

Haslett Community Church
United Church of Christ

Sunday, August 13, 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.*

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

August 13, 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: *“Then that little man in black there, he says women can’t have as much rights as men, ‘cause Christ wasn’t a woman! Where did your Christ come from? Where did your Christ come from? From God and a woman!” – Sojourner Truth, from her speech, “Ain’t I A Woman?” (1851 Women’s Convention in Akron, Ohio)*

Gathering

Welcome

Prelude

Call to Worship (adapted from a prayer by Joan Chittister, Order of Saint Benedict)

Dear God, creator of all people in your own image,
born of a woman in the midst of a world half women,
carried by women to mission fields around the globe,
made known by women to all the children of the earth,

**give to the women of our time
the strength to persevere,
the courage to speak out,
the faith to believe in you beyond
all systems and institutions**

so that your face on earth may be seen in all its beauty,
so that all people of all genders become whole,
so that the church may be converted to your will
in everything and in all ways. **Amen.**

* **Hymn #395**

“In Christ There Is No East or West”

**Oxenham/Stookey
Reinagle**

Prayer of Approach (by Moira Laidlaw)

Loving Jesus,
you used your hands to heal; to lift up; to bless;
to sow kindness and tenderness in desolate lives.

**Forgive us when we keep our hands at our sides
when we could be reaching out in love.**

Loving Jesus,
you used your hands to bear the burdens of others and to feed the hungry.

**Forgive us when we use our hands to take care of only ourselves
without any thought for those who are hungry
or overwhelmed with adversity.**

Loving Jesus,
you used your hands to welcome and to include
those who were considered outcasts in the society of your time.

**Forgive us when we clench our fists and exclude people
simply because they are different from us.**

Loving Jesus,
open our hands and our hearts to love as you loved and to care as you cared.
Strengthen us to include in our prayers and our fellowship,
those who feel excluded because of such things as their race,
their religion, their orientation, their gender, their age, their disability—
whatever it is that creates barriers between people.

**Loving Jesus,
help us to accept people as you accept them,
as people made in the image of God,
and precious to God.**

We pray this prayer in your name. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Hear the good news: there is forgiveness and steadfast love with God who is grace upon grace.

Thanks be to God!

Moment of Quiet Reflection

Hymn Response #13

"O My Soul Bless Your Creator"

Anon./STUTT GART



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

Galatians 3: 23-29

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. ²⁴Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be reckoned as righteous by faith. ²⁵But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, ²⁶for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. ²⁷As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. ²⁸There is no longer Jew or Greek; there is no longer slave or free; there is no longer male and female, for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. ²⁹And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

Special Music

"It's You I Like"

Rogers

(Sophie Kirchoff - soloist)

*** 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

(see insert)

Sermon

"Oh, It's In There"

*** Hymn**

"God of the Women"

Gillette

(see insert for words - to the tune of "You Are My Vision")

SLANE

(David Jones - drums)

Announcements

Invitation to Share Tithes & Offerings

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.

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.

documentary & discussion with
David C. Jones
documentary cinematographer
Sunday · August 20, 2023 · 6-9 p.m.
Haslett Community Church
1427 Haslett Rd · Haslett, MI
Come Watch: "Apollo 11"
Then engage in discussion, led by HCC's own David C. Jones, about this completely surprising movie that captures the moon landing in a way you have never seen before.

Haslett Community Church, United Church of Christ is wheelchair accessible and has gender neutral bathrooms available.

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Ministry Connections
Reaching Out to Each Other and Our Community
August 13, 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 (August 13 - August 20)

Sunday 8/13/2023	10:00 AM	Worship (S, PL, Online)
	10:00 AM	Sunday School (SS) <i>Stuffing school supply backpacks</i>
	11:00 AM	Coffee Fellowship (Fr)
	11:15 AM	Knitters, Crocheters, etc. (L)
Monday 8/14/2023	6:00 PM	Property Committee Meets (Z)
	7:00 PM	Green Team Meets (Garrod's)
	7:30 PM	Social Committee Meets (Fr)
Tuesday 8/15/2023		NEWSLETTER ITEMS DUE <i>Email to hcc1@att.net</i>
	10:30 AM - 1PM	Onsite Office Hours (Ofc)
Wednesday 8/16/2023		<i>Betsy is working Offsite this week.</i>
Thursday 8/17/2023	10:30 AM - 1PM	Onsite Office Hours (Ofc)
Saturday 8/19/2023	9:00 AM	Men's Group Meets (Z)
Sunday 8/20/2023	10:00 AM	Outdoor Worship <i>Lake Lansing Park North</i>
	6:00 - 9:00 PM	Documentary & Discussion (S) w/ David Jones: Apollo 11
Outdoor Worship		

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

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 access our Online Giving.
- Text GIVE to our secure giving number: 517-200-3995



We are so grateful for your generosity!



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 NEXT SUNDAY, August 20, at 10am for Outdoor Worship. This worship outside in God's good creation is a wonderful tradition of Haslett Community Church, UCC!

Important Details:

- Lake Lansing Park North is located in Haslett at E 6260 Lake Dr. and we will gather at the Main Shelter (left after entrance)
- Worship will begin at 10 a.m. like always, will have some wonderful special music, and will also be livestreamed (although the livestream will be from a phone so not the quality we're used to)
- You can sit at the picnic tables, or bring a camp chair to sit on
- There is a paved path from the parking area to the shelter (with a slight incline), and a paved path to the nearby restrooms as well.
- You are welcome to bring a breakfast or snack item to share "potluck style" after worship
- Spiritual Life Committee will provide coffee w/cream & sugar, coffee cups, plates, napkins and utensils. Please bring your own water/beverages (aside from regular coffee provided)

All are welcome!

The Staff:

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Sally Sanchez	Custodian		

Our thanks this morning to:

Readers:	Cambria Decker-Larkin
Greeters:	Lynn & Russ Wilson
Ushers:	Ruth & Jim Linnemann
Coffee Hosts:	Tim & Laura Clark-Roumpz
Audio/Visual Techs:	Helen & David Jones
Tellers	Dave Ferguson & Cambria Decker-Larkin

*Special thanks to Sophie Kirchoff for sharing her musical talents with us today.
Sanctuary flowers donated by Tom Nelson in memory of Mary L. Nelson.*

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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 Cor. 12:13; Gal. 3:28; Eph. 2:14-22

*John Oxenham, 1908; alt.
St. 3, Laurence Hull Stookey, 1987*



1 In Christ there is no East or West, in Christ no South or North;
2 In Christ shall true hearts ev - ery - where their high com - mu - nion find;
3 In Christ is nei - ther Jew nor Greek, and nei - ther slave nor free;
4 In Christ now meet both East and West, in Christ meet South and North;



But one com - mu - ni - ty of love through - out the whole wide earth.
God's ser - vice is the gold - en cord close - bind - ing hu - man - kind.
For men and wom - en live in God, and all are kin to me.
One joy - ous, true com - mu - ni - ty through - out the whole wide earth.



At the beginning of the twentieth century, many hymns were written to promote the oneness of humanity. English Congregationalist John

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*Tune: ST. PETER. C.M.
Alexander R. Reinagle, 1836
Allegretto moderato. M.C.F.F.*

Second Scripture Readings

Ephesians 5: 22-24

Wives, be subject to your husbands as to the Lord, ²³ for the husband is the head of the wife just as Christ is the head of the church, his body, and is himself its Savior. ²⁴ Just as the church is subject to Christ, so also wives ought to be, in everything, to their husbands.

Colossians 3: 18-25

Wives, be subject to your husbands, as is fitting in the Lord.

¹⁹ Husbands, love your wives and never treat them harshly.

²⁰ Children, obey your parents in everything, for this is your acceptable duty in the Lord. ²¹ Fathers, do not provoke your children, or they may lose heart. ²² Slaves, obey your earthly masters in everything, not with a slavery performed merely for looks, to please people, but wholeheartedly, fearing the Lord. ²³ Whatever task you must do, work as if your soul depends on it, as for the Lord and not for humans, ²⁴ since you know that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward; you serve the Lord Christ. ²⁵ For the wrongdoer will be paid back for whatever wrong has been done, and there is no partiality.

1 Timothy 2: 8-15

I desire, then, that in every place the men should pray, lifting up holy hands without anger or argument, ⁹ also that the women should dress themselves in moderate clothing with reverence and self-control, not with their hair braided or with gold, pearls, or expensive clothes, ¹⁰ but with good works, as is proper for women who profess reverence for God. ¹¹ Let a woman learn in silence with full submission. ¹² I do not permit a woman to teach or to have authority over a man; she is to keep silent. ¹³ For Adam was formed first, then Eve, ¹⁴ and Adam was not deceived, but the woman was deceived and became a transgressor. ¹⁵ Yet she will be saved through childbearing, provided they continue in faith and love and holiness, with self-control.

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God of the Women

Gillette

SLANE

God of the women who answered your call,
Trusting your promises, giving their all,
Women like Sarah and Hannah and Ruth —
Give us their courage to live in your truth.

God of the women who walked Jesus' Way,
Giving their resources, learning to pray,
Mary, Joanna, Susanna, and more —
May we give freely as they did before.

O God of Phoebe and ministers all,
May we be joyful in answering your call.
Give us the strength of your Spirit so near
That we may share in your ministry here.

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Suggested tune: SLANE (“Be thou my vision”)

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