



Haslett Community Church
United Church of Christ

Sunday, September 10, 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.*

**Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost and HCC Kick-Off Sunday
September 10, 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 *“We must embrace the simple fact that we are dependent on and accountable to one another.” – Parker Palmer*

Gathering Music

Welcome

Choral Call to Worship “Let Me Enter God’s Own Dwelling” Schmolck/Neander

Call to Worship

In the beginning God created,
the earth and the heavens and creature and plant.

At our beginning God created humanity,
unique and irreplaceable, loved and never alone.

In all new beginnings, God creates something new
**so we seek God in the freshness of this morning,
in the laughter of friends,
in the colors of creation,
and in this beautiful place.**

Loving, creative, creating God,
**open our eyes to see you,
and our hearts to love you
as we gather together in community
part of your creation!**

*** Hymn** “Here in this Place / Gather Us In” Haugen
(Please see insert)

Prayer of Approach

God-made-flesh, bone of our bone,
We confess that we think we can go it alone,
That we try to do it all,
That in doing so, we neglect the gifts you have given us:
The flesh of our flesh,
The bodies you created,
And the relationships you created us for.

Jesus Christ, you who lived in a human body,
Call us to community.
Remind us that in you we are one.
Awake in us a respect for one another,
And celebrate with us the diversity within that unity.
May it be so now and forever. Amen.

Moment of Quiet Reflection

Hymn Response #286

“Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness”
(Refrain only)

Manley

*Spirit, spirit of gentleness,
blow through the wilderness, calling and free.
Spirit, spirit of restlessness,
stir me from placidness, wind, wind on the sea.*

First Scripture Reading

Genesis 2: 4b-14

In the day that the Lord God made the earth and the heavens,⁵ when no plant of the field was yet in the earth and no vegetation of the field had yet sprung up—for the Lord God had not caused it to rain upon the earth, and there was no one to till the ground,⁶ but a stream would rise from the earth and water the whole face of the ground—⁷ then the Lord God formed man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being.⁸ And the Lord God planted a garden in Eden, in the east, and there he put the man whom he had formed.⁹ Out of the ground the Lord God made to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food, the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

¹⁰ A river flows out of Eden to water the garden, and from there it divides and becomes four branches.¹¹ The name of the first is Pishon; it is the one that flows around the whole land

of Havilah, where there is gold, ¹² and the gold of that land is good; bdellium and onyx stone are there. ¹³ The name of the second river is Gihon; it is the one that flows around the whole land of Cush. ¹⁴ The name of the third river is Tigris, which flows east of Assyria. And the fourth river is the Euphrates.

Anthem

“Down to the River to Pray”

traditional
arr. Curry

Children’s Moment

Preschool through 5th graders are invited to Sunday School.

Second Scripture Reading

Genesis 2: 15-25

The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. ¹⁶ And the Lord God commanded the man, “You may freely eat of every tree of the garden, ¹⁷ but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.”

¹⁸ Then the Lord God said, “It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner.” ¹⁹ So out of the ground the Lord God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air and brought them to the man to see what he would call them, and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. ²⁰ The man gave names to all cattle and to the birds of the air and to every animal of the field, but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. ²¹ So the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. ²² And the rib that the Lord God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. ²³ Then the man said,

“This at last is bone of my bones
and flesh of my flesh;
this one shall be called Woman,
for out of Man this one was taken.”

²⁴ Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh. ²⁵ And the man and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed.

Sermon

“Worlds Undreamed Of”

* **Hymn #556**

“God Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens”

Cameron
HOLY MANNA

Announcements

Invitation to Fully Fund the Church We Love

Offertory

* 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

Postlude

“Invention XIII / Sh’beag, Sh’mor”

Bach
trad. Irish tune



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

Wednesday Wisdom and Wondering Presents

Mortal and Marvelous: real talk about dying

Wednesdays, 6-7 p.m.

September 13 – October 11, 2023

We love to have you in person.

For Zoom option use:
Meeting ID: 832 2757 3032
Passcode: 48840

Let's talk about death and dying in a safe, comfortable, faithful way.

Some topics include:

- Hospice, A Closer Look
- Conversations to Have Before You Die
- Leaving Behind "Left Behind": Scripture and What's Next
- And more.

This 5-week series is for adults of all ages and stages.



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- 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

Ministry Connections
Reaching Out to Each Other and Our Community
September 10, 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 (September 10 - September 17)

Sunday 9/10/2023 Fall Kick-Off & Chkn BBQ	10:00 AM	Worship (S, PL, Online)
	10:00 AM	Sunday School (SS)
	Noon	Chicken BBQ (FH, Fr, K, OD1)
	5:30 - 7:00 PM	YOUTH: Shaving Cream Waffle-Ball Night (OD1)
	7:00 - 8:00 PM	YOUTH: HS Youth Grp (YR)
Monday 9/11/2023	6:00 PM 7:00 PM 7:30 PM	Property Committee Meets (Z) Green Team Meets (FH,Z) Social Committee Meets (Fr)
Tuesday 9/12/2023	10:30 AM - 1PM 7:15 PM	Onsite Office Hours (Ofc) Church Council Meets (FH)
Wednesday 9/13/2023	11:30 AM - 1PM 1:00 PM 6:00 - 7:00 PM 7:00 - 8:30 PM	Betsy Onsite Ofc Hours (Ofc) Spiritual Life Meets (L) Wisdom & Wondering (FH) Choir Rehearsal (CR,S)
Thursday 9/14/2023	9:00 - 9:45 AM 10:30 AM - 1PM 1:30 PM	Sermon Preview Bible Study (Z) Onsite Office Hours (Ofc) Haslett Women's Club (Fr)
Friday 9/15/2023	11:00 AM Noon - 6 PM	Blood Drive Setup (FH,Fr, S) Red Cross Blood Drive (FH,Fr,S)
Saturday 9/16/2023	9:00 AM	Men's Group Meets (Z)
Sunday 9/17/2023 Fall Kick-Off & Chkn BBQ	10:00 AM	Worship (S, PL, Online)
	10:00 AM	Sunday School (SS)
	11:00 AM	Coffee Fellowship (Fr)
	11:15 AM	Inquirer's Class (S)
	11:20 AM	Member Caring Meets (L)
	5:00 - 6:30 PM	YOUTH: MS Youth Grp (YR)
	7:00 - 9:00 PM	YOUTH: HS Youth Grp (YR)

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

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.



You're Invited!

HCC's Annual Chicken BBQ is today, **Sunday, Sept. 10, at Noon at HCC!**

Join us at the church at noon for lots of BBQ chicken and other good food, lawn games, and friends to gather and relax with. This is a potluck, so bring your favorite dish to share if able. We will provide the chicken, drinks, and bread. EVERYONE is welcome!

There is a suggested donation of \$8.00/person (12 years old and under free). There will be a good will offering for anyone who finds that a hardship.

If you have been visiting, are new to our church, or would like to explore becoming a member, Inquirer's Class is for you!



Inquirer's Class is **NEXT SUNDAY, Sept. 17, 11:15 a.m.** in the Sanctuary with Pastor Betsy. Questions? Ask Betsy: 517.339.8383 x11 or aho.betsy@att.net



We are hoping to add one team of two to our team of nursery volunteers this year! Teams work on a

rotating basis from October-May, serving for two Sundays, then off for 8. Please let Erin know if you are interested please contact Pastor Erin (erin.heisler@att.net)

The Staff:

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Michele Booher	Office Manager	hcc1@att.net	517.339.8383 x10
Sally Sanchez	Custodian		

Our thanks this morning to:

Reader:	Deb Klein
Greeters:	Ann Pierce & Deb Klein
Ushers:	Liz Newport & Malinda Barr
Coffee Hosts:	N/A - <i>Chicken BBQ</i>
Audio/Visual Techs:	Rich Newport
Tellers	Don Flagg & Rich Baumgartner

The choir is happy to welcome Landon Black as our choral directing intern, assisting Barbara Freeman this church year.

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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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Here in This Place

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Gather Us In



1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing; now is the dark-ness
 2 We are the young, our lives are a mys-tery. We are the old who
 3 Here we will take the wine and the wa-ter; here we will take the
 4 Not in the dark of build-ings con-fin-ing, not in some heav-en,



van-ish-ed a-way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings
 yearn for your face. We have been sung through-out all of his-tory,
 bread of new birth. Here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ters,
 light years a-way: here in this place the new light is shin-ing;



brought here to you in the light of this day.
 called to be light to the whole hu-man race.
 call us a-new to be salt for the earth.
 now is the king-dom, and now is the day.



Gath-er us in, the lost and for-sak-en; gath-er us in, the
 Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty; gath-er us in, the
 Give us to drink the wine of com-pas-sion; give us to eat the
 Gath-er us in and hold us for-ev-er; gath-er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a-wak-en;
 proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low-ly;
 bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash-ion
 make us your own; gath-er us in, all peo-ples to-geth-er,



we shall a-rise at the sound of our name.
 give us the cour-age to en-ter the song.
 lives that are ho-ly and hearts that are true.
 fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

The "you/your" mentioned in every stanza is never identified, but this 1979 hymn is clearly a corporate prayer to God on behalf of the diverse congregation who have assembled for worship, longing to be transformed and used as God's witnesses and for God's purposes.

Spir - it, spir - it of gen - tle-ness, blow through the

Dsus4 D

wil - der-ness, call - ing and free,

Bm E7 Asus7 A7

Spir - it, spir - it of rest - less-ness, stir me from

D G A Dsus4 D

plac - id-ness, wind, wind on the sea. (Back)

Bm G A7 D G Last time, end D

God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens

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Catherine Cameron, 1967

Gen. 5:1-2; Isa. 42:5-9

1 God, who stretched the span - gled heav - ens in - fi - nite in time and place,
2 We have ven - tured worlds un - dreamed of since the child-hood of our race;
3 As each far hor - i - zon beck - ons, may it chal-lenge us a - new,

Flung the suns in burn-ing ra - diance through the si - lent fields of space;
Known the ec - sta - sy of wing-ing through un - trav-eled realms of space;
Chil - dren of cre - a - tive pur - pose, serv - ing oth - ers, hon - oring you.

We, your chil - dren, in your like-ness, share in - ven-tive powers with you;
Probed the se - crets of the at - om, yield-ing un - i - mag - ined power,
May our dreams prove rich with prom-ise, each en-deav-or, well be - gun;

Great Cre - a - tor, still cre - a - ting, show us what we yet may do.
Fac - ing us with life's de - struc-tion or our most tri - um-phiant hour.
Great Cre - a - tor, give us guid - ance till our goals and yours are one.

Catherine Cameron, a professor of social psychology in California, wrote this text in 1967 with Haydn's Austrian Hymn in mind. This tune, Holy Manna, appeared in The Columbian Harmony (1825), and was attributed to the compiler of that volume, William Moore.

Tune: HOLY MANNA 8.7.8.7.D.
William Moore, 1825

(Back)