



**Haslett Community Church, United Church of Christ
Outdoor Worship in the Park - Lake Lansing Park North
August 20, 2023, 10:00 a.m.**

*When you see an *, you are invited to stand as you are able. When text is in bold, you are invited to speak aloud.*

Welcome

Prelude

“Morning Has Broken”

Farjeon

Morning has broken like the first morning
Blackbird has spoken like the first bird
Praise for the singing, praise for the morning
Praise for them springing fresh from the world

Sweet the rains new fall, sunlit from Heaven
Like the first dewfall on the first grass
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden
Sprung in completeness where His feet pass

Mine is the sunlight, mine is the morning
Born of the one light, Eden saw play
Praise with elation, praise every morning
God’s re-creation of the new day

Call to Worship

Faithful God: We come to worship today, surrounded by the steadfast beauty of your creation.

Hopeful God: We come to worship today, knowing that you are close to us here and always.

Loving God: We come to worship today, longing to know your love as clearly as we know the beauty of the earth.

Faithful, Hopeful, Loving God: Shape us into faithful, hopeful people, and fill us with your love that passes all understanding. Amen.

*** Opening Hymn**

“Simple Gifts”

traditional Shaker

‘Tis the gift to be simple, ‘tis the gift to be free
‘Tis the gift to come down where we ought to be,
And when we find ourselves in the place just right,
‘Twill be in the valley of love and delight.

When true simplicity is gained,
To bow and to bend we shan’t be ashamed,
To turn, turn will be our delight
‘Til by turning, turning we come ‘round right.

[REPEAT]

Prayer of Approach

Your love is patient;
we give you thanks for all those who have
been patient with us
and have taught and cared for us;
and we pray for the patience to love others
as you have loved us.

Your love is kind;
give us the courage to be kind to others
and to serve those with patience
who are so often unkind, rude, difficult to love,
or our enemies.
They are your children and our sisters and
Brothers
and they were made in your image.

Your love is not pompous;
give us insight to speak the truth in love
and for the sake of your kingdom
give us the wisdom to listen far more than
we speak.

Your love does not seek its own interests;
we thank you and pray for those who serve
the poor and those in need,
who give tirelessly of themselves and who have
much to do
and little time for themselves.

Your love is not quick-tempered;
we pray for those who are angry
and for the violent and their victims;
for children who fear, elders who are abused,
and people trapped in relationships that injure
and harm.

Your love bears all things;
we remember before you those with heavy
burdens,
many cares, much stress, and too little comfort
and help.

Your love never fails;
even death does not trespass on the breadth
and depth of your love.
We thank you for those we love and have
loved in this life
and who now dwell in the peace and joy of
your presence
and let your comfort settle on those who are
bereaved or lonely today.
In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

Hymn Response

“Holy Holy Holy One”

Lindquist/Freeman

(Please sing twice and end with the Refrain)

The musical notation is written on three staves in a treble clef with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat) and a 6/8 time signature. The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are written below the notes.

Refrain: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly One, One Be - ing_ in us all. Ho - ly, ho - ly,
ho - ly One, One Be - ing_ in us all. All cre - a - tion shows Your Light,
filled with glo - ry, All cre - a - tion shows Your Life, filled with ho - ly Love.

First Scripture Reading

Matthew 22: 34-40

When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, ³⁵ and one of them, an expert in the law, asked him a question to test him. ³⁶ "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" ³⁷ He said to him, " 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' ³⁸ This is the greatest and first commandment. ³⁹ And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' ⁴⁰ On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets."

Special Music

"I'd Rather Have Jesus"

George Beverly Shaw

(Kim Huston, Dick Ledebuhr, Becky Leefers, & Jon Lineberry - musicians)

arr. Ruth Smith

* Passing the Peace of Christ

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

Second Scripture Reading

1 Corinthians 13

If I speak in the tongues of humans and of angels but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. ² And if I have prophetic powers and understand all mysteries and all knowledge and if I have all faith so as to remove mountains but do not have love, I am nothing. ³ If I give away all my possessions and if I hand over my body so that I may boast but do not have love, I gain nothing.

⁴ Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant ⁵ or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable; it keeps no record of wrongs; ⁶ it does not rejoice in wrongdoing but rejoices in the truth. ⁷ It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

⁸ Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. ⁹ For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part, ¹⁰ but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. ¹¹ When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. ¹² For now we see only a reflection, as in a mirror, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. ¹³ And now faith, hope, and love remain, these three, and the greatest of these is love.

Sermon

"If It's Not About Love, It's Not About God"

* Hymn

"For the Beauty of the Earth"

Pierpoint/Kocher

For the beauty of the earth,
For the beauty of the skies,
For the love which from our birth
Over and around us lies,
Lord of all, to thee we raise
This our hymn of grateful praise.

For the Joy of human love,
Brother, sister, parent, child,
Friends on earth, and friends above,
For all gentle thoughts and mild,
Lord of all, to thee we raise
This our hymn of grateful praise.

For the beauty of each hour
Of the day and of the night,
Hill and vale, and tree and flow'r,
Sun and moon, and stars of light,
Lord of all, to thee we raise
This our hymn of grateful praise.

Announcements

Invitation to Share Tithes & Offerings

Offertory

Religious Medley

* 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

"Amazing Grace"

Newton

Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost, but now am found
Was blind but now I see

The Lord has promised good to me
His word my hope secures
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures

'Twas Grace that taught my heart to fear
And Grace, my fears relieved
How precious did that Grace appear
The hour I first believed

When we've been there ten thousand years,
Bright shining as the sun
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we first begun.

Through many dangers, toils and snares
We have already come
'Tis Grace that brought me safe thus far
And Grace will lead me home



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

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Ministry Connections
Reaching Out to Each Other and Our Community
August 20, 2023

 **UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST** 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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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!

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CHURCH CALENDAR (August 20 - August 27)

Sunday 8/20/2023	10:00 AM	Outdoor Worship <i>Lake Lansing Park North</i>
Outdoor Worship	6:00 - 9:00 PM	Documentary & Discussion (S) <i>w/ David Jones: Apollo 11</i>
Tuesday 8/22/2023	10:30AM - 1 PM	Onsite Office Hours (Ofc)
Wednesday 8/23/2023	11:30AM - 1 PM	Betsy Office Hours (Ofc)
Thursday 8/24/2023	10:30 AM - 1PM	Onsite Office Hours (Ofc)
Saturday 8/26/2023	9:00 AM 4:00 - 10:00 PM	Men's Group Meets (Z) Meridian Pride <i>Green Pavilion, Meridian Twshp</i>
Sunday 8/27/2023	10:00 AM 10:00 AM 11:00 AM 3:00 - 4:30 PM 5:00 - 6:30 PM	Worship (S, PL, Online) Sunday School (SS) Coffee Fellowship (Fr) YOUTH: MS Mudstival (OD1) YOUTH: HS Mudstival (OD1)

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



SAVE THE DATE! [Meridian Pride](#) is happening **NEXT Saturday, August 26**, at the Green Pavilion from 4-10 p.m., and HCC plans to have a booth at the event! This is the inaugural Meridian Pride Event, so we hope you'll join us at the celebration.

Please text/call/email Sandra Porter at: 517.980.0328 or imabslp9800@gmail.com if you would like to take a shift at our table. More details will follow!

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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Join us in the sanctuary **TONIGHT, Sunday, August 20 from 6-9 p.m.** for an evening watching and discussing a documentary with HCC's own documentary cinematographer.

For August, we will watch the 2019 documentary, Apollo 11, which won 3 Emmy awards, and is (to infinity and) beyond expectations!

(This movie earned a 99% rating on rottentomatoes.com.)

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Our thanks this morning to:

Reader: Don Flagg
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Tellers: Rich Newport & Jim Durr

Special thanks to Sophie Kirchoff, Kim Huston, Dick Ledebuhr, Becky Leefers, & Jon Lineberry for sharing their 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.