



Resource Packet for Lent, 2022
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Imagine you are wandering in the desert: tired, parched, and longing for home.
What are the resources that help you make it through?
What is your body and spirit thirsting for?

Our journey this Lent is focused on water, particularly water when it is most needed. Inspired by imagery of a mirage of water in the desert - our deepest needs being manifested. And by Christ's time in the wilderness that the Lenten season is modeled after, our theme is **THIRSTING: A Lenten Journey of Water and Wisdom in the Wilderness.**

Haslett Community Church is partnering with our sister congregation, Edgewood United Church, to share common prayers, scripture passages, and themes for worship. Pastor Liz Miller of Edgewood and Pastor Betsy will even do a pulpit swap in March. We are also partnering for our weekly Wednesday evening program!

In worship each Sunday we will dig into Biblical stories of water as the sacred source of life and explore what we are thirsting for today.

For our weekly Wednesday program [March 9 - April 6 at 6:00 p.m. via Zoom for accessibility to both congregations] we will focus on water justice, from Indigenous activism, to learning from someone with first-hand knowledge about the Flint water crisis, to water issues globally and locally.

This resource packet has details for Sunday worship, and links to short films to watch and resources to read if you would like to dive deeper into Wednesday evening conversations. You are also welcome to just arrive for worship and attend Wednesdays without preparation. However you choose to participate, let us journey together. A digital version of this packet, with working links to resources, is available at haslettcommunitychurch.org



Ash Wednesday Services, March 2, 2022



Noon: Zoom Service, Rev. Liz Miller of Edgewood United Church
Meeting ID: 899 3425 3427 Passcode: ash

6:00 p.m.: In-person service at Haslett Community Church
Rev. Betsy Aho and Rev. Erin Heisler

Imposition of ashes at all services; children's component to in-person service

If participating remotely, pick up ashes in document holders outside HCC

(find livestream link at haslettcommunitychurch.org or [CLICK HERE](#))

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday with an acknowledgement that, in the face of death, we thirst for life. Traditionally we mark our foreheads with ashes as a visible reminder of our mortality, sitting with the discomfort and humility as a spiritual practice. Ash Wednesday is a contemplative day, and we have multiple opportunities to come together in worship. If you are joining on Zoom or the livestream, pick up ashes this Sunday at worship or during the weekdays from the document holders outside Door 1. Or join in person at 6:00 p.m. for a service with prayers, music, and the imposition of ashes. Pastor Erin will lead a children's component for those who come in person. We are welcoming Edgewood to our service as well, just as you are welcome at the noon Zoom service lead by Pastor Liz.



Brown Bags & Beliefs Presents
THIRSTING for Water Justice
Wednesdays, 6:00pm - 7:00pm, on Zoom
(Zoom only for accessibility to both congregations)
MEETING ID: 860 2060 4279
PASSCODE: thirst



March 9 · THIRSTING for Abundance · Sharing Our Water Stories

From the womb to Lake Michigan, water follows us throughout our lives. It flows through the pipes in our homes, it covers the earth, and we seek out pools of it on hot summer days. Water can also be a source of fear and nervousness - reminding us of our limitations and powerlessness. We will explore our relationships with water through stories, reflection, and discussion. Bring a story or memory about water to share, as you are comfortable.

March 16 · THIRSTING for Renewal · Water Crises at Home: Flint & Benton Harbor

It may not still dominate the news headlines, but the communities of Flint and Benton Harbor are contending with ongoing water crises due to decaying infrastructure. We will speak with and learn from our own David C Jones [cinematographer for Flint (2020) and Notown (2021)] as we hear updates and deepen our understanding of the struggles these communities face today.

Recommended Viewing Ahead of Time: "Flint's Deadly Water," PBS Frontline, 53 min: <https://youtu.be/6oVEBCtJgeA>

March 23 · THIRSTING for Awe · Groundwater: Making the Invisible Visible

Each year The United Nation's World Water Day (March 22) features a different theme that helps us understand a current issue in water justice. Pastor Betsy (a hydrogeologist in a former life) will lead us in the 2022 theme of groundwater. It may sound as simple as the water in and underground, but it is a topic that impacts safe drinking water, agriculture, and even the production of bottled water. What happens to water where we can't see it?

March 30 • THIRSTING for a vision • Indigenous Activism & Protection of Water

Together we will learn about Indigenous leaders who have been on the frontlines of protecting natural habitats and safe water from oil companies. Our conversation will touch on the Line 5 project in Michigan, current Indigenous led movements, and the connection between spirituality and activism.

Recommended Viewing Ahead of Time: "7 Teachings of The Anishinaabe Resistance," Honor the Earth, 38 min <https://vimeo.com/538751145>

April 6 • THIRSTING for mercy • Trouble the Water: Local Engagement

What does racial justice look like in the framework of eco or water justice? How does our faith call us to respond to water crises or protect God's creation? Pastor Liz will lead us in a discussion about "next steps" and what it means to commit to water justice in our daily lives. We will hear from the Green Teams of Edgewood and HCC to share about local opportunities to engage in eco activism and care for our communities.

Recommended Reading: "Praying for Water" by Eric C. Smith from *Gonna Trouble the Water*, edited by Miguel A. De La Torre.

<https://static1.squarespace.com/static/5b214b3350a54fa94baf75ce/t/6218ff8f9a4e637a23871001/1645805455895/Gonna+Trouble+the+Water+Chapter+Eight.pdf>



Lenten Worship Schedule

Sunday Services at 10 a.m.

See haslettcommunitychurch.org for livestream links as services near

Sunday March 6 **THIRSTING for Abundance** Communion Service
"Strike the rock...so that the people may drink." Exodus 17:1-6

Sunday March 13 **THIRSTING for Renewal**
"God will satisfy your needs in parched places..." Isaiah 58:1-6, 9b-14

Sunday March 20 **THIRSTING for Awe** Pastor Liz Miller of Edgewood, guest preacher
"You visit the earth and water it..." Psalm 65:1-9

Sunday March 27 **THIRSTING for a Vision**
"If anyone is thirsty, let him come to me and drink." John 7:37-44

Sunday April 3 **THIRSTING for Mercy**
"I am thirsty." John 19:28-30

Sunday April 10 **Palm Sunday**
"Hosanna! Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord." John 12: 12-26

Thursday April 14 **Maundy Thursday** 6:00 p.m. Communion Service
"Jesus began to wash the disciples' feet..." John 13:1-17

Friday April 15 **Good Friday** 6 p.m. Evening Service
"It is finished." John 19: 16-42

Sunday April 17 **Easter Sunday** 7 a.m. Sunrise Svc. & 10 a.m. Traditional Svc.
"Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark..." John 20:1-18