



Haslett Community Church
United Church of Christ

Sunday, November 12, 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-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

November 12, 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 “An acquaintance merely enjoys your company, a fair-weather companion flatters when all is well, a true friend has your best interests at heart and the pluck to tell you what you need to hear.” – *E.A. Bucchianeri*

Gathering

Welcome & Announcements

Choral Call To Worship “God Is Truly With Us” Tersteegen

Creed of Hope by Gerardo Oberman of Argentina for the World Council of Churches

* **Hymn** “How Can We Name a Love” Wren
(please see insert - vs. 1,3, & 4) TERRA BEATA

Prayer of Approach

**Loving and Gracious God
tender one to all who call upon you:
bless us, we pray, with your presence this day.
Teach the little ones who have gathered to learn your ways,
inspire those who seek your wisdom, energize those who are exhausted,
comfort those who grieve, and strengthen those who are weak.
Indeed, O God, fill all of our hearts with your praise
and lead us in holiness and righteousness in this hour
and in the hours to come.
We ask it in Jesus' name. 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

Hosea 11: 1-4

When Israel was a child, I loved him,
and out of Egypt I called my son.

²The more I called them,
the more they went from me;
they kept sacrificing to the Baals
and offering incense to idols.

³Yet it was I who taught Ephraim to walk;
I took them up in my arms,
but they did not know that I healed them.

⁴I led them with cords of human kindness,
with bands of love.

I was to them like those
who lift infants to their cheeks.
I bent down to them and fed them.

Anthem

“For the Fruit of All Creation”

arr. Holstein

Children's Moment

Preschool through 5th graders are invited to Sunday School.

Second Scripture Reading

Hosea 11: 5-9

They shall return to the land of Egypt,
and Assyria shall be their king,
because they have refused to return to me.
6 The sword rages in their cities;
it consumes their oracle priests
and devours because of their schemes.
7 My people are bent on turning away from me.
To the Most High they call,
but he does not raise them up at all.
8 How can I give you up, Ephraim?
How can I hand you over, O Israel?
How can I make you like Admah?
How can I treat you like Zeboiim?
My heart recoils within me;
my compassion grows warm and tender.
9 I will not execute my fierce anger;
I will not again destroy Ephraim,
for I am God and no mortal,
the Holy One in your midst,
and I will not come in wrath.

Sermon

“Tough Love”

* Hymn #410

“If You But Trust In God To Guide You”
(verses 1-3)

Neumark

Invitation to Share Tithes and Offerings

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.

Prayer 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.

Choral Benediction

"7-Fold Amen"

Stainer

* Benediction

Postlude



You are invited to join us for Thanksgiving Dinner at Noon.

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

**Interfaith Gathering of
Solidarity and Hope**

NOVEMBER 16, 2023 | 7 P.M.
EASTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
1315 ABBOT RD, EAST LANSING

Offerings of supportive letters and financial gifts will be gathered for our Jewish and Muslim neighbors.

Sponsored by the Interfaith Clergy Association of Greater Lansing

Thank you for continuing to support Haslett Community Church as you are able. 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 12, 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.



Follow us on Facebook
 Haslett Community Church

CHURCH CALENDAR (November 12 - November 19)

Sunday 11/12/2023	10:00 AM 10:00 AM 11:15 AM Noon 5:00 - 6:30 PM 7:00 - 9:00 PM	Worship (S, PL, Online) Sunday School (SS) Knitters, Crocheters, etc. (L) HCC Thanksgiving Dinner (S) YOUTH: MS Youth Group (YR) YOUTH: HS Youth Group (YR)
Thanksgiving Dinner		
Monday 11/13/2023	6:00 PM 7:00 PM	Property Comm. Meets (Z) Green Team Meets (FH)
Tuesday 11/14/2023	10:30 AM - 1PM 7:15 PM	Onsite Office Hours (Ofc) Church Council Meets (FH,Z)
Wednesday 11/15/2023	11:30 AM - 1PM 6:00 - 7:00 PM 6:45 - 8:30 PM	Betsy Onsite Ofc Hours (Ofc) WWW-Gift of Gratitude (Fr,Z) Choir Rehearsal (CR)
Thursday 11/16/2023	9:00 - 9:45 AM 10:30 AM - 1PM 7:00 PM	Sermon Preview Bible Study (Z) Onsite Office Hours (Ofc) Interfaith Service - <i>Eastminster Presbyterian</i>
Friday 11/17/2023	11 AM Noon - 6:00 PM	Blood Drive Setup (Fr,FH,S) Red Cross Blood Drive (Fr,FH,S)
Saturday 11/18/2023	9:00 AM 10:00 AM 2:00 - 4:00 PM	Men's Group Meets (Z) Memorial Setup (Fr) Memorial Gathering (Fr)
Sunday 11/19/2023	10:00 AM 10:00 AM 11:00 AM 11:15 AM 11:15 AM 6:00 - 9:00 PM	Worship (S, PL, Online) Sunday School (SS) Coffee Fellowship (Fr) Coffee With Jesus (MM) Member Caring Meets (L) YOUTH: Chopped Challenge

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



All HCC Thanksgiving Dinner

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

TODAY, November 12, at noon.

The Social Committee will provide the turkey, rolls, mashed potatoes, stuffing, and drinks. Keeping with our potluck style, feel free to bring a favorite dish to share with all. We will have a free will offering to cover expenses, but plan to come no matter what!

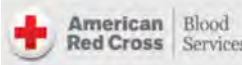
Wednesday Wisdom and Wondering Presents

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



Blood Drive
THIS Friday, Nov. 17,
Noon - 6pm

Visit www.redcrossblood.org/give to schedule an appointment.

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:	Fred Schmidt
Greeters:	Joanne Ricks & Brett Meteyer
Ushers:	Cambria Decker-Larkin & Sheila Fink
Coffee Hosts:	<i>N/A - Thanksgiving Dinner</i>
Audio/Visual Techs:	Helen & David Jones
Tellers	Rich Newport & Don Flagg



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](#).

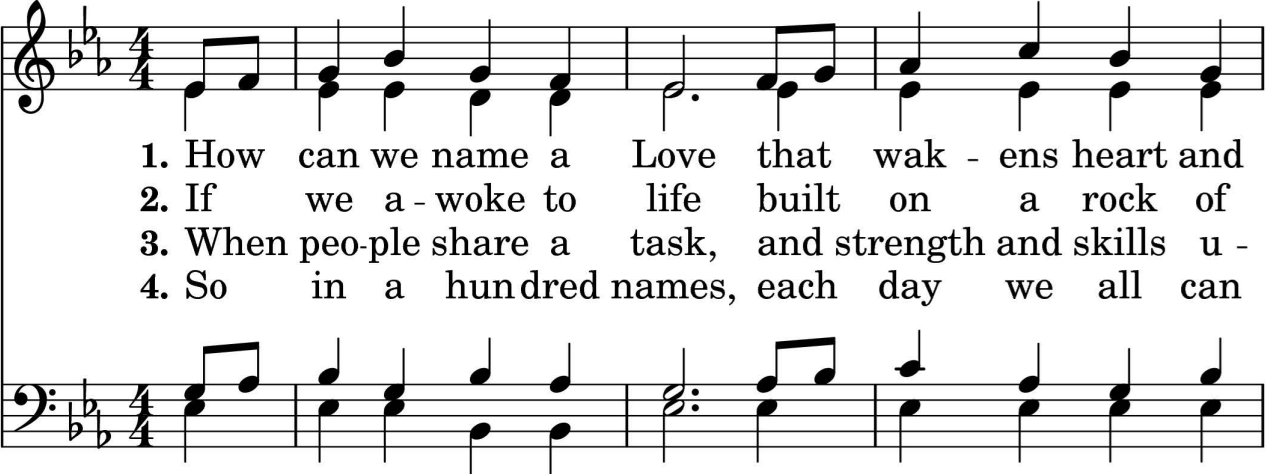
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Thank you for worshipping with us! If you are visiting, or would like to know more about Haslett Community Church, you are invited to:

- 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.

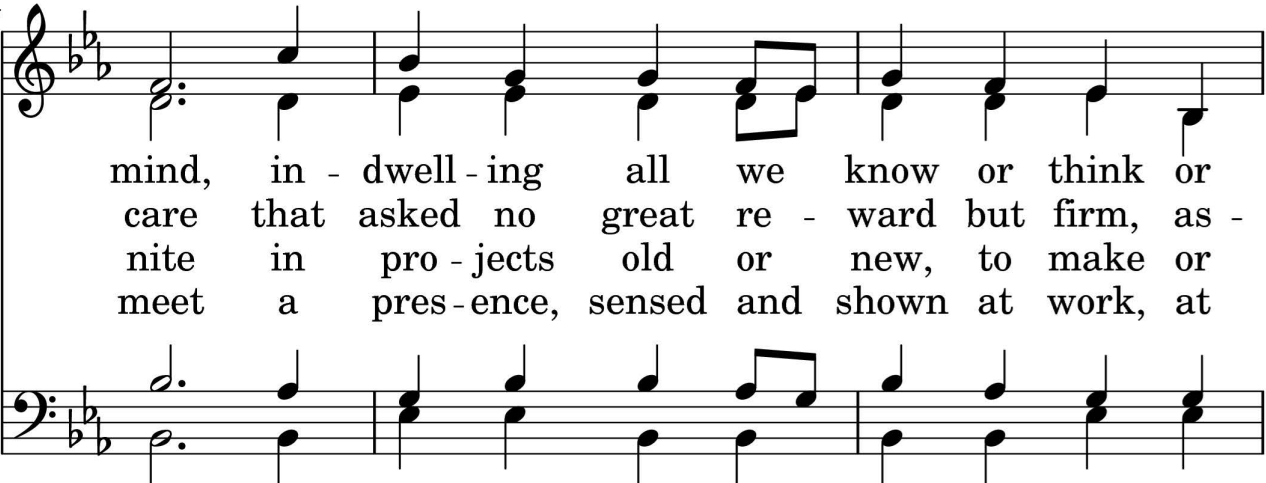
No matter who you are, or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome at Haslett Community Church where we strive to welcome everyone with the same unconditional hospitality demonstrated by the love of God in Christ for all people.

How Can We Name a Love



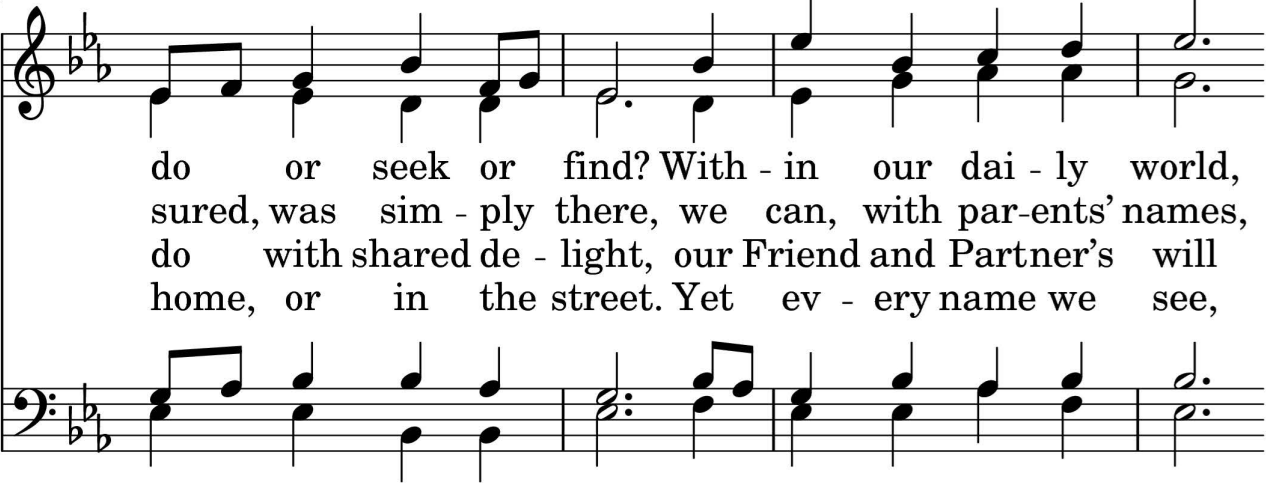
1. How can we name a Love that wak - ens heart and
2. If we a - woke to life built on a rock of
3. When peo - ple share a task, and strength and skills u -
4. So in a hundred names, each day we all can

4



mind, in - dwell - ing all we know or think or
care that asked no great re - ward but firm, as -
nite in pro - jects old or new, to make or
meet a pres - ence, sensed and shown at work, at

7



do or seek or find? With - in our dai - ly world,
sured, was sim - ply there, we can, with par - ents' names,
do with shared de - light, our Friend and Partner's will
home, or in the street. Yet ev - ery name we see,

If You But Trust in God to Guide You

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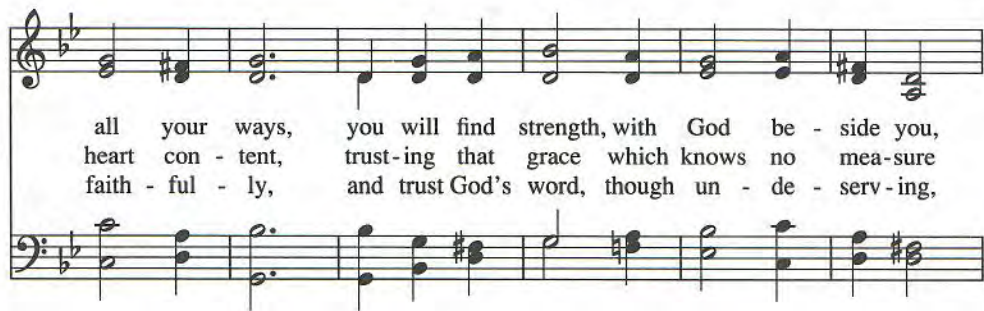
Georg Neumark, 1641

Transl. Catherine Winkworth, 1863; alt.

Ps. 55:22



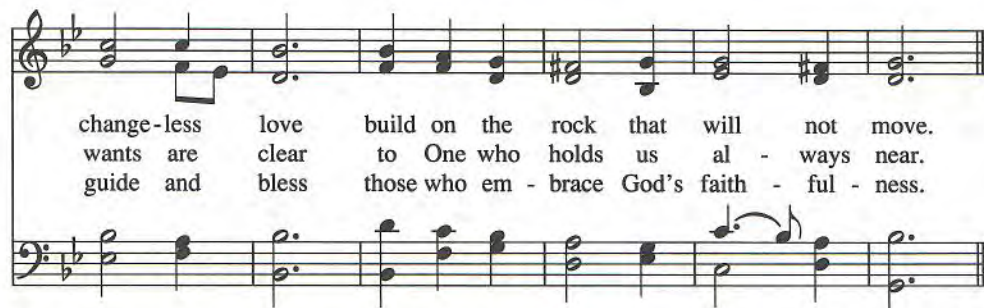
1 If you but trust in God to guide you, with hope-ful heart through
2 On - ly be still, and wait God's plea - sure in cheer-ful hope, with
3 Sing, pray, and keep God's ways un - swerv-ing; of - fer your ser - vice



all your ways, you will find strength, with God be - side you,
heart con - tent, trust-ing that grace which knows no mea - sure
faith - ful - ly, and trust God's word, though un - de - serv-ing,



to bear the worst of e - vil days; For those who trust God's
will by un - bound - ed Love be sent; Nor doubt our in - most
there find the truth to set you free; God will not fail to



change-less love build on the rock that will not move.
wants are clear to One who holds us al - ways near.
guide and bless those who em - brace God's faith - ful - ness.

The comforting words of Psalm 55:22 inspired this beautiful hymn by Georg Neumark, who wrote both words and music. Neumark was a German poet who suffered much during the Thirty Years' War.

(Back)

Tune: NEUMARK 9.8.9.8.8.8.
Georg Neumark, 1657

Christmas Giving Project - Gifts




Today is the day we begin Christmas gift list distribution. Stop by the table after the service to request a child to sponsor. You are asked to purchase 5 gifts for each child you sponsor.

You can request a gift list remotely. Send an email with Gift Request in the Subject line to hccChristmas@att.net. Put three things your email: 1) your name and phone number, 2) the number of children you wish to sponsor, and 3) your preference of the child's age and gender.

You will receive a gift list and gift preparation instructions via return email. We will do our best to match your preferences. The gift lists will be sent out beginning on November 14.

If you choose to support the project financially, without shopping, you can send a contribution on our [Online Giving page](#) by choosing "Christmas Giving Project" as the fund you're donating to. You can also send a check to HCC, PO Box 217, Haslett, MI 48840, with "Christmas Giving Project" in the memo line.

Christmas Giving Project - Volunteering

Task & Description	When & where help is needed	Amount of time involved	How to respond or sign up
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	
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:

Name _____

Phone _____ Best time to call _____