covenantal grace with God, then God stands at the center of us all and we, like spokes on a wheel, find ourselves inextricably linked to one another." - Janet Fidler-Hoffman, *Covenant: A Study for the United Church of Christ*

### **Gathering**

### **Welcome**

### **Prelude**

### **Call to Worship**

In the days of Noah, God placed a rainbow in the sky  
as the sign of a covenant of God's love for all the earth.

**In the colors of the rainbow,  
we see the sign of God's grace for all creation.**

In the days of Moses, the words of God were written on tablets of stone,  
as the sign of a covenant between God and all of God's people.

**In the days of ancient prophets, God promised to place a new covenant in our hearts.**

In the time of Christ, the new covenant of love and grace was introduced to the world.

**As members of the living Body of Christ, we see the sign of God's promise among us.  
Let us worship as the Body of Christ, the Church.**

\* **Hymn #355**

"God the Spirit, Guide, and Guardian"

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Prichard

## **Prayer of Approach**

**Gracious God, your amazing love extends through all time and space, to all parts of your creation, which you created and called good.**

**You made a covenant with Noah and his family, putting a rainbow in the sky to symbolize your promise of love and blessing to every living creature, and to all successive generations.**

**You made a covenant with Abraham and Sarah, blessing them and their descendants throughout the generations.**

**You made a covenant with Moses and the Israelite people to all generations, giving them the ten commandments and challenging them to choose righteousness.**

**In Jesus, you invite us to enter into a new covenant, in communion with all who seek to be faithful to you.**

**As people of faith, we are called into covenant. Your covenant of faithfulness and love extends to the whole creation.**

**We pray for the healing of the earth so that present and future generations, may enjoy the fruits of creation, and continue to glorify and praise you. Amen.**

## **Moment of Quiet Reflection**

**Hymn Response #393**

**“Blessed Be the Tie That Binds”  
(verse 2)**

**Fawcett  
DENNIS S.M.**

## **First Scripture Reading**

**Genesis 9: 8-16**

Then God spoke to Noah and his sons: “I’m setting up my covenant with you including your children who will come after you, along with everything alive around you—birds, farm animals, wild animals—that came out of the ship with you. I’m setting up my covenant with you that never again will everything living be destroyed by floodwaters; no, never again will a flood destroy the Earth.”

God continued, “This is the sign of the covenant I am making between me and you and everything living around you and everyone living after you. I’m putting my rainbow in the clouds, a sign of the covenant between me and the Earth. From now on, when I form a cloud over the Earth and the rainbow appears in the cloud, I’ll remember my covenant between me and you and everything living, that never again will floodwaters destroy all life. When the rainbow appears in the cloud, I’ll see it and remember the eternal covenant between God and everything living, every last living creature on Earth.”

## Special Music

“O Clap Your Hands”  
(Mary Trebilcock - soloist)

Psalm 47 / Morris

## Recognition of Our Graduates

David Hammerle

Ambrose Meteyer

Jackson Rahrig

*Preschool through 5th graders are invited to Sunday School.*

## Second Scripture Reading

**Luke 22: 14-23**

When the hour came, he took his place at the table, and the apostles with him. <sup>15</sup> He said to them, “I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer, <sup>16</sup> for I tell you, I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God.” <sup>17</sup> Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he said, “Take this and divide it among yourselves, <sup>18</sup> for I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes.” <sup>19</sup> Then he took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks he broke it and gave it to them, saying, “This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” <sup>20</sup> And he did the same with the cup after supper, saying, “This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood <sup>21</sup> But see, the one who betrays me is with me, and his hand is on the table. <sup>22</sup> For the Son of Man is going as it has been determined, but woe to that one by whom he is betrayed!” <sup>23</sup> Then they began to ask one another which one of them it could be who would do this.

## Sermon

“Covenant: Free to Be Accountable”

## \* Hymn #407

“How Firm A Foundation”

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FOUNDATION

## Announcements

## Invitation to Share Tithes & Offerings

### 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**

“Happiness”

needtobreathe



*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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**WOBBLY**

**An Evening of Art Films & Conversation with Erik Ferguson  
TONIGHT, SUNDAY June 11, 6:00 p.m. on Zoom**

**Together we will watch two short art films and engage in conversation with one of the directors, performers, and founders of Wobbly Dance!**

Erik Ferguson and Yulia Arakelyan formed [Wobbly Dance](#) more than 15 years ago as an interrogation on the meaning of dance, and performance in the context of the disabled body, being human and seeking spirit in its many forms. Characterized by lush, immersive, and fantastical natural environments, their work, both live and in film is challenging, beautiful and full of questions.

We will be watching their films, *Waking the Green Sound, a Dance Film for the Trees and Tidal*. The first follows three characters across three landscapes through extremes of anguish, joy, and curiosity. The second explores a story book ocean scene as two partners don their CPAP masks like scuba divers falling back ward into a dream of water, breath, mystery, and Love.

Join us by [CLICKING HERE](#) or use: Meeting ID: 860 7509 8665  
Passcode: 48840

This program is expected to last about 90 minutes.



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We are so grateful for your generosity!

**Ministry Connections**  
**Reaching Out to Each Other and Our Community**  
**June 11, 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 (June 11 - June 18)**

<b>Sunday</b> 6/11/2023	10:00 AM	Worship (S, PL, Online) <i>Recognizing Our Graduates</i>
Celebrate	10:00 AM	Sunday School (SS)
Graduating	11:00 AM	Coffee Fellowship (Fr)
Seniors	11:15 AM	Knitters, Crocheters, etc. (L)
	6:00 - 8:00 PM	Art Films & Conversation (Z) <i>with Erik Ferguson (wobblydance.com)</i>
<b>Monday</b> 6/12/2023	6:00 PM 7:00 PM	Property Committee Meets (Z) YOUTH: Mission Trip Attendee Meeting #1 (YR)
<b>Tuesday</b> 6/13/2023	10:30AM - 1PM 7:15 PM	Onsite Office Hours (Ofc) Church Council Meets (FH,Z)
<b>Wednesday</b> 6/14/2023	11:30AM - 1 PM 7:00 PM	Betsy Office Hours (Ofc) YOUTH: Mission Trip Attendee Meeting #1 (YR)
<b>Thursday</b> 6/15/2023	10:30 AM - 1PM 7:00-8:00 PM	Onsite Office Hours (Ofc) Summer Concert Series (OD1)
<b>Saturday</b> 6/17/2023	9:00 AM AM	Men's Group Meets (Z) YOUTH: Mission Trip leaves for Nashville (6/17-6/24)
<b>Sunday</b> 6/18/2023	10:00 AM 11:00 AM 11:15 AM	Worship (S, PL, Online) Coffee Fellowship (Fr) Coffee With Jesus (MM)
Father's Day		

**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.



Join us TODAY, June 11, during worship, as we recognize and pray for our 2023 graduates!



(from left to right: David Hammerle, Ambrose Meteyer, Jackson Rahrig)

Mission trip participants (youth & chaperones) are asked to attend two pre-trip meetings this week - June 12 & 14, from 7-8:30pm.



These meetings help us learn more about the community in which we will be serving, as well as help us bond & connect us as a group.

Please pray for all of our Mission Trippers as they spend the week serving in Nashville, TN, and join us Sunday, June 25, Mission Trip Sunday, to hear about their experiences!



**Summer Concert Series 2023!!**  
**Thursdays, 7-8 pm;**  
**June 29 - July 20**  
**Free for everyone!**

Back for a third summer!  
 Bring a chair, your favorite beverage, & snack to relax on the lawn at HCC and enjoy some great entertainment!

**The Staff:**

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Sally Sanchez	Custodian		

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**Our thanks this morning to:**

<b>Readers:</b>	Mary Trebilcock
<b>Greeters:</b>	Kathleen Denisi & Lucretia Hildabridle
<b>Ushers:</b>	Barb Szkotnicki & Mary Trebilcock
<b>Coffee Hosts:</b>	Kelly Flagg & Carol Cramer
<b>Audio/Visual Techs:</b>	Kirk Riley & Rich Newport
<b>Tellers</b>	Don Flagg & Sylvia Davis

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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 God the Spir - it, guide and guard - ian, wind - sped  
 2 Christ our Sav - ior, sov - ereign, shep - herd, Word made  
 3 Great Cre - a - tor, life - be - stow - er, truth be -  
 4 Tri - une God, mys - te - rious be - ing, un - di -

flame and hov - ering dove, Breath of life and voice of  
 flesh, love cru - ci - fied, Teach - er, heal - er, suf - fering  
 yond all thought's re - call, Fount of wis - dom, womb of  
 vid - ed and di - verse, Deep - er than our minds can

proph - ets, sign of bless - ing, power of love: Give to  
 ser - vant, friend of sin - ners, foe of pride: In your  
 mer - cy, giv - ing and for - giv - ing all: As you  
 fath - om, great - er than our creeds re - hearse: Help us

those who lead your peo - ple fresh a - noint - ing  
 tend - ing may all pas - tors\* learn and live a  
 know our strength and weak - ness, so may those the  
 in our var - ied call - ings your full im - age

of your grace; Send them forth as bold a -  
 shep - herd's care; Grant them cour - age and com -  
 church ex - alts O - ver - see its life stead -  
 to pro - claim, That our min - is - tries u -

pos - tles to your church in ev - ery place.  
 pas - sion shown through word and deed and prayer.  
 fast - ly yet not o - ver - look its faults.  
 nit - ing may give glo - ry to your name.

A gift from Carl P. Daw, Jr., to Episcopal colleague Jeffery Rowthorn for his consecration as bishop suffragan of the Diocese of Connecticut, this text calls on the Triune God to aid and bless the person being ordained in his or her ministry.

Tune: HYFRYDOL 8.7.8.7.D.  
 Rowland H. Prichard, 1844  
 Arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906  
 Alternate tune: JEFFERSON

# Blessed Be the Tie That Binds

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*John Fawcett, 1782; alt.**Gal. 3:28; 6:2; Col. 3:13-15*

1 Blessed be the tie that binds our hearts in Chris-tian love;  
2 Be-fore our God we come and pour our ar-dent prayers;  
3 We share each oth-er's woes, each oth-er's bur-dens bear,  
4 When we are called to part it gives us in-ward pain,

The shar-ing of a com-mon life is like to that a-bove.  
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our com-forts and our cares.  
And of-ten for each oth-er flows a sym-pa-thiz-ing tear.  
But we shall still be joined in heart, and hope to meet a-gain.

*An English Baptist minister, John Fawcett published a number of poetic works. His entire ministry was spent at a church near Hebden Bridge, Yorkshire, where he wrote most of his hymns to follow his sermons.*

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Tune: DENNIS S.M.  
Melody by Johann G. Nügeli (c. 1768-1836)  
Adapt. Lowell Mason, 1845

Isa. 43:2-5; 2 Tim. 2:19; Heb. 13:5

"K" in John Rippon's Selection of Hymns, 1787; alt.

1 How firm a foun - da - tion for you has been laid,  
 2 "Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dis - mayed,  
 3 "When through the deep wa - ters I call you to go,  
 4 "When through fi - ery tri - als your path - way shall lie,  
 5 "The soul that on Je - sus has leaned for re - pose,

by God in the Word, in the sac - ri - fice paid!  
 for I am your God, I will still give you aid;  
 the riv - ers of woe shall not o - ver you flow;  
 my grace all - suf - fi - cient shall be your sup - ply;  
 I will not, I will not de - sert to its foes;

What more can God say than to you has been said,  
 I'll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to stand  
 For I will be with you, your trou - bles to bless,  
 the flame shall not hurt you; for I have de - signed  
 That soul, though all hell should en - deav - or to shake,

to you, who for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?  
 up - held by my gra - cious, om - ni - po - tent hand."  
 de - liv - er - ing you from your deep - est dis - tress."  
 your soul to make pure just as gold is re - fined."  
 I'll nev - er, no nev - er, no nev - er for - sake!"

In 1787, John Rippon, English Baptist clergyman, identified the author of this hymn as "K"; no one has yet verified a complete name. The pentatonic melody has been known by several names since it first appeared in Funk's Genuine Church Music (1832).

Tune: FOUNDATION 11.11.11.11.  
 Early United States melody  
 from Funk's Genuine Church Music, 1832  
 Alternate tune: ADESTE FIDELES

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