



Haslett Community Church
United Church of Christ

Sunday, November 19, 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-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

November 19, 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 We are made of contours both enduring and ephemeral. We grow and shed, transform and heal, at different paces, in infinitely varied rhythms. We are each and all invited to love that which is mortal, and to protect what we love. We are invited to shed the stories that no longer serve us. We are invited to grow, and to rest. We are invited to linger in the threshold portals between this moment, this life, this world—and the next—with imagination, and creativity, and dream. We are invited to cultivate seeds for collective life lived otherwise. – Rev. Anna Blaedel, *enfleshed*

Gathering

Welcome & Announcements

Choral Call To Worship

“Holy, Holy, Holy One”

Lindquist

Call to Worship (by Henrietta Stith Andrews)

Most Gracious God

we greet you once again in this sacred space.

We have come because we need to be reminded
of your love and your expectations for our living.

We are like the vine you planted, watered, and protected.

We know in our hearts that we need and desire your presence in our lives.

So we come in prayer and we come to worship.

We listen for your Word to speak to our hearts and reveal again your desires for us.

Amen.

* Hymn #109

“With Joy Draw Water”

McKinstry
ST. COLUMBA

Prayer of Approach

We dream God's dream, of a world at peace
Where enemies are reconciled, and children play in safety;
Where the poor and powerless find justice.

We remember God's promise of a Ruler of Peace,
Filled with the Spirit of God, of wisdom and understanding,
Of counsel and might, of justice and faithfulness.

Come Lord Jesus!
Open our lives to the Peace which you bring;
let us turn to 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

Isaiah 5: 1-7

¹ I will sing for my beloved
my love song concerning his vineyard:
My beloved had a vineyard
on a very fertile hill.

he built a watchtower in the midst of it
and hewed out a wine vat in it;
he expected it to yield grapes,
but it yielded rotten grapes.

² He dug it and cleared it of stones
and planted it with choice vines;

(continued...)

³ And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem
and people of Judah,
judge between me
and my vineyard.

⁴ What more was there to do for my vine-
yard
that I have not done in it?
When I expected it to yield grapes,
why did it yield rotten grapes?

⁵ And now I will tell you
what I will do to my vineyard.
I will remove its hedge,
and it shall be devoured;
I will break down its wall,
and it shall be trampled down.

⁶ I will make it a wasteland;
it shall not be pruned or hoed,
and it shall be overgrown with briars and
thorns;

I will also command the clouds
that they rain no rain upon it.

⁷ For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts
is the house of Israel,
and the people of Judah
are his cherished garden;
he expected justice
but saw bloodshed;
righteousness
but heard a cry!

Anthem "For the Beauty of the Earth / What a Wonderful World" (see insert to follow)
Pierpoint/Kocher Weiss, Douglas/Thiele

Children's Moment

Preschool through 5th graders are invited to Sunday School.

Second Scripture Reading

Isaiah 11: 1-6

A shoot shall come out from the stump of
Jesse,
and a branch shall grow out of his roots.

² The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him,
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the spirit of counsel and might,
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of
the Lord.

³ His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord.
He shall not judge by what his eyes see
or decide by what his ears hear,

⁴ but with righteousness he shall judge for
the poor

and decide with equity for the oppressed
of the earth;

he shall strike the earth with the rod of his
mouth,
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill
the wicked.

⁵ Righteousness shall be the belt around his
waist
and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

⁶ The wolf shall live with the lamb;
the leopard shall lie down with the kid;
the calf and the lion will feed together,
and a little child shall lead them.

Sermon

“Pruning the Branches”

*** Hymn**

“O Day of Peace”
(please see insert)

Daw/ Parry

Invitation to Share Tithes and Offerings

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.

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

“Four-fold Amen”

Carter

*** Benediction**

Postlude

“Stumbling Blocks to Stepping Stones / Joy Draw Water”

Freeman
ST. COLUMBA



You are invited to join us for Coffee Fellowship after worship in Friendship Hall.

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



NEXT SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 4:00 PM

All of HCC, including youth and their families, are invited to help us decorate the church for Advent!

Adults will make wreaths to hang in the windows, youth will decorate the tree in the sanctuary, and our little ones will make an Advent craft. There will be a small worship service and soup supper as well.

All are invited!

Ministry Connections
Reaching Out to Each Other and Our Community
November 19, 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 (November 19 - November 26)

Sunday 11/19/2023	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)
	11:15 AM	Member Caring Meets (L)
	6:00 - 9:00 PM	YOUTH: Chopped Challenge
Tuesday 11/21/2023		NEWSLETTER ITEMS DUE <i>Email to hcc1@att.net</i>
	10:30 AM - 1PM	Onsite Office Hours (Ofc)
	7:00 PM 9:00 PM	YOUTH: MS Game Night (FH,S) YOUTH: HS Game Night (FH,S)
Wednesday 11/22/2023	9:30 AM start	YOUTH: Brkfst @ Blondies <i>In shifts - see Youth pg. of Nov. Newsletter for times</i>
	11:30 AM - 1PM	Pastor Betsy Office Hours (Ofc)
	6:45 - 8:30 PM	Choir Rehearsal (CR)
Thursday 11/23/2023	OFFICE CLOSED	THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY
Saturday 11/25/2023	9:00 AM	Men's Group Meets (Z)
Sunday 11/26/2023	10:00 AM	Worship (S, PL, Online)
	10:00 AM	Sunday School (SS)
	11:00 AM	Coffee Fellowship (Fr)
	4:00 PM	Hanging of the Greens
	6:30 - 8:00 PM	ALL YOUTH: Culver's Night <i>Okemos Culvers</i>

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.



**TONIGHT, Sunday,
 November 19
 ALL YOUTH
 CHOPPED Challenge**

All youth & drivers **meet at HCC at 5:45pm** to divide into teams. Teams will depart by 6pm for their host kitchens to prep their bag of ingredients. All will arrive back at HCC by 7:45pm to present their dishes to judges at 8pm. **Pickup will be at 9pm.** Pizza provided.

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS !

It's time to once again order the beautiful poinsettia plants that will decorate our Sanctuary on Christmas Eve!

You can order online using the QR code to the right or by filling out the insert in today's bulletin and turning it into the office by December 17.



**The HCC Office will be closed
 this Thursday, November 23,
 for the Thanksgiving Holiday.**

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:

Rev. Betsy Aho	Pastor	aho.betsy@att.net	517.339.8383 x11
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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:	Steve Decker
Greeters:	Barb & Steve Decker
Ushers:	Sylvia Davis & Tom Nelson
Coffee Hosts:	Tim & Laura Roumpz
Audio/Visual Techs:	Jon Lineberry
Tellers	Sylvia Davis & Jim Durr



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.

With Joy Draw Water

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Anne McKinstry, 1986, 1993

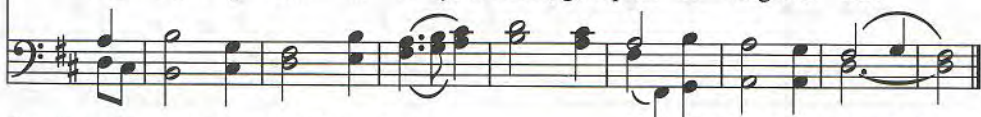
Isa. 11:1-10; 12:2-6



- 1 With joy draw wa - ter from the spring; sal - va - tion's liv - ing well.
- 2 A shoot has sprung from Jes - se's tree; of God the cho - sen One.
- 3 With love the poor will be re - ceived; the proud will turn a - side;
- 4 The wolf shall lie down with the lamb; the calf and li - on play.
- 5 With joy draw wa - ter from the spring; sal - va - tion's liv - ing well.



The Ho - ly One is in your midst; glad prais - es sing and tell!
A branch of knowl - edge and of truth; a gift of love has come!
And faith - ful - ness will be a path, and righ - teous - ness the guide!
God's peace shall dwell with - in the land; a child shall show the way!
The Ho - ly One is in your midst; glad prais - es sing and tell!



This text combines images from two Advent readings from the book of Isaiah, including the passage anticipating the reign of peace. The author, Anne McKinstry, has served as a writer-in-residence at Otis United Church of Christ in Massachusetts.

Tune: ST. COLUMBA altered to 8.6.8.6.
Irish traditional melody
Harm. Charles V. Stanford, 1906

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For the Beauty/Wonderful World

Pierpoint/Kocher

Weiss, Douglas/Thiele

For the beauty of the earth, for the splendor of the skies,
For the love which from our birth over and around us lies,
God of all, to thee we raise



this our hymn of grate-ful praise._____



I see trees of green...

Red roses too, I see them bloom for me and you
And I think to myself, What a wonderful world...

I see skies of blue, and clouds of white,
the bright blessed day, and the dark sacred night
And I think to myself, What a wonderful world...

Break: The colors of the rainbow, so pretty in the sky,
Are also on the faces of people going by.

I see friends shaking hands, sayin', "How do you do?"

They're really sayin', "I love you"....

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(to "For the Beauty" – For the joy of human love...) > > >

For the joy of human love: brother, sister, parent, child,
Friends on earth and friends above,
for all gentle thoughts and mild,
God of all, to thee we raise



this our hymn of grate - ful praise._____



I hear ba - bies cry - in',_____

I watch them grow.

They'll learn much more than I'll ever know

And I think to myself, "What a wonderful world"...

(2 measures of piano)

...Yes, I think to myself,...

(piano)

This our hymn of grateful.../“What a wonderful”

Praise.

“World.”

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O Day of Peace



1 O day of peace that dim - ly shines through all our
 2 Then shall the wolf dwell with the lamb, nor shall the



hopes and prayers and dreams, guide us to jus - tice, truth, and
 fierce de - vour the small; as beasts and cat - tle calm - ly



love, de - liv - ered from our self - ish schemes. May swords of hate
 graze, a lit - tle child shall lead them all. Then en - e - mies



fall from our hands, our hearts from en - vy find re - lease, till by God's
 shall learn to love, all crea - tures find their true ac - cord; the hope of



grace our war - ring world shall see Christ's prom - ised reign of peace.
 peace shall be ful - filled, for all the earth shall know the Lord.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

This text on peace was created to offer non-nationalistic words for a popular British tune. The first stanza depicts *pax*, a mode of peace focused on ending conflict, and the second (based on Isaiah 11:6-9) describes *shalom*, the condition of living in harmony and mutual good will.

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MUSIC: C. Hubert H. Parry, 1916; harm. Charles H. Webb, 1987

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ORDER YOUR 2023 POINSETTIAS NOW!



We plan to decorate our sanctuary with an array of beautiful poinsettias again this year! You can sponsor the 6½" pots of red or white with foil for \$15.00 each, and the larger 8½" pots of red, white, or marbled flowers for \$30. They will be placed around the sanctuary to enhance the joyful atmosphere of the Christmas celebration! The plants you sponsor may be taken home following the last worship service on Christmas Eve, and your dedication will be printed in the Christmas Eve bulletins.

Please attach cash or check to this form and **return to the church office by Dec 17.**

Your name: _____

In memory of: _____

In honor of: _____

6½" pot @ \$15.00 _____ 8½" pot @ \$30.00 _____

Total number of plants _____ Total check _____ Total Cash _____

_____ I will pick up my plant(s) after the last worship service on Christmas Eve

_____ Please donate my plant(s) to our homebound members

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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 _____