



Haslett Community Church  
United Church of Christ

Sunday, July 16, 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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## **Seventh Sunday after Pentecost**

**July 16, 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:** “Lighthouses don’t go running all over an island looking for boats to save; they just stand there shining.” – Anne Lamott

### **Gathering**

### **Welcome**

### **Prelude**

### **Call to Worship**

The people walking in darkness have seen a great light.

**Come, O Lord, and send us your light.**

The people walking in darkness have seen a great light.

**Come and bring the light of God.**

Come and walk among us.

**Be our Savior and our Friend.**

Come and walk among us.

**Come to bring us your peace.**

### **\* Hymn**

“I Will Rise”  
(please see insert)

Tomlin

### **Prayer of Approach** (adapted from a prayer by Rev. Mindi of Rev-o-lution)

**God of Light,**

**we confess that we sometimes go astray and leave Your light.**

**We follow the dim lights of worldly success and fortune.**

**We follow the dim lights that call us to be more “religious” by following rules.**

**We follow the fading light of personal salvation.**

*(continued...)*

Help us to seek the true Light of Your love for all the world.  
 Help us to follow the Light of Jesus, who commanded us to love one another.  
 Help us to be light-bearers of love and compassion, in which the Mystery of Your Love is revealed.  
 Help us to seek the light of love and compassion when we are weary, to know we are worthy of that light.  
 In your name, God of Light, we pray. Amen.

### Moment of Quiet Reflection

### Hymn Response

### "Spirit, Open My Heart"

Duck  
Irish melody

*Refrain*

Spir - it, o - pen my heart to the joy and pain of  
 liv - ing. As you love may I love, in re - ceiv - ing  
 and in giv - ing. Spir - it, o - pen my heart. *Fine*

### First Scripture Reading

**John 8: 12**

Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life."

### Special Music

### "Ave Verum"

Mozart

(Becky Leefers and Regula Arnosti - singers)

**\* Passing the Peace of Christ**

The peace of Christ be with you;  
**And also with you.**

*Preschool through 5<sup>th</sup> graders are invited to Sunday School.*

**Second Scripture Reading**

**Isaiah 9: 1-7**

But there will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

<sup>2</sup> The people who walked in darkness  
have seen a great light;  
those who lived in a land of deep darkness-  
on them light has shined.

<sup>3</sup> You have multiplied exultation;  
you have increased its joy;  
they rejoice before you  
as with joy at the harvest,  
as people exult when dividing plunder.

<sup>4</sup> For the yoke of their burden  
and the bar across their shoulders,  
the rod of their oppressor,  
you have broken as on the day of Midian.

<sup>5</sup> For all the boots of the tramping warriors  
and all the garments rolled in blood  
shall be burned as fuel for the fire!"

<sup>6</sup> For a child has been born for us,  
a son given to us;  
authority rests upon his shoulders,  
and he is named  
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,  
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.  
<sup>7</sup> Great will be his authority,  
and there shall be endless peace  
for the throne of David and his kingdom.  
He will establish and uphold it  
with justice and with righteousness  
from this time onward and forevermore.  
The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

**Sermon**

"Light Among Shadows"

**\* Hymn #164**

"Arise, Your Light Is Come"

Duck

**Announcements**

**Invitation to Share Tithes & Offerings**

**Offertory**

"Lead, Kindly Light"

Assad

**\* 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.

**Joys & Concerns**

**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**

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

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**Free for everyone!**

**Summer Concert Series 2023!!**  
**Thursdays, 7 pm;**

**July 20 - last date this year:**  
**Becky Leefers** - One of HCC’s own leads a singalong with songs you won’t be able to resist joining in on!

Bring a lawn chair and friends  
Relax with your favorite drinks/  
snacks

Enjoy Michigan Musicians  
Rain or shine - Free  
Restrooms available  
All are welcome

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- 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**  
**July 16, 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.

**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.



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**CHURCH CALENDAR (July 16 - July 23)**

<b>Sunday</b> 7/16/2023	10:00 AM	Worship (S, PL, Online)
	10:00 AM	Sunday School (SS)
	11:00 AM	Coffee Fellowship (Fr)
	11:15 AM	Coffee With Jesus (MM)
<b>Tuesday</b> 7/18/2023		NEWSLETTER ITEMS DUE email to <a href="mailto:hcc1@att.net">hcc1@att.net</a>
	10:30 AM - 1PM	Onsite Office Hours (Ofc)
<b>Wednesday</b> 7/19/2023	11:30 AM - 1 PM	Betsy Office Hours (Ofc)
<b>Thursday</b> 7/20/2023	10:30 AM - 1PM	Onsite Office Hours (Ofc)
	7:00 PM	Summer Concert Series (OD1)
<b>Saturday</b> 7/22/2023	9:00 AM	Men's Group Meets (Z)
<b>Sunday</b> 7/23/2023	10:00 AM	Worship (S, PL, Online)
	10:00 AM	Sunday School (SS)
	11:00 AM	Coffee Fellowship (Fr)

**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



**Coffee With Jesus**

**TODAY - SUNDAY,**  
**July 16, after Worship,**

in the Mary & Martha room downstairs

Please join us as we continue our focused journey of prayer and support for the journey in a difficult world.



**Coffee Fellowship**  
**TODAY!**

You are invited to join us after worship today for Coffee Fellowship in Friendship Hall. We hope you can join us. All are welcome!

**NEWSLETTER DEADLINE**

Information you'd like included in the August 2023 Newsletter is due to Michele no later than July 18, (THIS TUESDAY)

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

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**Our thanks this morning to:**

<b>Readers:</b>	Rachel Bullock
<b>Greeters:</b>	Cindy & Brett Meteyer
<b>Ushers:</b>	Lucretia Hildabridle & Katie Riley
<b>Coffee Hosts:</b>	Barb & Mike Szkotnicki
<b>Audio/Visual Techs:</b>	Kirk Riley & Jon Lineberry
<b>Tellers</b>	Dave Ferguson & Rachel Bullock

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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.



# I Will Rise

Tomlin



1. There's a peace I've come to know\_      Though my heart and flesh may fail\_  
day that's draw - ing near\_      When this dark - ness breaks to light



— There's an anch - or for\_ my soul, —      I can say, "It is\_ well." —  
And the shad - ows dis - ap - pear, —      And my faith shall be my eyes. —

## 9 Two-part Refrain



Je - sus has o - ver come\_      and the grave is o - ver whelmed.      The



vic - to - ry\_ is won,      He is ris - en from the dead. And I will rise\_      when he calls



— my name,      no more sor - row, —      no more pain. — I will



rise      on eag - les' wings.      be - fore\_      my God, —      fall on\_



— my knees and rise \_\_\_\_\_ I will rise. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. There's a



I will rise. \_\_\_\_\_ I will rise. \_\_\_\_\_ I will rise. \_\_\_\_\_

And I hear the voice of many angels sing,  
"Worthy is the Lamb"  
And I hear the cry of every longing heart,  
"Worthy is the Lamb" (repeat)

(Back)

*Isa. 60:1; 61:1-2; Luke 4:14-21**Ruth Duck, 1973*

1 A - rise, your light is come! The Spir - it's call o - bey;  
 2 A - rise, your light is come! Fling wide the pris - on door;  
 3 A - rise, your light is come! All you in sor - row born,  
 4 A - rise, your light is come! The moun-tains burst in song!

Show forth the glo - ry of your God which shines on you to - day!  
 Pro - claim the cap-tive's lib - er - ty, good tid - ings to the poor.  
 Bind up the bro - ken - heart-ed ones and com - fort those who mourn.  
 Rise up like ea - gles on the wing; God's power will make us strong.

*This hymn was first published by the Ecumenical Women's Center of Chicago in the 1974 collection of hymn adaptations, Because We Are One People. Ruth Duck later included it in her own collection, Dancing in the Universe.*

Tune: FESTAL SONG S.M.  
 William Walter, 1872