

# Haslett Community Church United Church of Christ

## Sunday, September 17, 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 worshiping 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.



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 onsite 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: We strive joyfully and prayerfully to warmly welcome all, freely share our blessings, and humbly explore God's love.

## Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost September 17, 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** *"In the sweetness of friendship let there be laughter and sharing of pleasures. For in the dew of little things the heart finds its morning and is refreshed." –* Khalil Gibran

#### **Gathering Music**

#### Welcome

Choral Call to Worship	"Enter, Rejoice and Come In"	Psalm 100 Ruspini
Call to Worship (by Joanna H	arader)	
As Abraham welcomed the	strangers	
So God welcomes us.		
God greets us with joy		
and says, "rest here for aw	hile."	
God brings out water to wa	sh our dusty feet.	
God prepares a meal to no	urish our weary spirits.	
So let us receive the gracion	us hospitality of our God.	
Let us rest in this holy plac	e	
where there is shade and w	vater, food and laughter.	
<b>Hymn</b> #402	"De colores (Sing of Colors)"	Mexican folk song
Prayer of Approach		
O Great Laughing God,		
	ce with joy and longing to be surprised	l.
	e given to us the gift of laughter and c	
These things give hints as t	to the nature of your purpose for us an	d for all the earth.
May we find that in giving	up to laughter there is healing and ho	pe and abundance and
blessing.	· · · ·	
Tickle our souls with the b	rush of your Spirit to renew our worsh	ip and our living. Amen.

#### **Moment of Quiet Reflection**



#### **First Scripture Reading**

#### Genesis 18: 1-15

The Lord appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. <sup>2</sup> He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them and bowed down to the ground. <sup>3</sup>He said, "My lord, if I find favor with you, do not pass by your servant.<sup>4</sup> Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. <sup>5</sup> Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant." So they said, "Do as you have said." <sup>6</sup> And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah and said, "Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes." <sup>7</sup>Abraham ran to the herd and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. <sup>8</sup>Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared and set it before them, and he stood by them under the tree while they ate. <sup>9</sup> They said to him, "Where is your wife Sarah?" And he said, "There, in the tent." <sup>10</sup> Then one said, "I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son." And Sarah was listening at the tent entrance behind him. <sup>11</sup> Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in age; it had ceased to be with Sarah after the manner of women. <sup>12</sup> So Sarah laughed to herself, saving, "After I have grown old, and my husband is old, shall I be fruitful?" <sup>13</sup> The Lord said to Abraham, "Why did Sarah laugh and say, 'Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?' <sup>14</sup> Is anything too wonderful for the Lord? At the set time I will return to you, in due season, and Sarah shall have a son."<sup>15</sup> But Sarah denied, saying, "I did not laugh," for she was afraid. He said, "Yes, you did laugh."

## Anthem

"Think on These Things"

Courtney

#### **Children's Moment**

Preschool through 5<sup>th</sup> graders are invited to Sunday School.

### Second Scripture Reading

#### Genesis 21: 1-7

The Lord dealt with Sarah as he had said, and the Lord did for Sarah as he had promised. <sup>2</sup> Sarah conceived and bore Abraham a son in his old age, at the time of which God had spoken to him. <sup>3</sup> Abraham gave the name Isaac to his son whom Sarah bore him. <sup>4</sup> And Abraham circumcised his son Isaac when he was eight days old, as God had commanded him. <sup>5</sup> Abraham was a hundred years old when his son Isaac was born to him. <sup>6</sup> Now Sarah said, "God has brought laughter for me; everyone who hears will laugh with me." <sup>7</sup> And she said, "Who would ever have said to Abraham that Sarah would nurse children? Yet I have borne him a son in his old age."

"Laughter is	Sacred, Too!"	
"Joyful, Joyful,	We Adore You"	Schiller Beethoven
he Church We Lov	/e	
"I Will Co	me to You"	Haas
all blessings flow; es here below;	Praise Holy Spirit ever One God, Triune, who	
	"Joyful, Joyful, <b>he Church We Lov</b> "I Will Co all blessings flow;	

#### 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

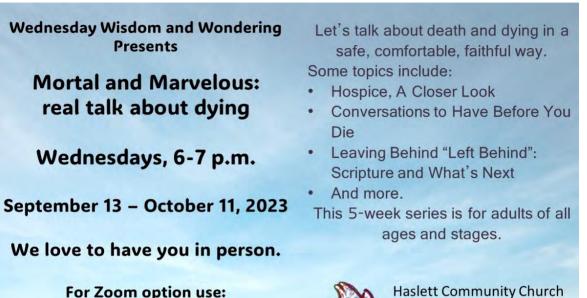
Postlude

"Hallelujah, Salvation and Glory"

Zimbabwe

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.



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



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Save the Date Sunday October 8, 2023, at 5pm

Malinda Barr's Barn 1867 Lake Lansing Rd, Haslett



Social Committee's Pick-a-Party for October is a Bonfire (hot dogs and s'mores). Music will be furnished by Mark Garrod and friends. Social Committee will furnish hot dogs, buns and fixing's, marshmallows, chocolate, and graham crackers. We ask that you bring a chair, beverage and your appetite!!



This will be a fun event for everyone in the church. Sign up is online **HERE** and on the wall by the church office.

Everyone Welcome!

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



We are so grateful for your generosity!

#### Ministry Connections Reaching Out to Each Other and Our Community September 17, 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 17 - September 24)

Sunday	10:00 AM	Worship (S, PL, Online)
9/17/2023	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)
Tuesday		NEWSLETTER ITEMS DUE email hcc1@att.net
9/19/2023	10:30 AM - 1PM	Onsite Office Hours (Ofc)
	7:00 PM	Green Team Book Club (FH)
	7:00 PM	Safety Team (L,Z)
Wednesday	11:30 AM - 1PM	Betsy Onsite Ofc Hours (Ofc)
9/20/2023	6:00 - 7:00 PM	Wisdom & Wondering (FH)
-, -,	7:00 - 8:30 PM	Choir Rehearsal (CR,S)
	7:00 PM	YOUTH: Culver's Night
Thursday	9:00 - 9:45 AM	Sermon Preview Bible Study (Z)
9/21/2023	10:30 AM - 1PM	Onsite Office Hours (Ofc)
Saturday	9:00 AM	Men's Campfire & Breakfast
9/23/2023		Rich Newport's house
Sunday	10:00 AM	Worship (S, PL, Online)
9/24/2023	10:00 AM	Sunday School (SS)
, ,	11:00 AM	Coffee Fellowship (Fr)
	11:15 AM	Coffee With Jesus (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.

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 **TODAY**, **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

#### **NEW GREEN TEAM**

BOOK CLUB!!! We will be having an organizational meeting (our first meeting) this Tuesday, September 19, at 7pm in Fellowship Hall.



At the 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting in October, the book for discussion will be: "Bringing Nature Home" by Douglass Tallamy. The book demonstrates in a fun way the importance of native plants to insects, birds, and other animals. How can we create an easy and sustainable habitat in our yard? I'm looking forward to learning ways to be a better steward of God's creation! Please contact kimahuston@gmail.com if you are planning to come or with any questions!

NURSERY

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:

Rev. Betsy Aho	Pastor	aho.betsy@att.net	517.339.8383 x11
Rev. Erin Heisler	Minister for Youth & Children	erin.heisler@att.net	517.339.8383 x19
Barbara Freeman	Church Musician		517.881.9976
Landon Black	Choral Conductor Intern		
Michele Booher	Office Manager	hcc1@att.net	517.339.8383 x10
Sally Sanchez	Custodian		

#### Our thanks this morning to:

Reader:	Cheryl Edwards
Greeters:	David & Nancy Ferguson
Ushers:	Jim Gornick & Jewell Muller-Gornick
Coffee Hosts:	Pam & Todd Maxwell
Audio/Visual Techs:	Helen & David Jones
Tellers	Jim Gornick & Cheryl Edwards

Sanctuary flowers today are donated by Kris Belonge.

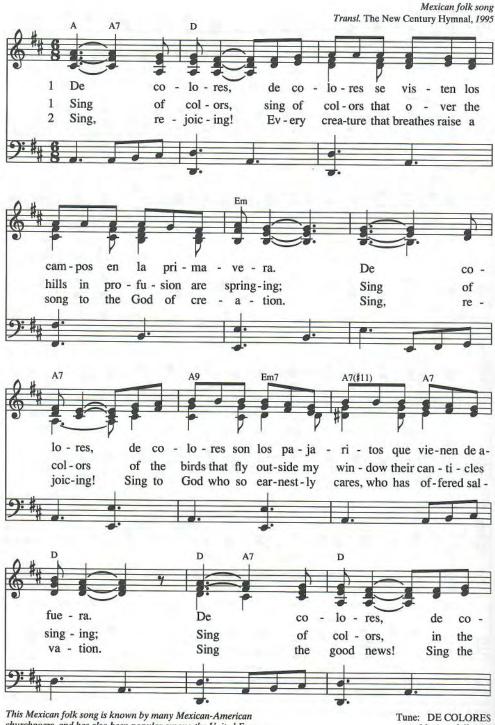
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Thank you for worshiping with us! If you are visiting, or would like to know more about Haslett Community Church, you are invited to:

- 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. 402

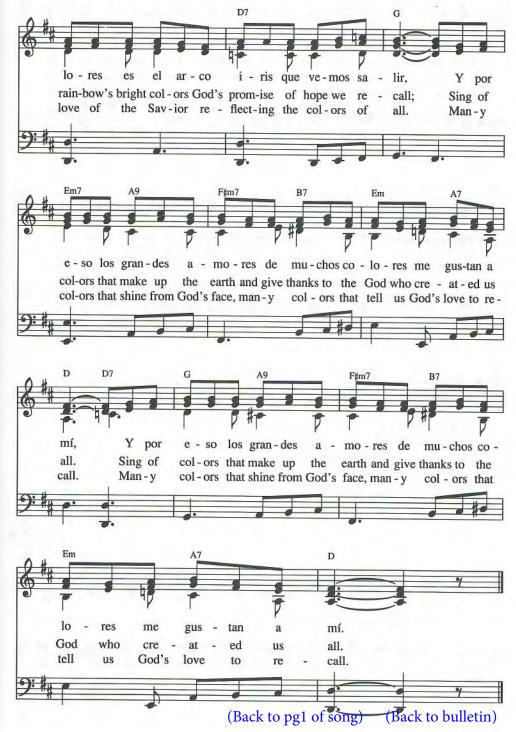
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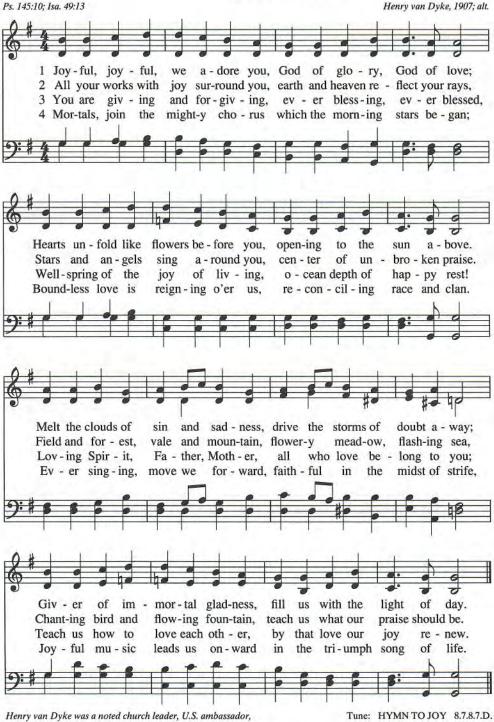
churchgoers, and has also been popular among the United Farm Workers.

Mexican folk song Arr. Alfredo Morales, F.S.C.

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Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You



(Back)

Henry van Dyke was a noted church leader, U.S. ambassador, Navy chaplain, and prolific writer. Many people associate this hymn with Beethoven's ninth symphony, but few are aware of the original poem by the German classicist F. Schiller (1759–1805) that inspired Beethoven. Tune: HYMN TO JOY 8.7.8.7.D. Ludwig van Beethoven, 1824 Adapt. and harm. Edward Hodges, 1846



## Happy Heart Helpers Needed!

Have you ever wondered who makes Sunday mornings go so smoothly? YOU DO! Join the Happy Heart Team, and just see what smiles you can bring to people.

Being a Happy Heart volunteer is a great way to serve the church when you're already here on a Sunday morning! We hope to have enough volunteers that you would not need to fulfill a role more than about once a quarter!

See the back of this flyer for descriptions of all roles, and know that we are always happy to train you or have you shadow someone until you are comfortable. Every effort is made to work around your schedule, and if something comes up substitutions can be made.

Fill out the form below and place it in the basket during offering, or give to a Pastor, or email hcc1@att.net to tell us which role(s) you are interested in and we will be in touch.

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You are invited to fill out the ways you would be interested in serving the Happy Heart team in 2024. Return it to the HCC office, place in the offering plate, or email the church office at <u>hcc1@att.net</u> to sign up.

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL:

PHONE:\_\_\_\_\_

I am interested in these Happy Heart Team roles (check all that apply):

Greeter Coffee Host (training video avail.)

\_ Usher \_\_\_\_\_ Audio Visual Tech (training provided)

Reader

Teller (training provided)

I would prefer to shadow someone on my first time as

# Happy Heart

**<u>Greeters</u>**: Our Greeters are the first to welcome folks into the building. They're encouraged to stand in Friendship Hall, near door #1 and the church office (this prevents too much of a bottle neck where the nametag table is now, near the sanctuary doors).

<u>Ushers</u>: Ushers distribute worship bulletins before the service. They also count everyone in attendance, as well as close/open the sanctuary doors. During the offering, they pass the offering plates and a basket for prayer requests, placing the offering plates on the communion table during the Doxology.

<u>Scripture Reader</u>: This person will do the first Scripture reading of the Service. The church office emails you the reading for the week so you are able to become familiar with it and practice it prior to Sunday morning.

<u>A/V Techs</u>: Our Audio/Video Techs work in pairs to run the livestream camera and sound system during worship. This role requires a little extra training, so our friendly, current A/V techs will work with you until you're comfortable.

**<u>Coffee Hosts</u>**: Coffee Hosts host our time of fellowship following the worship service. The coffee materials and instructions are posted in the kitchenette in Fellowship hall. Hosts are encouraged to arrive 45 minutes prior to worship to get the coffee started. Treats are not a requirement, but are enjoyed by the congregation when offered. Juice or punch (non-red) is nice for the children & non-coffee drinkers. There are also usually GLUTEN FREE options to use in the freezer in the HCC Main Kitchen.

# Two recommended changes that we're making for our coffee hosts:

- You can now CHOOSE which method of making coffee you are most comfortable with: brewers & air pots or the traditional percolators. Directions and supplies will be provided for both.
- 2. You can also **CHOOSE** whether to use one- time-use cups or washable mugs and cups.

<u>**Tellers:</u>** Tellers are specially-trained to count the offering. They are on a rotating schedule. If this is something you are interested in doing, and aren't already on the team, please contact the office.</u>