

Haslett Community Church
United Church of Christ

Sunday, October 1, 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 88.7 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

Prayer of Approach

Redeeming God,

your voice calls, marking us as your own.

Yet there are times when we choose to ignore your voice,
or think we are not worthy of your call.

Help us to recognize that where we stand is your ground, Holy Ground,
and here we are blessed to be a blessing in your world.

In hearing your voice, in trusting your call, may we find our place
within your creation. Amen.

Moment of Quiet Reflection

Hymn Response

“O Christ, the Healer, We Have Come”

Green / Tallis

O Christ, the heal - er, we have come to pray for health, to
plead for friends. How can we fail to be re - stored when
reached by love that ne - ver ends?

First Scripture Reading

Exodus 1: 8-14

Now a new king arose over Egypt who did not know Joseph. ⁹ He said to his people, “Look, the Israelite people are more numerous and more powerful than we. ¹⁰ Come, let us deal shrewdly with them, or they will increase and, in the event of war, join our enemies and fight against us and escape from the land.” ¹¹ Therefore they set taskmasters over them to oppress them with forced labor. They built supply cities, Pithom and Rameses, for Pharaoh. ¹² But the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and spread, so that the Egyptians came to dread the Israelites. ¹³ The Egyptians subjected the Israelites to hard servitude ¹⁴ and made their lives bitter with hard servitude in mortar and bricks and in every kind of field labor. They were ruthless in all the tasks that they imposed on them.

Anthem

“Go Down, Moses”
(David Jones, drums)

arr. Shackley

Children’s Moment

Second Scripture Reading

Exodus 3: 1-12

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness and came to Mount Horeb, the mountain of God. ² There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. ³ Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight and see why the bush is not burned up." ⁴ When the Lord saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." ⁵ Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." ⁶ He said further, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

⁷ Then the Lord said, "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, ⁸ and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land to a good and spacious land, to a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. ⁹ The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. ¹⁰ Now go, I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt." ¹¹ But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" ¹² He said, "I will be with you, and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall serve God on this mountain.

Sermon

"Find Holy Ground and Hang On"

Sacrament of Holy Communion (gluten-free, alcohol free)

Invitation to the Table

World Communion Prayer

Words of Institution

Sharing of the Elements

Prayer of Thanksgiving 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.

*** Hymn**

“I’m Gonna Eat at the Welcome Table”
(please see insert - verses 1, 2, & 4)

Afr. Amer. spiritual

Announcements

Invitation to Fully Fund the Church We Love & Joyful Offering

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.

HCC Family Photo

*** Benediction**

Postlude



After worship, you are invited to join us for our Holy Ground Festival.

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

Holy Ground Festival!
Sunday, October 1, 2023
From World Communion Sunday at 10 a.m.
to a celebration for all after worship

Holy Ground Festival Includes:

- Inflatable climbing & slide fun for kids
- One big Church Family photograph
- Hot dog roast around the “burning bush”
- Refreshments and fellowship
- Recognizing what makes HCC Holy Ground!



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CROP HUNGER WALK 
 ENDING HUNGER ONE STEP AT A TIME

2023 Greater Lansing CROP Hunger Walk at Haslett Community Church

This year’s HCC CROP Hunger Walk is a walk around Lake Lansing again. We hope you will join us!

When: October 8, 2023, at 1 pm

Where: Starting at HCC and walking in small groups around some or all of Lake Lansing. Runners are welcome!

Who: You! Everyone is welcome. We would love to have you walk with us.

Why: Join with others in Greater Lansing as together we work to end hunger and poverty in our community and around the world.

To give online or to sign up to walk, please use the QR Code to the right, OR visit this website: <http://bit.ly/48uWlw3>.



We look forward to having you join us on October 8.

Ministry Connections
Reaching Out to Each Other and Our Community
October 1, 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 (October 1 - October 8)

Sunday 10/1/2023	10:00 AM 11:00 AM 5:00 - 6:30 PM 7:00 - 9:00 PM	Worship (S, PL, Online) <i>World Communion Day</i> Holy Ground Festival (Fr) YOUTH: MS Youth Grp (YR) YOUTH: HS Youth Grp (YR)
Holy Ground Festival		
Tuesday 10/3/2023	9:45 AM 10:30 AM - 1PM 6:00 PM	HCC Staff Meeting (FH) Onsite Office Hours (Ofc) YOUTH: 5&6 Grade Dinner (FH)
Wednesday 10/4/2023	11:30 AM - 1PM 6:00 - 7:00 PM 7:00 - 8:30 PM	Betsy Onsite Ofc Hours (Ofc) Wisdom & Wondering (FH) Choir Rehearsal (CR,S)
Thursday 10/5/2023	9:00 - 9:45 AM 10:30 AM - 1PM	Sermon Preview Bible Study (Z) Onsite Office Hours (Ofc)
Friday 10/6/2023	<i>Time TBA</i>	YOUTH: Breakfast at Blondie's
Saturday 10/7/2023	9:00 AM	Men's Group Meets (Z)
Sunday 10/8/2023	10:00 AM 10:00 AM 11:00 AM 11:15 AM 1:00 PM 5:00 PM 5:00 - 6:30 PM 7:00 - 9:00 PM	Worship (S, PL, Online) Sunday School (SS) Coffee Fellowship (Fr) Knitters, Crocheters... (L) CROP Hunger Walk Bonfire, Food & Music <i>@ Malinda Barr's Barn</i> YOUTH: MS Youth Grp (YR) 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.



Today, **October 1**, our children will collect a **Joyful Offering during Worship!** Please prepare your change for that offering, which will go to support **Nyaka**

Global. They provide community-based solutions to address the needs of orphaned and vulnerable children in rural southwestern Uganda by surrounding each child with a comprehensive support system. This is comprised of inter-related programs developed and led by their community, where children are nurtured and protected so they can learn, grow, and thrive. earn more [HERE](#).

NEXT SUNDAY, October 8, 2023, at 5pm. at Malinda Barr's Barn at 1867 Lake Lansing Rd, Haslett



Social Committee is hosting an all-HCC Bonfire. 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.

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!

The Staff:

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Sally Sanchez	Custodian		

Our thanks this morning to:

Reader:	Steve Decker
Greeters:	Jamie & Jackson Rahrig
Ushers:	Barb & Mike Szkotnicki
Coffee Hosts:	Steve & Barb Decker
Audio/Visual Techs:	Jim Gornick
Tellers	Cheryl Edwards & Jim Gornick

Sanctuary flowers today are donated by Sandra Porter, in honor of Nathan Edwards.

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Thank you for worshipping 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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Praise God for This Holy Ground

Bell

BFF



1. Praise God for this_ ho - ly ground, place and peo - ple,
2. Praise God in whose word we find food for bo - dy,
4 3. Praise God's Spir - it___ who be - friends, rais - es, hum - bles,



sight and sound. Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah!
soul, and mind.
7 breaks and mends.



Hal - le - lu - jah!_ God's good ness is___ e - ter - nal. (Back)

770 I'm Gonna Eat at the Welcome Table



1 I'm gon-na eat at the wel-come ta - ble;
 2 I'm gon-na eat and drink with my Je - sus;
 3 I'm gon-na join with sis - ters, broth - ers;
 4 Here all the world will find a wel - come;



I'm gon-na eat at the wel-come ta - ble, Al - le - lu - ia.
 I'm gon-na eat and drink with my Je - sus, Al - le - lu - ia.
 I'm gon-na join with sis - ters, broth - ers, Al - le - lu - ia.
 here all the world will find a wel - come, Al - le - lu - ia.



I'm gon-na eat at the wel-come ta - ble; I'm gon - na
 I'm gon-na eat and drink with my Je - sus; I'm gon - na
 I'm gon-na join with sis - ters, broth - ers; I'm gon - na
 Here all the world will find a wel - come; here all the



eat at the wel - come ta - ble, Al - le - lu - ia.
 eat and drink with my Je - sus, Al - le - lu - ia.
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 world will find a wel - come, Al - le - lu - ia.

The image of a great feast showing God's welcome of all people was part of Jewish tradition (Isaiah 25:6-9) and underlies Jesus' parable of the Great Banquet (Luke 14:15-24). Such equality remains as unknown to many people today as it was to the slaves who created this spiritual.



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.



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 hcc1@att.net to sign up.

NAME: _____

EMAIL: _____

PHONE: _____

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


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|---------------|---|
| _____ 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




Greeters: 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).




Ushers: 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.



Scripture Reader: 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.



A/V Techs: 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.



Coffee Hosts: 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:

1. 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.



Tellers: 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.

