



Haslett Community Church
United Church of Christ

Sunday, November 26, 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.*

**Last Sunday after Pentecost: Christ the King Sunday
November 26, 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 “A word to the unwise: Torch every book. Char every page. Burn every word to ash. Ideas are incombustible. And therein lies your real fear.
– Ellen Hopkins

Gathering

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude

“Grace”
(Cambria Decker-Larkin, soloist)

Saving Jane

Call to Worship (by Rex A.E. Hunt)

We are a cloth of diverse colors
made from many gifts and graces.

**We are the people flowing forth from Creator God,
surprising ourselves with the things which can be done.**

We are raw material for rewarding relationships as our lives interweave,
**contributing one to the other,
holding each other firm when one is weak or breaking.**

We are each worthy of being respected and cared for
**essential to the pattern,
skilled in our appointed tasks,
sources of laughter and sharers of tears.**

We commit ourselves to work together,
**that one day, this world may be a place
where all people live in justice, freedom and peace.**

* **Hymn #591**

“This Is My Song”

Stone
Sibelius

Prayer of Approach

O God, We ask for your wisdom to discern your ways and path for our own lives.

We ask for your wisdom in the difficult situations we may have to deal with as we go through life.

We ask for your wisdom when we are making decisions

We ask for wisdom for decision makers everywhere.

We ask for your wisdom as we reach out to those in need in our communities and in our world.

We ask for your wisdom in the way we read, listen to, and interpret Scripture.

We ask for your wisdom in the ways we serve our neighbors and communities.

We ask for your wisdom that not only enlightens us but transforms us and guides us in our daily walk 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

2 Kings 22: 1-10

Josiah was eight years old when he began to reign; he reigned thirty-one years in Jerusalem. His mother's name was Jedidah daughter of Adaiah of Bozkath. ² He did what was right in the sight of the Lord and walked in all the ways of his father David; he did not turn aside to the right or to the left.

³ In the eighteenth year of King Josiah, the king sent Shaphan son of Azaliah son of Meshullam, the secretary, to the house of the Lord, saying, ⁴ "Go up to the high priest Hilkiah and have him add up the entire sum of the silver that has been brought into the house of the Lord that the keepers of the threshold have collected from the people; ⁵ let it be given into the hand of the workers who have the oversight of the house of the Lord; let them give it to the workers who are at the house of the Lord repairing the house, ⁶ that is, to the carpenters, to the builders, to the masons; and let them use it to buy timber and quarried stone to repair the house. ⁷ But no accounting shall be asked from them for the silver that is delivered into their hand, for they deal honestly."

⁸ The high priest Hilkiah said to Shaphan the secretary, "I have found the book of the law in the house of the Lord." When Hilkiah gave the book to Shaphan, he read it. ⁹ Then Shaphan the secretary came to the king and reported to the king, "Your servants have melted down the silver that was found in the house and have delivered it into the hand of the workers who have oversight of the house of the Lord." ¹⁰ Shaphan the secretary informed the king, "The priest Hilkiah has given me a book." Shaphan then read it aloud to the king.

Anthem

"Prayer of Thanksgiving"

Knox
Wilson

* 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

(please see insert)

2 Kings 22: 14-20, 23: 1-3

Sermon

* Hymn

"For the Beauty of the Earth / What a Wonderful World"

Pierpoint/Kocher

Weiss, Douglas/Thiele

(please see insert)

Invitation to Share Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

“Savior God Above”

Ellington

*** 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 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

“Three-fold Amen”

Danish

*** Benediction**

Postlude

“How Can I Say Thanks”

Crouch



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.



**TODAY! 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 26, 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 26 - December 3)

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 - 7:30 PM	ALL YOUTH: Culver's Night <i>Okemos Culvers</i>
Monday 11/27/2023	6:00 - 7:30 PM	YOUTH: 10th Grade Dinner (FH)
Tuesday 11/28/2023	10:30 AM - 1PM	Onsite Office Hours (Ofc)
	7:00 PM	Green Team Book Club (FH,Z)
	7:00 PM	Safety Team Meets (Fr)
Wednesday 11/29/2023	11:30 AM - 1PM	Pastor Betsy Office Hours (Ofc)
	6:00 - 7:30 PM	YOUTH: 11 & 12 Gr Dinner (FH)
	6:45 - 8:30 PM	Choir Rehearsal (CR)
Thursday 11/30/2023	9:00 - 9:45 AM	Sermon Preview Bible Study (Z)
	10:30 AM - 1PM	Onsite Office Hours (Ofc)
Saturday 12/2/2023	9:00 AM	Men's Group Meets (Z)
Sunday 12/3/2023 ADVENT BEGINS	10:00 AM	Worship (S, PL, Online) <i>Communion & Joyful Offering</i>
	11:00 AM	Coffee Fellowship (Fr)
	5:00 - 6:30 PM	YOUTH: MS shops for CGP
	7:00 - 9:00 PM	YOUTH: HS shops for CGP

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

Men's Group will meet at Denny's restaurant in Okemos Saturday, Dec. 9, at 9 AM for breakfast!

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.

GREEN TEAM BOOK CLUB

The Green Team book club will meet next on

Tuesday November 28, in Fellowship Hall, at 7pm

The book we're discussing is: *Bringing Nature Home* by Douglass Tallamy.

Please contact kimahuston@gmail.com if you are planning to come or with any questions!



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.



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:

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Our thanks this morning to:

Reader:	Cheryl Edwards
Greeters:	Kathleen Denisi & Linda Bennett
Ushers:	Katie Riley & Kim Carnes
Coffee Hosts:	Steve & Barb Decker
Audio/Visual Tech:	Jim Gornick
Tellers	Cheryl Edwards & Cambria Decker-Larkin



Sanctuary flowers today are donated by Cambria Decker-Larkin: "To my spouse, Skyler: Happy 3rd Anniversary, my love! Here's to a lifetime more! I love you!"

To donate Sanctuary flowers for a future Sunday, please sign up on the sheet on the wall outside the HCC office or online [HERE](#).

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Thank you for worshiping 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.

1 This is my song, O God of all the na - tions, a song of
2 My coun - try's skies are blu - er than the o - cean, and sun - light

peace for lands a - far and mine. This is my home, the
beams on clo - ver - leaf and pine; But oth - er lands have

coun - try where my heart is; here are my hopes, my
sun - light, too, and clo - ver, and skies are ev - ery -

dreams, my ho - ly shrine; But oth - er hearts in oth - er lands are
where as blue as mine. O hear my song, O God of all the

beat - ing with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.
na - tions, a song of peace for their land and for mine.

These stanzas, published during the period between the two world wars, express a hope for lasting peace among all nations, races, and cultures. Finlandia is derived from a "tone poem" of

Tune: FINLANDIA 10.10.10.10.10.

Jean Sibelius, 1899

Arr. for The Hymnal, 1933

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Second Scripture Reading

2 Kings 22: 14-20, 23: 1-3

22 So the priest Hilkiah, Ahikam, Achbor, Shaphan, and Asaiah went to the prophet Huldah the wife of Shallum son of Tikvah son of Harhas, keeper of the wardrobe; she resided in Jerusalem in the Second Quarter, where they consulted her. ¹⁵ She declared to them, “Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: Tell the man who sent you to me: ¹⁶ ‘Thus says the Lord: I will indeed bring disaster on this place and on its inhabitants—all the words of the book that the king of Judah has read. ¹⁷ Because they have abandoned me and have made offerings to other gods, so that they have provoked me to anger with all the work of their hands, therefore my wrath will be kindled against this place, and it will not be quenched.’ ¹⁸ But as to the king of Judah who sent you to inquire of the Lord, thus shall you say to him: ‘Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: Regarding the words that you have heard, ¹⁹ because your heart was penitent and you humbled yourself before the Lord, when you heard how I spoke against this place and against its inhabitants, that they should become a desolation and a curse, and because you have torn your clothes and wept before me, I also have heard you, says the Lord. ²⁰ Therefore, I will gather you to your ancestors, and you shall be gathered to your grave in peace; your eyes shall not see all the disaster that I will bring on this place.’ ” They took the message back to the king.

23 Then the king directed that all the elders of Judah and Jerusalem should be gathered to him. ² The king went up to the house of the Lord, and with him went all the people of Judah, all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the priests, the prophets, and all the people, both small and great; he read in their hearing all the words of the book of the covenant that had been found in the house of the Lord. ³ The king stood by the pillar and made a covenant before the Lord, to follow the Lord, keeping his commandments, his decrees, and his statutes, with all his heart and all his soul, to perform the words of this covenant that were written in this book. All the people joined in the covenant.

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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"....

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

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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.

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"World."

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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 you are invited to stop by the Christmas Project 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 _____