



Haslett Community Church  
United Church of Christ

Sunday, October 15, 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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## **Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost**

**October 15, 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** *“Home isn't where you're from, it's where you find light when all grows dark.” – Pierce Brown*

### **Gathering Music**

#### **Welcome**

#### **Prelude**

#### **Call to Worship**

Here in this place, there are no foreigners,

**for all are welcome in God's house.**

Here in this worship, there is only acceptance,

**for love is the language of faith.**

Here in our lives, there are no divisions,

**for God dwells in each of us.**

**Come, let us worship in unity and love.**

\* Hymn #11

“Bring Many Names”

Wren  
WESTCHASE

#### **Prayer of Approach**

**God of Ruth and Naomi,**

**God of hope in bitterness,**

**God of harvest in hunger,**

**God of life in death,**

**we offer our prayers of blessing**

**on the lives of women and men**

**who feel alone or hungry for hope and for and community.**

**God of Ruth and Naomi, who held tight to one another when it seemed they had no one, might we learn what to hold on to, what to let go of, and what to share. And empower us to hold on to our beloved community of faith, so that we will be strong enough to be a blessing to the world, sharing your love across all boundaries. Amen.**

## Moment of Quiet Reflection

### Hymn Response

“Sanctuary”  
(sing through twice)

Scruggs /Thompson

Lord pre-pare me to be a sanc-tu-ar-y, Pure and ho-ly,  
7 tried and true. With thanks giv-ing I'll be a  
12 liv-ing sanc-tu-ar-ry for You.

### First Scripture Reading

Ruth 1: 1-5

In the days when the judges ruled, there was a famine in the land, and a certain man of Bethlehem in Judah went to live in the country of Moab, he and his wife and two sons. <sup>2</sup>The name of the man was Elimelech and the name of his wife Naomi, and the names of his two sons were Mahlon and Chilion, they were Ephrathites from Bethlehem in Judah. They went into the country of Moab and remained there. <sup>3</sup>But Elimelech, the husband of Naomi, died, and she was left with her two sons. <sup>4</sup>These took Moabite wives; the name of the one was Orpah and the name of the other Ruth. When they had lived there about ten years, <sup>5</sup>both Mahlon and Chilion also died, so that the woman was left without her two sons and her husband.”

### Anthem

“For All the Faithful Women”  
(see insert if you wish to follow along)

Finnish Folk tune  
arr. Freeman

### Children’s Moment

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

### Second Scripture Reading

Ruth 1: 6-17

Then she started to return with her daughters-in-law from the country of Moab, for she had heard in the country of Moab that the Lord had considered his people and given them food.

*(continued...)*

<sup>7</sup> So she set out from the place where she had been living, she and her two daughters-in-law, and they went on their way to go back to the land of Judah. <sup>8</sup> But Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, "Go back each of you to your mother's house. May the Lord deal kindly with you, as you have dealt with the dead and with me. <sup>9</sup> The Lord grant that you may find security, each of you in the house of your husband." Then she kissed them, and they wept aloud. <sup>10</sup> They said to her, "No, we will return with you to your people." <sup>11</sup> But Naomi said, "Turn back, my daughters. Why will you go with me? Do I still have sons in my womb that they may become your husbands? <sup>12</sup> Turn back, my daughters, go your way, for I am too old to have a husband. Even if I thought there was hope for me, even if I should have a husband tonight and bear sons, <sup>13</sup> would you then wait until they were grown? Would you then refrain from marrying? No, my daughters, it has been far more bitter for me than for you, because the hand of the Lord has turned against me." <sup>14</sup> Then they wept aloud again. Orpah kissed her mother-in-law goodbye, but Ruth clung to her.

<sup>15</sup> So she said, "Look, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her gods; return after your sister-in-law." <sup>16</sup> But Ruth said,

"Do not press me to leave you,  
to turn back from following you!  
Where you go, I will go;  
where you lodge, I will lodge;  
your people shall be my people  
and your God my God.

<sup>17</sup> Where you die, I will die,  
and there will I be buried.  
May the Lord do thus to me,  
and more as well,  
if even death parts me from you!"

**Sermon**

"Welcome Home"

**\* Hymn**

"God of the Women"  
(Please see insert; David Jones-Drums)

Gillette  
arr. Rend Collective

**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.

**Joys and Concerns**

## Prayers of The People & 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.*

### \* Choral Benediction/ Benediction

“Change the World With Love”

Martin

### Postlude

“All Will Be Well Again”

Julian of Norwich



*After worship, you are invited to join us for Coffee Fellowship 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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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 the right to access our [Online Giving](#).
- Text GIVE to our secure giving number: 517-200-3995
- PayPal us at: HCCgenerosity@gmail.com



We are so grateful for your generosity!

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**Ministry Connections**  
**Reaching Out to Each Other and Our Community**  
**October 15, 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 15 - October 22)**

<b>Sunday</b> 10/15/2023	10:00 AM	Worship (S, PL, Online)
	10:00 AM	Sunday School (SS)
	11:00 AM	Coffee Fellowship (Fr)
	11:15 AM	Coffee With Jesus (MM)
	5:00 - 6:30 PM	YOUTH: MS Youth Grp (YR)
	7:00 - 9:00 PM	YOUTH: HS Youth Grp (YR)
<b>Tuesday</b> 10/17/2023	NEWSLETTER ITEMS DUE <i>Please email to hcc1@att.net</i>	
	10:30 AM - 1PM	Onsite Office Hours (Ofc)
	6:00 - 8:00 PM	Green Team Book Club (FH)
	7:00 PM	Safety Team Meets (FH)
	7:00 - 8:30 PM	YOUTH: Culver's Night <i>Okemos Culver's</i>
<b>Wednesday</b> 10/18/2023	11:30 AM - 1PM	Betsy Onsite Ofc Hours (Ofc) <i>Betsy away - Erin covering</i>
	1:00 PM	Spiritual Life Meets (L)
	7:00 - 8:30 PM	Choir Rehearsal (CR)
<b>Thursday</b> 10/19/2023	9:00 - 9:45 AM	Sermon Preview Bible Study (Z)
	10:30 AM - 1PM	Onsite Office Hours (Ofc)
<b>Friday</b> 10/20/2023	4:00 PM	Memorial Service (FH,K,S) <i>followed by reception</i>
<b>Saturday</b> 10/21/2023	9:00 AM 5:30PM-Sun.AM	Men's Breakfast @ Blondie's YOUTH: HS Lock-In
<b>Sunday</b> 10/22/2023	10:00 AM	Worship (S, PL, Online)
	10:00 AM	Sunday School (SS)
	11:00 AM	Coffee Fellowship (Fr)
	11:00 AM	Ski Trip Meeting (S)
	6:30 PM	YOUTH: Terror on 27 night

**Legend:** CR=Choir Rm; D3= Door3; FH= Fellowship Hall; Fr = Friendship Hall; L=Library; 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.



**Coffee With Jesus TODAY - SUNDAY, Oct. 15, after Worship,**

in the Mary & Martha room downstairs  
 Please join us as we pay attention to our experiences with the Bible this year. The book, *Inspired: Slaying Giants, Walking on Water, and Loving the Bible Again* by Rachel Held Evans, will be our focus.

**NEW GREEN TEAM BOOK CLUB!!!**



The Green Team book club will meet on

**Tuesday October 17, in Fellowship Hall:**

**6pm - soup/bread supper  
 7pm - book discussion**

The book for discussion will be: *Bringing Nature Home* by Douglass Tallamy. This will be a social gathering, as members of other local churches who have an interest in native plants, are invited to join us.

Please contact [kimahuston@gmail.com](mailto:kimahuston@gmail.com) if you are planning to come or with any questions!

**NEWSLETTER DEADLINE**

Information you'd like included in the November 2023 Newsletter is due to Michele no later than **October 17 (THIS TUESDAY)**

Please send to: [hcc1@att.net](mailto:hcc1@att.net)

**The Staff:**

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**Our thanks this morning to:**

<b>Reader:</b>	Rachel Bullock
<b>Greeters:</b>	Sheila Fink & Barb Szkotnicki
<b>Ushers:</b>	Bob & Sally Heisler
<b>Coffee Hosts:</b>	Steve & Barb Decker
<b>Audio/Visual Techs:</b>	Helen & David Jones
<b>Tellers</b>	Larry Leefers & Rachel Bullock

*Sanctuary flowers today are donated by Joanne & Don Ricks.*

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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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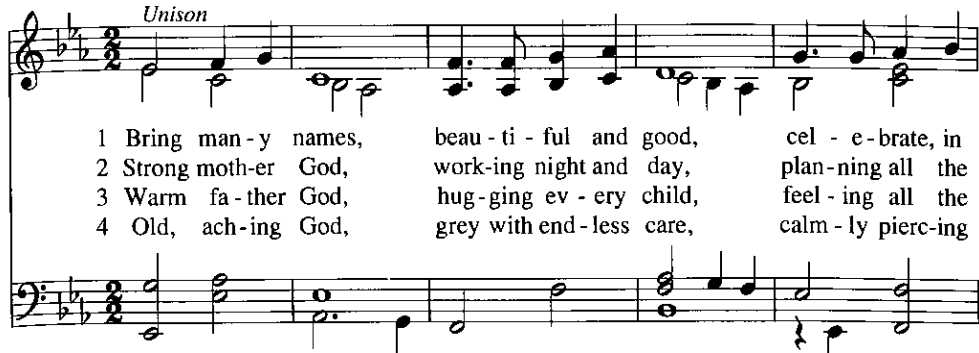
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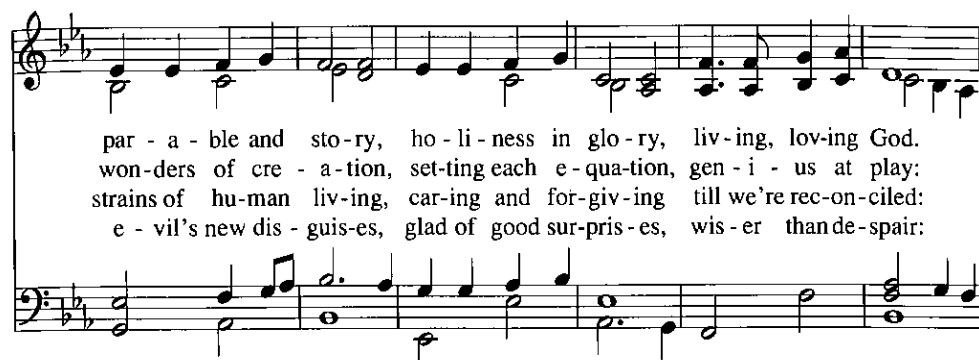
Brian Wren, 1989

Gen. 1:27

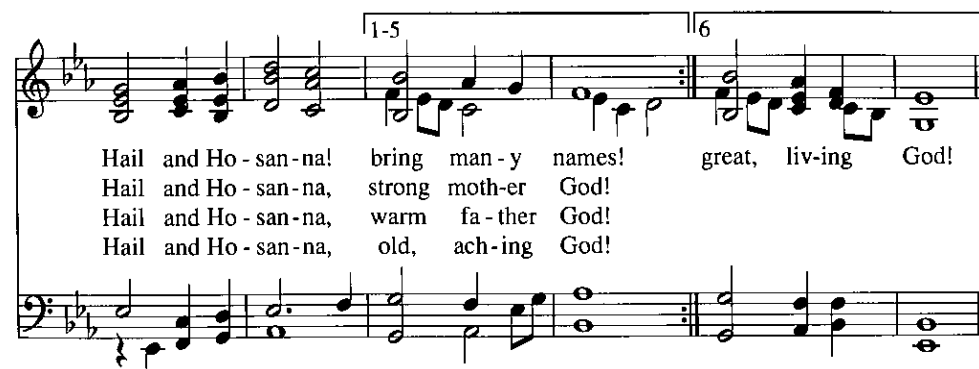
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1 Bring man - y names, beau - ti - ful and good, cel - e - brate, in  
2 Strong moth - er God, work - ing night and day, plan - ning all the  
3 Warm fa - ther God, hug - ging ev - ery child, feel - ing all the  
4 Old, ach - ing God, grey with end - less care, calm - ly pierc - ing



par - a - ble and sto - ry, ho - li - ness in glo - ry, liv - ing, lov - ing God.  
won - ders of cre - a - tion, set - ting each e - qua - tion, gen - i - us at play;  
strains of hu - man liv - ing, car - ing and for - giv - ing till we're rec - on - ciled:  
e - vil's new dis - guis - es, glad of good sur - pris - es, wis - er than de - spair:



Hail and Ho - san - na! bring man - y names! great, liv - ing God!  
Hail and Ho - san - na, strong moth - er God!  
Hail and Ho - san - na, warm fa - ther God!  
Hail and Ho - san - na, old, ach - ing God!

5 Young, grow - ing God, ea - ger,  
on the move,  
say - ing no to false - hood and  
un - kind - ness,  
cry - ing out for jus - tice,  
giv - ing all you have:  
Hail and Ho - san - na,  
young, grow - ing God!

6 Great, liv - ing God, nev - er ful - ly known,  
joy - ful dark - ness far be - yond our see - ing,  
clos - er yet than breath - ing,  
ev - er - last - ing home:  
Hail and Ho - san - na,  
great, liv - ing God!

*The author states that aspects of the divine are revealed in our maleness, femaleness, youth, and age in a moving, growing matrix of life in God. The tune Westchase was composed*

Tune: WESTCHASE 9.10.11.9.  
Carlton Young, 1989

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# Anthem

## For All the Faithful Women

Finnish folk tune

For all the faithful women who served in days of old,  
To you shall thanks be given; to all their story told.  
They served with strength and gladness in tasks your wisdom gave.  
To you their lives bore witness, proclaimed your power to save.

We praise your name for Miriam, who sang triumphantly  
While Pharoah's vaunted army lay drowned beneath the sea;  
For Ruth, who left her homeland and ventured forth in faith,  
Who pledged to serve and worship Naomi's God till death.

Lord, hear our praise of Dorcas, who served the sick and poor.  
Her hands were cups of kindness, her heart an open door.  
O God, for saints and servants, our fervent prayer we raise,  
That, faithful in your service, our lives may sing your praise.

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## God of the Women

Gillette  
SLANE

God of the women who answered your call,  
Trusting your promises, giving their all,  
Women like Sarah and Hannah and Ruth —  
Give us their courage to live in your truth.

(Oh's)

God of the women who walked Jesus' Way,  
Giving their resources, learning to pray,  
Mary, Joanna, Susanna, and more —  
May we give freely as they did before.

(Oh's)

O God of Phoebe and ministers all,  
May we be joyful in answering your call.  
Give us the strength of your Spirit so near  
That we may share in your ministry here.

(Oh's)

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Suggested tune: SLANE (“Be thou my vision”)

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For over 40 years, **the Christmas Giving Project** at Haslett Community Church (HCC) has offered holiday support to Haslett school district families experiencing financial constraints.

Each child in the recipient families receives multiple gifts and a Christmas stocking, in addition the family receives a holiday meal and groceries for additional meals.

In recent years the program has served an average of **eighty families with 225 children!**

The project relies heavily on HCC and community contributions.

Hands-on-help from **60+ volunteers** makes everything happen.

Anyone involved in HCC is welcome to assist with the tasks listed below. No experience required.

Instructions and support from a leadership team member will be provided for each task.

Task & Description	When & where help is needed	Amount of time involved	How to respond
Intake interviews – contact 6 to 8 families via phone to gather gift information	First two weeks of November – you pick the time to make calls from home.	3 - 4 hours	Contact Ruth Linnemann, <a href="mailto:rlinnemann2@gmail.com">rlinnemann2@gmail.com</a>
Set up gift storage in church basement	Mid November, you pick specific date	2 – 3 hours	Contact Ruth, <a href="mailto:rlinnemann2@gmail.com">rlinnemann2@gmail.com</a>
Pick up empty cardboard boxes from community sites	Mid November - December, you pick specific dates	1 hour per day	Contact Rich Baumgartner, <a href="mailto:rianamy@aol.com">rianamy@aol.com</a>
Receive and store gift donations	11am to 12:30, each Saturday & Sunday starting November 25 at HCC	1 ½ hr. per shift	Watch for sign up link in the November newsletter
Layout and post family ID signs	Monday, December 18 in sanctuary	10am to noon	Contact Ruth, <a href="mailto:rlinnemann2@gmail.com">rlinnemann2@gmail.com</a>
Pack groceries	Monday, December 18 at HCC	1 ½ hr. per shift	Watch for sign up link in November newsletter
Move frozen meat from basement to sanctuary	Thursday, December 21, 7:30am & 5pm	Two 1 hr. shifts	Barb Szkotnicki, <a href="mailto:Barb.szkotnicki@gmail.com">Barb.szkotnicki@gmail.com</a>
Distribution - Check in Recipients & Load Cars	Thursday, December 21; 3 shifts	Three hours per shift	Watch for sign up link and details in the November newsletter

I'm interested and want more information:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Best time to call \_\_\_\_\_

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