



Haslett Community Church
United Church of Christ

Sunday, August 6, 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.*

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 6, 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

“Father’s World” / “With Joy Draw Water”

arr. BFF

Call to Worship (Thom Shuman)

We come, for God gathers us here,
with that community called faith:

**where the hungry are served first,
where the thirsty drink life's water.**

We come, for God welcomes us here
into that home called grace:

**where the naked are clothed in robes of hope;
where the stranger is embraced as the long-lost prodigal.**

We come, for God reunites us here,
siblings in that family called love:

**where the imprisoned model justice,
where the sick are cradled in God's peace.**

*** Hymn #18**

“Guide Me, O My Great Redeemer”

Williamses
Hughes

Prayer of Approach (Roddy Hamilton)

**May we honor your name
not by paying it lip service, Lord Jesus
but by trusting the vision it speaks of
and The Way it calls for**

**May we honor you by following you
speaking into the word with our actions
and showing who we're chosen to follow**

**May we love in your name
speak in your name
care in your name
that willingness to touch the outcast
feed the hungry
remember the sick
visit the imprisoned
clothe the naked
give water to the thirsty
in your name.**

Moment of Quiet Reflection

Hymn Response #13

“O My Soul Bless Your Creator”
(verse 1)

Anon.
STUTTGART



1 O my soul, bless your Cre - a - tor; all with-in me bless God's name;
Bless your Mak - er, and for-get not all God's mer - cies to pro-claim.

First Scripture Reading

Ezekiel 34: 11-16, 20-22

For thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep and will sort them out. ¹² As shepherds sort out their flocks when they are among scattered sheep, so I will sort out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. ¹³ I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries and bring them into their own land, and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. ¹⁴ I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. ¹⁵ I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God. ¹⁶ I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strays, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

²⁰ Therefore, thus says the Lord God to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. ²¹ Because you pushed with flank and shoulder and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, ²² I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged, and I will judge between sheep and sheep.

Special Music

“Make Me A Channel of Your Peace”
(Ambrose Meteyer - cellist, Barbara Freeman - pianist)

St. Francis
Temple

* Passing the Peace of Christ

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

Preschool through 5th graders are invited to Sunday School.

Second Scripture Reading

Matthew 25: 31-46

“When the Son of Man comes in his glory and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. ³²All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, ³³and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. ³⁴Then the king will say to those at his right hand, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world, ³⁵for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, ³⁶I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.’ ³⁷Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food or thirsty and gave you something to drink?’ ³⁸And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you or naked and gave you clothing? ³⁹And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?’ ⁴⁰And the king will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to me.’ ⁴¹Then he will say to those at his left hand, ‘You who are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels, ⁴²for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, ⁴³I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.’ ⁴⁴Then they also will answer, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison and did not take care of you?’ ⁴⁵Then he will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.’ ⁴⁶And these will go away into eternal punishment but the righteous into eternal life.”

Sermon

“The Eggdicator”

*** Hymn #58**

“Spirit of Love”

Murray
Barnby

Announcements

Invitation to Share Tithes & Offerings

Offertory

“How Can I Say Thanks”

Crouch

*** 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.

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.

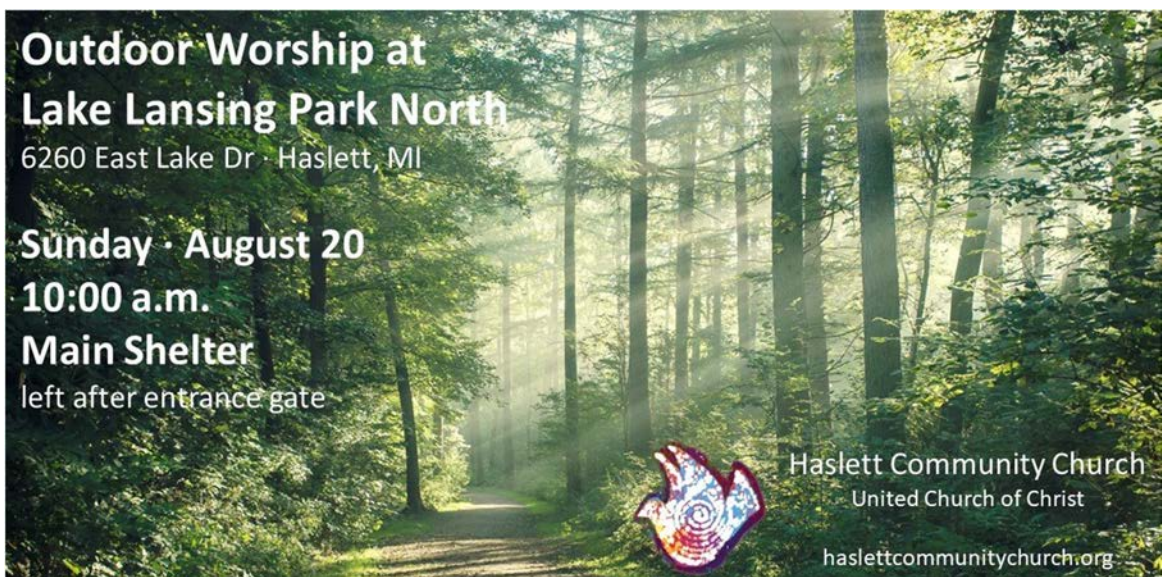
* Benediction

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.



**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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Ministry Connections
Reaching Out to Each Other and Our Community
August 6, 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 (August 6 - August 13)

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| Sunday 8/6/2023 | 10:00 AM | Worship (S, PL, Online) |
| | 10:00 AM | Sunday School (SS) |
| | 11:00 AM | Coffee Fellowship (Fr) |
| | 1:00-4:00 PM | Spiritual Life Retreat (FH) |
| Monday 8/7/2023 | 7:30 PM | Camping Meeting (S) |
| Tuesday 8/8/2023 | 9:45 AM | HCC Staff Meeting (FH) |
| | 10:30 AM - 1PM | Onsite Office Hours (Ofc) |
| | 7:15 PM | Church Council Meets (FH,Z) |
| Wednesday 8/9/2023 | 11:30 AM -1 PM | Betsy Office Hours (Ofc) |
| Thursday 8/10/2023 | Thu-Sun | HCC CAMPING TRIP |
| | 10:30 AM - 1PM | Onsite Office Hours (Ofc) |
| Saturday 8/12/2023 | Thu-Sun | HCC CAMPING TRIP |
| | 9:00 AM | Men's Group Meets (Z) |
| Sunday 8/13/2023 | Thu-Sun | HCC CAMPONG TRIP |
| | 10:00 AM | Worship (S, PL, Online) |
| | 10:00 AM | Sunday School (SS) <i>Stuffing backpacks</i> |
| | 11:00 AM | Coffee Fellowship (Fr) |
| | 11:15 AM | Knitters, Crocheters, etc. (L) |



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 TOMORROW, 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!

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 below to access our Online Giving.
- Text GIVE to our secure giving number:
517-200-3995
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HCCgenerosity@gmail.com



We are so grateful for your generosity!

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



Spiritual Life meets for a retreat
TODAY, August 6, 2023.
 1:00-4:00 PM in Fellowship Hall.

The Staff:

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| Rev. Betsy Aho | Pastor | aho.betsy@att.net | 517.339.8383 x11 |
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| Barbara Freeman | Church Musician | | 517.881.9976 |
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| Sally Sanchez | Custodian | | |

Our thanks this morning to:

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| Readers: | Barb Szkotnicki |
| Greeters: | Lucretia Hildabridle & Liz Newport |
| Ushers: | Don & Kelly Flagg |
| Coffee Hosts: | <i>thanks to Barb Szkotnicki for making coffee & Laura Roumpz for treats</i> |
| Audio/Visual Techs: | Rich Newport & Jon Lineberry |
| Tellers | Don Flagg & Barb Szkotnicki |

Special thanks to Ambrose Meteyer for sharing his musical talents with us today.

The Sanctuary flowers today are provided by Carolyn Solomon, in honor of her husband Dave and their 42nd wedding anniversary. They were married here at HCC on 08/01/81.

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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.

Guide Me, O My Great Redeemer

Exod. 13:21; 16:4; 17:6; Ps. 105:39-44; Rev. 22:1-2

William Williams, 1745

St. 1, transl. Peter Williams, 1771; alt.

St. 2-3, transl. William Williams, 1772; alt.

1 Guide me, O my great Re - deem - er, pil - grim through this
 2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain, where the heal - ing
 3 When I reach the Riv - er Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious

bar - ren land; I am weak, but you are might - y;
 wa - ters flow. Let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar
 fears sub - side. Death of death, and hell's de - struc - tion,

hold me with your power - ful hand. Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en,
 lead me all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - erer, strong de - liv - erer,
 land me safe on heav - en's side. Songs of prais - es, songs of prais - es

feed me till I want no more, feed me till I want no more.
 ev - er be my strength and shield, ev - er be my strength and shield.
 I will ev - er sing to you, I will ev - er sing to you.

John Hughes, a railroad official by trade, composed this tune for the 1907 anniversary of Capel Rhondda, Pontypridd, Wales. Cwm Rhondda refers to the "low valley" area surrounding the urban district of Rhondda in southern Wales.

Tune: CWM RHONDDA 8.7.8.7.8.7.7.

John Hughes, 1907

Alternate setting: ZION

(Back)

Shirley Erena Murray, 1992

1 Spir - it of love, you move with - in cre - a - tion,
 2 Though we have frayed the fab - ric of your mak - ing,
 3 Great loom of God, where his - to - ry is wo - ven,

draw - ing the threads to col - or and de - sign:
 tear - ing a - way from all that you in - tend,
 you are the frame that holds us to the truth,

Life in - to life, you knit our true sal - va - tion,
 Yet, to be whole, hu - man - i - ty is ach - ing—
 Christ is the theme, the pat - tern you have giv - en—

come, work with us, and weave us in - to one.
 come, work with us, and weave us in - to one.
 come, work with us, and weave us in - to one.

Originally titled "Weaver Spirit," this text was written for the World Council of Churches Assembly at Canberra. It addressed one of the themes of that meeting—"Come, Holy Spirit, Reconcile Your People."

Tune: PERFECT LOVE 11.10.11.10.
 Joseph Barnby, 1889

(Back)