



Haslett Community Church  
United Church of Christ

Sunday, October 22, 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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## **Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost**

**October 22, 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** *"If you are a dreamer, come in,  
If you are a dreamer, a wisher, a liar,  
A hope-er, a pray-er, a magic bean buyer...  
If you're a pretender come sit by my fire  
For we have some flax-golden tales to spin.  
Come in!  
Come in!" – Shel Silverstein, Where the Sidewalk Ends*

### **Gathering Music**

#### **Welcome**

**Choral Call to Worship**      "Gathered Here In the Mystery of This Hour"      Porter

#### **Call to Worship**

Are you awake? Are you alert?

**God is coming into our lives in a new way.**

Are you listening to and watching the world around you?

**Christ is coming into our lives in a new way.**

Do you see opportunities for ministry?

Do you see the poor, the grieving, the lonely?

**The Spirit is coming into our lives in a new way.**

Come, let us pay attention together, let us be together, let us worship together.

**For God is good, and we gather in the hope of a new way.**

\* **Hymn #565**      "God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending"      Edwards  
(verses 1-3)      Haydn

## Prayer of Approach

Almighty God,  
who made us who we are,  
we offer all of ourselves to You.

Take our talents, our energy and our joy,  
and use us to share Your love.

Take our mistakes, our regrets and our pain,  
and use us to bring Your healing.

Magnify the gifts, time, and talent we offer you,  
to spread Your peace in the world. 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

Psalm 150

Alleluia!

We praise you, God, in your sanctuary;  
We praise you in your mighty skies!  
We praise you for your powerful deeds;  
we praise you for your overwhelming glory!  
We praise you with the blast of the trumpet;  
we praise you with lyre and harp!

We praise you with timbrel and dance;  
we praise you with strings and flute!  
We praise you with clashing cymbals;  
we praise you with resounding cymbals!  
Let everything that has breath Praise God!  
Alleluia!

**Anthem**

“One Faith, One Hope, One Lord”

Courtney

## **Children’s Moment**

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

## **Second Scripture Reading**

**1 Thessalonians 5: 16-21**

Rejoice always, <sup>17</sup> pray without ceasing, <sup>18</sup> give thanks in all circumstances, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. <sup>19</sup> Do not quench the Spirit. <sup>20</sup> Do not despise prophecies, <sup>21</sup> but test everything; hold fast to what is good.

## **Sermon**

“Holding Fast to the Good at Haslett Community Church, UCC”

Reflections by: Kim Carnes, Mike Eberlein, and Cindy Meteyer

## **\* Hymn**

“Built Through Love and Work”

Freeman

(Please see insert)

## **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 & 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/**

### **Choral Benediction**

“Threefold Amen”

Danish

## **Postlude**

“Foundation”

arr. BFF



*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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**Invest in what is good.  
Hold fast to what is good.**

**don't let go**

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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](mailto: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 22, 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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 Haslett Community Church

**CHURCH CALENDAR (October 22 - October 29)**

<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)
	11:00 AM	YOUTH: Fundraiser
	6:30 PM	YOUTH: Terror on 27 night
<b>Monday</b> 10/23/2023	6:00 - 7:30PM	YOUTH: 9 <sup>th</sup> Grade Dinner (FH,K)
<b>Tuesday</b> 10/24/2023	10:30 AM - 1PM	Onsite Office Hours (Ofc)
<b>Wednesday</b> 10/25/2023	11:30 AM - 1PM	Betsy Onsite Ofc Hours (Ofc)
	7:00 - 8:30 PM	Choir Rehearsal (CR)
<b>Thursday</b> 10/26/2023	9:00 - 9:45 AM	Sermon Preview Bible Study (Z)
	10:30 AM - 1PM	Onsite Office Hours (Ofc)
<b>Saturday</b> 10/28/2023	9:00 AM	Men's Group Meets (Z)
	9:00 AM-3PM	MI Conf. UCC Annual Mtng <i>Plymouth UCC, Grand Rapids</i>
<b>Sunday</b> 10/29/2023	10:00 AM	Worship (S, PL, Online)
	10:00 AM	Sunday School (SS)
	11:00 AM	Coffee Fellowship (Fr)
	5:00 -6:30 PM	YOUTH: MS Youth Group (YR)
	7:00 - 9:00 PM	YOUTH: HS Youth Group (YR)

**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



**After church today,** our youth will be selling pre-decorated mini pumpkins and

some sweet treats as a fundraiser for their TWO 2024 mission trips. All items are donation only, no set price. Pay what you can.



**Ski Trip Meeting Today After Church**



HCC's Annual Ski Trip is scheduled for **Jan. 5 - 8, 2024 at Treetops Resort in Gaylord.** All are invited! If you've signed up or are Interested, we are having a **ski trip meeting TODAY, Sunday, Oct. 22, right after worship.**

Choir meets Wednesdays, 7-8:30 pm in the Choir Room downstairs. We're a fun group and would love to welcome new voices. Please consider dropping by to check it out and sing with us!

**The Staff:**

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

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**Our thanks this morning to:**

<b>Reader:</b>	Carol Reid
<b>Greeters:</b>	Barb Szkotnicki & Kim Carnes
<b>Ushers:</b>	Jean McIntyre & Sylvia Davis
<b>Coffee Hosts:</b>	Russ & Lynn Wilson
<b>Audio/Visual Techs:</b>	Jon Lineberry
<b>Tellers</b>	Sylvia Davis & Rachel Bullock



*If you'd like to help by donating Sanctuary flowers for Sunday Worship, please sign up on the sheet on the wall outside the HCC office or online [HERE](#).*

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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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# God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending 716

Capo 3: (D)

(Bm)

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Dm

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1 God, whose giv - ing knows no end - ing, from your rich and  
 2 Skills and time are ours for press - ing toward the goals of  
 3 Trea - sure, too, you have en - trust - ed, gain through powers your

(D)

(Bm)

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Dm



end - less store, na - ture's won - der, Je - sus' wis - dom, cost - ly  
 Christ, your Son: all at peace in health and free - dom, rac - es  
 grace con - ferred: ours to use for home and kin - dred, and to

(G)

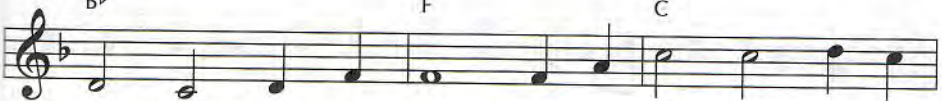
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F

C



cross, grave's shat - tered door: gift - ed by you, we turn  
 joined, the church made one. Now di - rect our dai - ly  
 spread the gos - pel word. O - pen wide our hands in

(Bm)

(F<sup>#m</sup>)

(Bm)

(G)

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(D)

Dm

Am

Dm

B<sup>b</sup>

C

F



to you, of - fer - ing up our - selves in praise; thank - ful song shall  
 la - bor, lest we strive for self a - lone. Born with tal - ents,  
 shar - ing, as we heed Christ's age - less call, heal - ing, teach - ing,

(Bm)

(G)

(D)

Dm

B<sup>b</sup>

F



rise for - ev - er, gra - cious do - nor of our days.  
 make us ser - vants fit to an - swer at your throne.  
 and re - claim - ing, serv - ing you by lov - ing all.

*Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.*

This text on stewardship was one of about 450 submissions in a search for such hymns conducted by the Hymn Society of America in 1961. These words are well grounded by their musical setting, an early American shape note tune named for a Baptist church in Harris County, Georgia.

TEXT: Robert L. Edwards, 1961, alt.

MUSIC: *The Sacred Harp*, 1844; harm. James H. Wood, 1958

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BEACH SPRING

8.7.8.7.D

(Back)

# Built Through Love and Work

Words and Music by Barbara Freeman  
For the 50th Anniversary Celebration  
of Haslett Community Church  
April 24, 2004

## I. Opening Prayer and Melody I (Choir and Bells)

*Lord, we thank You for this good church,  
For weaving Time and Love together,  
For these years, Lord, from this people,  
Hear our song of gratitude.*

*Built through love and work  
Of teachers, craftsmen,  
Spirits find a home here  
Open to all.*

*Trusting God to guide us,  
We walk together,  
Work to help the needy,  
Family in Christ, our family;*

## II. Bridge and Melody II (Choir, Bells, then All; Congregation stands)

*For this good church, born of community,  
Lord, we thank you. (Congregation joins here.)*



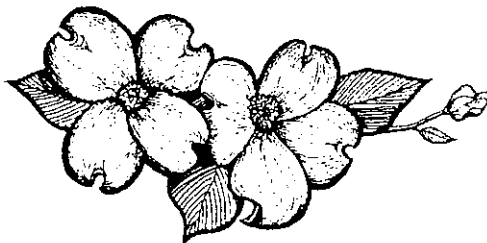
1. For this good church, Lord we thank you, Week by  
2. Through the struggles, work - ing, play - ing, Teach us  
3. Lord, be with us, guide our church as we face



week through years to - geth - er, Help us now, Lord, as Your  
pa - tience, un - der - stand - ing, Teach us now, Lord, go - ing  
chal - leng - es a - head now. Teach us, Lord, and lead us



peo - ple gath - ered here, to do Your will.  
for - ward. we would pray to do Your will. (interlude)  
out - ward where we pray to do Your will. A - men.



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 \_\_\_\_\_