



Haslett Community Church  
United Church of Christ

Sunday, August 27, 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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## **Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

**August 27, 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 Music**

*Jiyuan Zhang*

### **Welcome**

### **Choral Call to Worship**

**“Come All Together Here to Be With Me”**

Eberlein

*(Becky Leefers - Soprano, Regula Arnosti - Alto, Mike Eberlein - Tenor, David Weight - Bass)*

*Come all together here to be with Me.*

*Join with your kindred souls and be with Me.*

*Though inmost joys and sorrows silent be,*

*In love I share and bear them. Be with Me.*

### **Call to Worship** (by Katherine Hawker)

Look at the birds of the air;  
they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns  
and yet God provides for the basic sustenance of life.

**May our hearts be open to trust you.**

Look at the birds of the air;  
they neither study nor plan nor plot their course  
and yet God writes the instinct for migration into their hearts.

**May our eyes be open to see you.**

Look at the birds of the air;  
they neither argue nor debate their responsibility  
yet God weaves them into communities which nurture and defend.

**May our hands be open to serve you.**

\* **Hymn #31**

**“All Things Bright and Beautiful”**

*(Jiyuan Zhang - pianist)*

Alexander  
ROYAL OAK

## Prayer of Approach

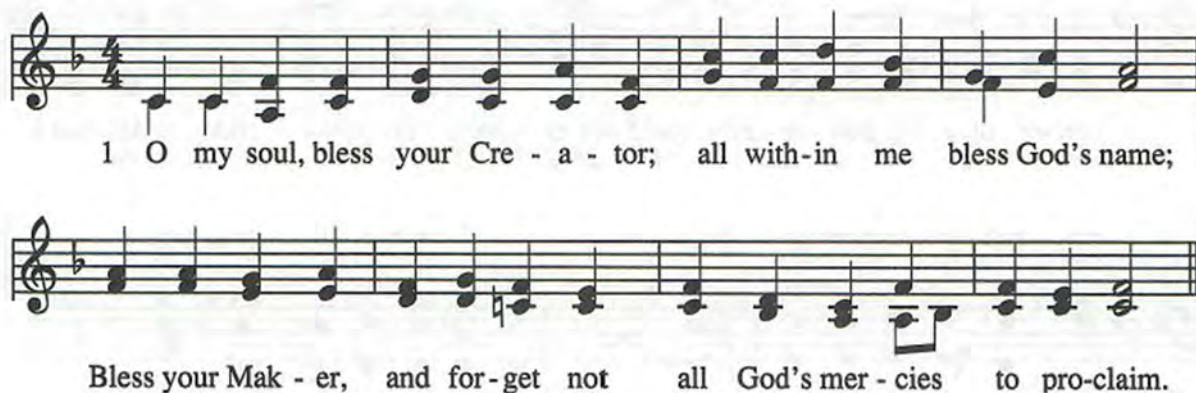
Loving Jesus, when we stand at the edge of fear and worry,  
You invite us to step into the waters of faith and trust.  
When we stand at the edge of the world's pain and need,  
You invite us to step into the land of humble service.  
When we stand at the edge of our hunger and thirst:  
You invite us to sit at the Table of grace.  
God ever with us, draw us close so that,  
cradled in compassion, we might have strength to face the troubles of this world,  
knowing that we are not alone.  
Spirit in community, let us know your peace so that,  
held in peace, we can be filled with the assurance of your guiding hand. Amen.

## Moment of Quiet Reflection

### Hymn Response #13

"O My Soul Bless Your Creator"  
(verse 1 only; Jiyuan Zhang - pianist)

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

Luke 12: 22-31

He said to his disciples, "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat, or about your body, what you will wear. <sup>23</sup> For life is more than food and the body more than clothing. <sup>24</sup> Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! <sup>25</sup> And which of you by worrying can add a single hour to your span of life? <sup>26</sup> If then you are not able to do so small a thing as that, why do you worry about the rest? <sup>27</sup> Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. <sup>28</sup> But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is

alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you, you of little faith! <sup>29</sup> And do not keep seeking what you are to eat and what you are to drink, and do not keep worrying. <sup>30</sup> For it is the nations of the world that seek all these things, and your Father knows that you need them. <sup>31</sup> Instead, seek God’s kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well.

**Anthem** “Now All the Woods Are Silent” Gerhardt/ INNSBRUCK  
*(Becky Leefers - Soprano, Regula Arnosti - Alto, Mike Eberlein - Tenor, David Weight - Bass)*

**\* 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**

**Matthew 6: 25-34**

“Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing? <sup>26</sup> Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? <sup>27</sup> And which of you by worrying can add a single hour to your span of life? <sup>28</sup> And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, <sup>29</sup> yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. <sup>30</sup> But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? <sup>31</sup> Therefore do not worry, saying, ‘What will we eat?’ or ‘What will we drink?’ or ‘What will we wear?’ <sup>32</sup> For it is the gentiles who seek all these things, and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. <sup>33</sup> But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. <sup>34</sup> “So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today’s trouble is enough for today.

**Sermon** “Don’t Worry, Be Happy, Yeah Right”

**\* Hymn #553** “There Is A Balm in Gilead” African-Amer. Spiritual  
*(Jiyuan Zhang - pianist)*

**Announcements**

## Invitation to Share Tithes & Offerings

### Offertory

Jiyuan Zhang

### \* 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.

### 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

#### Benediction Response

“Where're Your Paths”

Eberlein

(Becky Leefers - Soprano, Regula Arnosti - Alto, Mike Eberlein - Tenor, David Weight - Bass)

*Where're your paths from here may take you,  
By plan or chance or circumstance,  
Love Divine will ne'er forsake you.  
Journey in hope and love and peace.*

### Postlude

Jiyuan Zhang



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

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

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### Double Your Donation – Double Your Impact on Sept. 9, at the Bath Meijer!

The Mary L. Nelson Memorial Haslett Food Pantry is the recipient of the Bath Meijer “Simply Give” Campaign through Saturday, September 30.

**ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, DONATIONS GO TWICE AS FAR because it's a DOUBLE MATCH DAY!**

For example, if you make a \$10 Simply Give donation at the register AT THE BATH MEIJER (7157 E. Saginaw St.), Meijer makes a DOUBLE MATCH of \$20, resulting in a \$30 donation to the food pantry!! We thank the Meijer Foundation for their support, and thank all who are able to support our Food Pantry in this way. Of course, Simply Give donations are appreciated any time, but we wanted to make the congregation aware of the day that your donation goes twice as far!



**Ministry Connections**  
**Reaching Out to Each Other and Our Community**  
**August 27, 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 27 - September 3)**

<b>Sunday</b> 8/27/2023	10:00 AM	Worship (S, PL, Online)
	10:00 AM	Sunday School (SS)
	11:00 AM	Coffee Fellowship (Fr)
	3:00 - 4:30 PM	YOUTH: MS Mudstival (OD1)
	5:00 - 6:30 PM	YOUTH: HS Mudstival (OD1)
<b>Tuesday</b> 8/29/2023	10:30 AM - 1PM	Onsite Office Hours (Ofc)
	7:00 PM	Safety Team (FH)
<b>Wednesday</b> 8/30/2023	11:30 AM - 1PM	Betsy Onsite Ofc Hours (Ofc)
	6:30 PM	Choir Dinner (FH)
	7:15 - 8:30 PM	Choir Rehearsal (S)
<b>Thursday</b> 8/31/2023	10:30 AM - 1PM	Onsite Office Hours (Ofc)
<b>Saturday</b> 9/2/2023	9:00 AM	Men's Group Meets (Z)
<b>Sunday</b> 9/3/2023	10:00 AM	Worship (S, PL, Online)
	10:00 AM	Sunday School (SS)
	11:00 AM	Coffee Fellowship (Fr)
	11:20 AM	Member Caring Meets (L)

**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!

**PLEASE Help Feed Haslett Students!!!**

Drivers are needed to pick up and deliver around 50 bags of food total to the 5 schools in the Haslett area, so roughly 10 bags per school. The food is designed to help sustain families through their weekend needs. Pick up site is the new Greater Lansing Food Bank warehouse in Bath.

Delivery would be to Wilkshire, Ralya, Murphy, Haslett Middle, and Haslett High schools. Total time 1-1.5hrs. and would need to be completed prior to 12:00 noon. Please contact Jim Durr 517-574-9491 if you are interested.



**NURSERY TEAMS**

NURSERY CARE is offered every Sunday for children from birth through age 3 (and potty-trained).

Nursery volunteers work on rotating teams who serve two weeks in a row every 6-8 weeks. If you're interested in serving on a nursery team, please contact Pastor Erin (erin.heisler@att.net).

**The Staff:**

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Sally Sanchez	Custodian		

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**Our thanks this morning to:**

<b>Reader:</b>	Roberta Otten
<b>Greeters:</b>	Kathleen Denisi & Linda Bennett
<b>Ushers:</b>	Tom Nelson & Sylvia Davis
<b>Coffee Hosts:</b>	Steve & Barb Decker
<b>Audio/Visual Techs:</b>	Kirk Riley
<b>Tellers</b>	Sylvia Davis & Rachel Bullock

*Special thanks to Becky Leefers, Regula Arnosti, Mike Eberlein, David Weight, and Jiyuan Zhang for sharing their musical talents with us today.*

*Sanctuary flowers donated today by Barb Decker.*

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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.

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# All Things Bright and Beautiful

Cecil F. Alexander, 1848; alt.

## Unison Refrain

All things bright and beau-ti - ful, all crea-tures great and small,

*Last time, end*

All things wise and won - der - ful, our dear God made them all.

1 Each lit - tle flower that o - pens, each lit - tle bird that sings,  
2 The pur - ple-head - ed moun-tain, the riv - er run - ning by,  
3 The cold wind in the win - ter, the pleas-ant sum-mer sun,

*to Refrain*

God made their glow-ing col - ors, and made their ti - ny wings.  
The sun - set, and the morn - ing that bright-ens up the sky.  
The ripe fruits in the gar - den, God made them ev - ery one.

This hymn for children is based on the first article of the Apostles' Creed: "Maker of heaven and earth." The English hymnwriter Cecil Frances Alexander was married to William Alexander, who became bishop of Ireland.

Tune: ROYAL OAK 7.6.7.6. with refrain  
English melody  
Adapt. Martin Shaw, 1915

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Jer. 8:18-22; 46:11; Acts 10:34-43

African-American spiritual; alt.

## Refrain

There is a balm in Gil-e-ad, to make the wound-ed whole,

there is a balm in Gil-e-ad, to heal the sin-sick soul.

1 Some - times I feel dis - cour-aged, and think my work's in vain,  
 2 Don't ev - er feel dis - cour-aged, for Je - sus is your friend,  
 3 If you can - not preach like Pe - ter, if you can - not pray like Paul,

to Refrain  
 But then the Ho - ly Spir - it re - vives my soul a - gain.  
 who, if you ask for knowl-edge, will nev - er fail to lend.  
 you can tell the love of Je - sus, who died to save us all.

This is one of the most moving of the African-American spirituals because it illustrates the way in which the enslaved tried to encourage those who were feeling especially weighed down by the burden of their captivity.

Tune: BALM IN GILEAD Irr. with refrain  
 African-American spiritual

(Back)