



Haslett Community Church
United Church of Christ

Sunday, November 5, 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 88.7FM)
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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and humbly explore God's love.*

Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost & All Saints Sunday
November 5, 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 “And the people bowed and prayed
To the neon god they made
And the sign flashed out its warning
In the words that it was forming” – *The Sound of Silence*, Lyrics by
Paul Simon

Gathering

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude “Awaken Me” Lindquist
arr. BFF

Call to Worship

In all our weakness and strength,
with our youth-filled spirits and aging bodies,
we come to be your people, O God.

Strong in faith and eager with questions,
singing our praise and whispering our prayers,
we come to be your people, O God.

Filled with saintly determination
yet mindful of our human limitations,
we come to be your people, O God.

Made strong in your endless love for us,
we know ourselves to be yours and
we come to be your people, O God.
May we truly become your people today.
Amen.

*** Hymn** “God, the Sculptor of the Mountains” Thornburg
(please see insert) Husberg

Prayer of Approach

Beloved God, who was known to our parents, ancestors and spiritual forebears,
have mercy on us.

We do not always love as you would have us love.

We do not always do as you would have us do.

In our stubbornness, we turn from you when we should turn toward you.

Hold us, dear One –

comfort us when we mourn the passing of friends and family,
and help us to know that they are rejoicing in your presence.

We praise you for the grace you shower on us,

constantly forgiving our errors, and calling us back always, into relationship with you.

Amen.

Moment of Quiet Reflection

Hymn Response

"Awaken Me"

Lindquist / arr. BFF

A - wak - en me from walk - ing dreams,
So with your Light of Truth I see,
Your Pres - ence mov - ing in my steps,
Your Gift of Life breathed in - - - to me.

First Scripture Reading

I Kings 18: 17 - 24

When Ahab saw Elijah, Ahab said to him, "Is it you, you troubler of Israel?" ¹⁸ He answered, "I have not troubled Israel, but you have, and your father's house, because you have forsaken the commandments of the Lord and followed the Baals. ¹⁹ Now therefore have all Israel assemble for me at Mount Carmel, with the four hundred fifty prophets of Baal and the four hundred prophets of Asherah who eat at Jezebel's table." *(continued...)*

²⁰ So Ahab sent to all the Israelites and assembled the prophets at Mount Carmel. ²¹ Elijah then came near to all the people and said, “How long will you go limping with two different opinions? If the Lord is God, follow him, but if Baal, then follow him.” The people did not answer him a word. ²² Then Elijah said to the people, “I, even I only, am left a prophet of the Lord, but Baal’s prophets number four hundred fifty. ²³ Let two bulls be given to us; let them choose one bull for themselves, cut it in pieces, and lay it on the wood but put no fire to it; I will prepare the other bull and lay it on the wood but put no fire to it. ²⁴ Then you call on the name of your god, and I will call on the name of the Lord; the god who answers by fire is indeed God.” All the people answered, “Well spoken!”

Special Music

“So Will I”
(Sophie Kirchoff - soloist)

Hillsong

*** Passing the Peace**

May the Peace of Christ be with you;
And also with you.

Preschool through 5th graders are invited to Sunday School.

Second Scripture Reading (See insert if you’d like to follow along.)

1 Kings 18: 25-39

Sermon

“Well, Isn’t That Convenient?”

*** Hymn #391**

“In the Midst of New Dimensions”
(verses 1,3, & 5)

Rush

Invitation to Share Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

“For All the Saints”

Vaughn Williams

*** 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.

Prayer for All Saints (by Karla Miller of Old North Church, UCC) **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



After worship, you are invited to join us for Coffee Fellowship in Friendship Hall.

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

Wednesday Wisdom and Wondering Presents
The Gift of Gratitude
Wednesdays, 6-7 p.m.

November 1st, 8th, 15th, 2023

We love to have you in person.

For Zoom option use:
Meeting ID: 852 3938 9905
Passcode: 48840



Gratitude is good
for the soul!

Pastor Betsy leads this series
which explores the benefits
of gratitude, and shapes
practices and habits of
thankfulness in your life.



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We receive your gifts with gratitude. We have some secure electronic
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!



Ministry Connections
Reaching Out to Each Other and Our Community
November 5, 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 (November 5 - November 12)

Sunday 11/5/2023	10:00 AM	Worship (S, PL, Online)
	10:00 AM	Sunday School (SS)
	11:00 AM	Coffee Fellowship (Fr)
Daylight Saving Time ENDS	5:00 - 6:30 PM	YOUTH: MS Youth Group (YR)
	7:00 - 9:00 PM	YOUTH: HS Youth Group (YR)
Monday 11/6/2023	7:30 PM	Social Committee Meets (Fr)
Tuesday 11/7/2023	10:30 AM - 1PM	Onsite Office Hours (Ofc)
	6:45 - 8:30 PM	Choir Rehearsal (CR)
Wednesday 11/8/2023	11:30 AM - 1PM	Betsy Onsite Ofc Hours (Ofc)
	1:00 PM	Spiritual Life Meets (L)
	6:00 - 7:00 PM	WWW-Gift of Gratitude (Fr,Z)
	6:00 - 7:30 PM	YOUTH: 7th Grade Dinner (FH)
Thursday 11/9/2023	9:00 - 9:45 AM	Sermon Preview Bible Study (Z)
	10:30 AM - 1PM	Onsite Office Hours (Ofc)
	1:30 PM	Mission Outreach Meets (FH)
Saturday 11/11/2023	9:00 AM	Men's Group Meets (Z)
	4:00 - 7:00 PM	YOUTH: Mission Trip Reveals
Sunday 11/12/2023	10:00 AM	Worship (S, PL, Online)
	10:00 AM	Sunday School (SS)
	11:00 AM	Coffee Fellowship (Fr)
	11:15 AM	Knitters, Crocheters, etc. (L)
	Thanksgiving Dinner	5:00 - 6:30 PM
	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



MISSION TRIP REVEALS!
 Saturday, November 11th, 4-7pm



All HCC

Thanksgiving Dinner

HCC Social Committee is excited to invite you and yours to our annual Thanksgiving Dinner,

NEXT SUNDAY, November 12, at noon.

The Social Committee will provide the turkey, rolls, mashed potatoes, stuffing, and drinks. Keeping with our potluck style, please bring a favorite dish to share with all.

Please sign up online [HERE](#) or on the sign-up sheet on the wall outside the HCC office to let us know how many people you will bring and what dish you plan to share.

If you are willing to cook a turkey (we provide it), carve a turkey and/or help in the kitchen with cleanup or setup, please let us know that, too. We will have a free will offering to cover expenses, but plan to come no matter what!

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:	Allison Reynolds
Greeters:	Kathy Baker & Ann McGrath
Ushers:	Rich Baumgartner & Ann Pierce
Coffee Hosts:	Barb & Mike Szkotnicki
Audio/Visual Techs:	Jim Gornick
Tellers	Rich Baumgartner & Barb Szkotnicki



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.

God the Sculptor of the Mountains

D Bm Em A7 D

1 God the sculp - tor of the moun - tains, God the
 2 God the nui - sance of the Pha - raoh, God the
 3 God the dress - er of the vine - yard, God the
 4 God the un - ex - pect - ed in - fant, God the

Bm Em7 A F Dm

mill - er of the sand, God the jewel - er of the
 cleav - er of the sea, God the pil - lar in the
 plant - er of the wheat, God the reap - er of the
 calm, de - ter - mined youth, God the ta - ble - turn - ing

Gm7 C F E7 A A7

heav - ens, God the pot - ter of the land:
 dark - ness, God the bea - con of the free:
 har - vest, God the source of all we eat:
 proph - et, God the res - ur - rect - ed truth:

D F#m G F#m Bm

you are womb of all cre - a - tion;
 you are fount of all de - liv - erance;
 you are host at ev - ery ta - ble;
 you are pres - ent ev - ery mo - ment;

Em D Em D

we are form - less; shape us now.
 we are aim - less; lead us now.
 we are hun - gry; feed us now.
 we are search - ing; meet us now.

Despite the great sweep of these stanzas, each one ends by describing how our human condition needs God's help: formless, aimless, hungry, searching. Each of these adjectives is followed by a related three-syllable petition: shape us now, lead us now, feed us now, meet us now.

²⁶ So they took the bull that was given them, prepared it, and called on the name of Baal from morning until noon, crying, "O Baal, answer us!" But there was no voice and no answer. They limped about the altar that they had made. ²⁷ At noon Elijah mocked them, saying, "Cry aloud! Surely he is a god; either he is meditating, or he has wandered away, or he is on a journey, or perhaps he is asleep and must be awakened." ²⁸ Then they cried aloud, and, as was their custom, they cut themselves with swords and lances until the blood gushed out over them. ²⁹ As midday passed, they raved on until the time of the offering of the oblation, but there was no voice, no answer, and no response.

³⁰ Then Elijah said to all the people, "Come closer to me," and all the people came closer to him. First he repaired the altar of the Lord that had been thrown down; ³¹ Elijah took twelve stones, according to the number of the tribes of the sons of Jacob, to whom the word of the Lord came, saying, "Israel shall be your name"; ³² with the stones he built an altar in the name of the Lord. Then he made a trench around the altar, large enough to contain two measures of seed. ³³ Next he put the wood in order, cut the bull in pieces, and laid it on the wood. He said, "Fill four jars with water and pour it on the burnt offering and on the wood." ³⁴ Then he said, "Do it a second time," and they did it a second time. Again he said, "Do it a third time," and they did it a third time, ³⁵ so that the water ran all around the altar and filled the trench also with water.

³⁶ At the time of the offering of the oblation, the prophet Elijah came near and said, "O Lord, God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, let it be known this day that you are God in Israel, that I am your servant, and that I have done all these things at your bidding. ³⁷ Answer me, O Lord, answer me, so that this people may know that you, O Lord, are God and that you have turned their hearts back." ³⁸ Then the fire of the Lord fell and consumed the burnt offering, the wood, the stones, and the dust and even licked up the water that was in the trench. ³⁹ When all the people saw it, they fell on their faces and said, "The Lord indeed is God; the Lord indeed is God." (Back)

In the Midst of New Dimensions

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Julian Rush, 1985; alt.

Gen. 9:12-16; Exod. 13:21-22; Num. 14:14

C C/B F C F Am7 Dm7 G7sus4 G7

1 In the midst of new di-men-sions, in the face of chang-ing ways,
 2 Through the flood of starv-ing peo-ple, war-ring fac-tions and de-spair,
 3 As we stand a world di-vid-ed by our own self-seek-ing schemes,
 4 We are man and we are wom-an, all per-sua-sions, old and young,
 5 Should the threats of dire pre-dic-tions cause us to with-draw in pain,

C C/B F C F Am7 Dm7 G C

Who will lead the pil-grim peo-ples wan-dering in their sep-a-rate ways?
 Who will lift the ol-ive branch-es? Who will light the flame of care?
 Grant that we, your glob-al vil-lage, might en-vi-sion wid-er dreams.
 Each a gift in your cre-a-tion, each a love song to be sung.
 May your blaz-ing phoe-nix spir-it res-ur-rect the church a-gain.

Refrain
 Am Em F C F C G7 C Dsus4 D7 G7sus4 G7 Am

God of rain-bow, fier-y pil-lar, lead-ing where the ea-gles soar, We your

Em F C F C/E F C/E F C/E Dm7 G7 C

peo-ple, ours the jour-ney now and ev-er, now and ev-er, now and ev-er - more.

Julian Rush, an ordained minister in the United Methodist Church, has spent more than a decade as director of the Colorado AIDS Project. He wrote this hymn on the theme of "diversity."

Tune: NEW DIMENSIONS 8.7.8.7. with refrain
 Julian Rush, 1985

Arr. The New Century Hymnal, 1994

(Back)

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, plus 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.

Dates and times vary from early November until the third week in December.

Task & Description	When & where help is needed	Amount of time involved	How to respond
Receive and store gift donations	Sunday, Nov. 12; 11am to 12:30pm, and each Saturday & Sunday starting November 25, at HCC	1.5 hours per shift	
Layout and post family ID signs for food packing	Monday, December 18, in sanctuary	10am to noon	Contact Ruth: rlinnemann2@gmail.com
Pack groceries - requires carrying 20 lb. boxes	Monday, December 18, or Tuesday, December 19, at HCC	1.5 hours per shift	
Transfer Gifts - task suitable for elementary age children who are accompanied by an adult	Tuesday, December 19, at HCC	1 hour	
Distribution - multiple tasks described on opening page of sign up; see QR code	Thursday, December 21; 3 shifts	2 to 3 hours per shift	

I'm interested and want more information:

[\(Back\)](#)

Name _____

Phone _____ Best time to call _____