



Haslett Community Church
United Church of Christ

Sunday, July 30, 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 88.7 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:

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and humbly explore God's love.*

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

July 30, 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: "For a compassionate person nothing human is alien: no joy and no sorrow, no way of living and no way of dying ." - Henri J.M. Nouwen, *The Wounded Healer*

Gathering

Welcome

Prelude

"O, Christ, the Healer, We Have Come"

Green / Tallis

*O Christ, the healer, we have come to pray for health,
to plead for friends.*

*How can we fail to be restored
When reached by love that never ends?*

Call to Worship

The Spirit of the Lord is upon us.

The Spirit of the Lord is in us.

Anointing us,

Sending us.

To bring good news

to bind up

to proclaim favor

to comfort

to provide

to loosen.

The day of the Lord is coming.

The day of the Lord has come.

Let us worship together!

*** Hymn #101**

"Comfort, Comfort O My People"

Olearius

PSALM 42

Prayer of Approach

Holy God, open our eyes to the presence of your Spirit

upon us, within us, among us.

(continued...)

For our apathy in the presence of oppression,
Forgive us.

If we have contributed to the broken heartedness of anyone,
Forgive us.

For our participation in systems that harm, **When our mouths remain too tightly closed,**
Forgive us. **Loosen our lips with songs of praise.**

When we are deaf to your good news, **Hear our prayer, O God.**
Have mercy and open our ears. **Hold us in your mercy, now and forever.**
Amen.

Moment of Quiet Reflection

Hymn Response

“Spirit, Open My Heart”

Duck
Irish melody

Refrain

F B^b F B^b C7

Spir - it, o - pen my heart to the joy and pain of

(Bm) (D/A) (G) (A7) (Bm) (D/A) (Em)
Dm F/C B^b C7 Dm F/C Gm

liv - ing. As you love may I love, in re - ceiv - ing

(D) (G) (Em7) (D) (G) (D)
F B^b Gm7 F B^b F

and in giv - ing. Spir - it, o - pen my heart. *Fine*

First Scripture Reading

Luke 4: 16-21

When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read,¹⁷ and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

(continued...)

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

After worship, you are invited to join us for Coffee Hour in Friendship Hall.

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



VBS STARTS THIS WEEK—AUG 1-3 and is open to all children from 1 year old - 5th Grade, thanks to the addition of a toddler class this summer! [Sign up is on our website.](#) Want more information? Contact Erin Heisler at erin.heisler@att.net.

You can also help with VBS...here's how:

1. Purchase supplies from [THIS WISH LIST](#) and make sure they arrive at church by TODAY, July 30, or pick up a supply card and return the item(s) by TODAY, July 30.
2. Let Erin know that you would like to volunteer for VBS - You can do some work ahead of time (at home or at church) with preparations, decorations, etc. And/or during VBS. Be in touch with Erin and she'll work with your preferences.

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
July 30, 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 (July 30 - August 6)

Sunday 7/30/2023	10:00 AM 10:00 AM 11:00 AM	Worship (S, PL, Online) Sunday School (SS) Coffee Fellowship (Fr)
Tuesday 8/1/2023	9:45 AM 10:30 AM - 1PM 5:00-7:00 PM 7:00 PM	HCC Staff Meeting (FH) Onsite Office Hours (Ofc) Vacation Bible School Safety Team Meets (FH)
Wednesday 8/2/2023	11:30 AM -1 PM 5:00-7:00 PM	Betsy Office Hours (Ofc) Vacation Bible School
Thursday 8/3/2023	10:30 AM - 1PM 5:00-7:00 PM	Onsite Office Hours (Ofc) Vacation Bible School
Saturday 8/5/2023	9:00 AM	Men's Breakfast <i>Blondie's Barn in Haslett</i>
Sunday 8/6/2023	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 (FH)

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

Outdoor Worship at
Lake Lansing Park North
 6260 East Lake Dr - Haslett, MI

Sunday - August 20
10:00 a.m.
Main Shelter
 left after entrance gate



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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!
 We worship every Sunday at 10:00 am.



Men's Group meets **THIS SATURDAY, August 5, at 9:00 AM** for breakfast together at Blondie's Barn in Haslett. We'd love to see you there!



Our **HCC Camping Trip** is almost here! We are camping **Aug 10-13 at Pioneer County Park in Muskegon**. And there are still a couple of sites available if you'd like to join in the fun! Contact Kim Carnes for more information: (517) 331-3586.

There will be a **camping planning meeting Monday, August 7, @ 7:30PM in the Sanctuary**. Please have at least one member of your camping group attend if possible - to get information and to help plan for our group dinner together! Please let Kim know if you can't attend, so she can connect with you for details. We're so excited to go camping with you!

The Staff:

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Sally Sanchez	Custodian		

Our thanks this morning to:

Readers:	Carolyn Lucas
Greeters:	Cambria Decker-Larkin & Malinda Barr
Ushers:	Tom Nelson & Sylvia Davis
Coffee Hosts:	Pam & Todd Maxwell
Audio/Visual Techs:	Rich Newport & Ambrose Meteyer
Tellers	Sylvia Davis & Jim Durr

Special thanks to Tessa Pauls for sharing her musical talents with us today.

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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 "Com - fort, com - fort O my peo - ple, tell of peace," thus says our God;
 2 For the her - ald's voice is call - ing in the des - ert far and near,
 3 Straight shall be what long was crook - ed, and the rough - er pla - ces plain!

Com - fort those whose hearts are shroud - ed, mourn - ing un - der sor - row's load.
 Bid - ding us to make re - pen - tance since the realm of God is here.
 Let your hearts be true and hum - ble, for Mes - si - ah's ho - ly reign.

Speak un - to Je - ru - sa - lem of the peace that waits for them;
 Oh, that warn - ing cry o - bey! Now pre - pare for God a way;
 For God's glo - ry ev - er - more shall be known o'er all the world;

Tell them that their sins I cov - er, and their war - fare now is o - ver.
 Let the val - leys rise in meet - ing and the hills bow down in greet - ing.
 And all flesh shall see the to - ken that God's word is nev - er bro - ken.

Written for John the Baptist's Day, June 24, this hymn clearly reflects the Isaiah text. Johannes Olearius, a Lutheran pastor, held a faculty appointment at Wittenberg University as well as church administration positions in his region.

Tune: PSALM 42 8.7.8.7.7.8.8.
 (FREU DICH SEHR)
 Trente quatre Pseaumes, Geneva, 1551

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Second Scripture Isaiah 61: 1-11

The spirit of the Lord God is upon me
because the Lord has anointed me;
he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed,
to bind up the brokenhearted,
to proclaim liberty to the captives
and release to the prisoners,

² to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor
and the day of vengeance of our God,
to comfort all who mourn,

³ to provide for those who mourn in Zion—
to give them a garland instead of ashes,
the oil of gladness instead of mourning,
the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit.

They will be called oaks of righteousness,
the planting of the Lord, to display his glory.

⁴ They shall build up the ancient ruins;
they shall raise up the former devastations;
they shall repair the ruined cities,
the devastations of many generations.

⁵ Strangers shall stand and feed your flocks;
foreigners shall till your land and dress your vines,

⁶ but you shall be called priests of the Lord;
you shall be named ministers of our God;
you shall enjoy the wealth of the nations,
and in their riches you shall glory.

⁷ Because their shame was double
and dishonor was proclaimed as their lot,
therefore in their land they shall possess a double portion;
everlasting joy shall be theirs.

⁸ For I, the Lord, love justice,
I hate robbery with a burnt offering;
I will faithfully give them their recompense,
and I will make an everlasting covenant with them.

⁹ Their descendants shall be known among the nations
and their offspring among the peoples;
all who see them shall acknowledge
that they are a people whom the Lord has blessed.

¹⁰ I will greatly rejoice in the Lord;
my whole being shall exult in my God,
for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation;
he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,
as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

¹¹ For as the earth brings forth its shoots
and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up,
so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise
to spring up before all the nations. [\(Back\)](#)

We Yearn, O Christ, for Wholeness

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Dosia Carlson, 1986; rev. 1993

1 We yearn, O Christ, for whole - ness and for your heal - ing touch;
2 We long to have com - pan - ions who trav - el by our side,
3 We need your liv - ing pres - ence, O Christ of Gal - i - lee,

too long have we felt help - less; our bur - dens seemed too much.
strong friends to call and an - swer with whom we are al - lied;
a pres - ence that re - vives us and sets our spir - its free.

For - get - ting all pre - tens - es we make our plead - ings heard,
As we lift up each oth - er when strug - gles lay us low,
No long - er are we fear - ful, your love per - vades each place.

in hope and ex - pec - ta - tion a - wait your gra - cious Word.
com - mu - ni - ty de - vel - ops; our faith and car - ing grow.
Em - pow - er us with cour - age to claim your heal - ing grace.

Dosia Carlson is noted for her ministry at Beatitudes United Church of Christ in Phoenix, Arizona, and for her hymnwriting. This text was inspired by a sermon given by Harold Wilke during the International Year of Persons with Disabilities (1983).

Tune: PASSION CHORALE 7.6.7.6.D.

Hans Leo Hassler, 1601

Harm. J. S. Bach, 1719

For another harmonization, see 202

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