



until everyone has a place to belong

Haslett Community Church
United Church of Christ

Sunday, May 5, 2024
10:00 AM

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Haslett Community Church Mission:

We welcome radically, love fiercely, and care relentlessly.

Our Vision:

A world where everyone has a place to belong.

VALUES:

We welcome radically because:

- **Jesus welcomed everyone** in his life and ministry, and we are called to follow him.
- Saying “welcome” isn’t enough. Radical welcome means we believe all people are created in the image of God, that their truest self is sacred, and they are worthy of inclusion and respect.
- Churches have not always been places of welcome, particularly for historically marginalized groups. We want to be clear that our doors are open wide for all, and we will continue to learn how to live into our Open & Affirming Covenant.

We love fiercely because:

- **God is love.**
- Alluding to the love of God occasionally is not enough. To love fiercely means to keep love at the forefront of all we do at our church and while we serve the community.
- We believe transformation is possible when we learn to love ourselves, love others, love God and love the world.

We care relentlessly because:

- **We are cared for by the presence and the movement of the Spirit.**
- A life of faith does not promise an easy life, but a Christian community can help ease burdens through compassion and relentless care for neighbor and stranger.
- While grace is offered freely, acts of care have value and help move creation toward wholeness, peace and belonging.

We envision a world where everyone has a place to belong because:

- **We are created for community.**
- We believe no one should be without a community that models the radical welcome of Jesus, the fierce love of God, and the Spirit’s relentless care.



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.

We welcome families and households of every size and age and want children to know they are welcome here.

Haslett Community Church

*Welcome radically • Love fiercely • Care relentlessly
until everyone has a place to belong.*

**Sixth Sunday of Easter and Senior Sunday
May 5, 2024 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: *"This is why the Bible has such enduring power. These stories insist in a thousand different ways that we don't have to settle, that tomorrow doesn't have to be a repeat of today, that we don't have to be enslaved to fear or despair- that we can change, move, heal, and we can leave behind whatever needs to be left behind so that we can step into a better future.*

~Rob Bell

Gathering

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude

"This Is a Day"

Wren
Martin

Call to Worship

When Moses stood at the burning bush afraid to look at God & afraid to lead,
God promised to be with him through it all.

When David fearfully walked through the darkest valley,
God's Spirit offered comfort and stability.

When the angel visited Mary and she was afraid,
She was reminded and reassured of God's great love for her.

When the star shone at night and the angels visited the fear-filled shepherds,
They found peace through the promise that God was doing something new!

In our worship, help us let go of fear,
As we remember God's steadfast presence, the comfort of the Spirit, and God's never ending love.

*** Hymn**

"Bless the Lord O My Soul"
(please see insert)

Redman

Prayer of Approach (by Mark Sandlin)

Good & Gracious God, We confess that all too frequently we allow our fears to eat up our lives.

We hear the calling to go and do but our hesitations and concerns get the best of us. Our need to protect what we have and who we hope to be gets in the way of who we could be. We are our own biggest obstacle in life.

Even as we are encouraged to take all risks, as long as they are founded in love, we seem to prefer and cling to the past, the known, the comfortable, the safe.

We see them, rather than love and possibility, as blessed assurance. Assuring us that things will not change. Assuring us that the relative comfort of now can be ours forever.

What we don't see is that what they really assure is that we get stuck, that we don't grow, that we don't truly experience this life as it should be. Fear is the motivator, the limitation, the excuse. It holds us back.

Fear is a lie that we tell ourselves. May we learn to leave it behind. May we learn that with Love the endings are only new beginnings and they grow us not only spiritually but closer to others and that in the end, creates a better world.

Hymn Response

“Hallelujah, Salvation & Glory” (repeat 2x)

from Zimbabwe

Hal - le - lu - jah, sal - va - tion and glo - ry. hon - or and pow'r
6 un - to the Lord our God. For the Lord our God is might - y, yes, the
11 Lord our God is om - ni - po - tent, the Lord our God he is won - der - ful.

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 41: 8-10

“But you, Israel, my servant,
Jacob, whom I have chosen,
you descendants of Abraham my friend,
I took you from the ends of the earth,
from its farthest corners I called you.
I said, ‘You are my servant’;

I have chosen you and have not rejected you.
So do not fear, for I am with you;
do not be dismayed, for I am your God.
I will strengthen you and help you;
I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.

Anthem "Empty of Me" Boersma
Lantz

Children's Moment

Senior Reflections

* **Hymn** "I Will Come to You (You Are Mine)" Haas
(please see insert)

Invitation to Share Tithes & Offerings (see page 5 for digital giving options)

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.**

Prayers for the Graduates & 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.

* **Hymn** "Living Prayer" Block
(please see insert)

* **Choral Benediction** "Old Irish Blessing" Agay
(Congregation and Choir sing together; please see insert)

* **Benediction**

Postlude



You are invited to join us after worship to celebrate our graduating seniors during Coffee Fellowship in Friendship Hall!

Class of 2024

<i>Bryce Aho</i>	<i>Leah Crist</i>	<i>Carter Gerard</i>	<i>Derrick Walker</i>
<i>Nakai Amachree</i>	<i>Della Dillon</i>	<i>Carter Kildea</i>	<i>Noah Walraven</i>
<i>Aiden Barnes</i>	<i>Lee Dudasik</i>	<i>Durrigen McIntosh</i>	<i>David Wheeler</i>
<i>Abby Brooks</i>	<i>Caleb Fisher</i>	<i>Brody Quinn</i>	

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



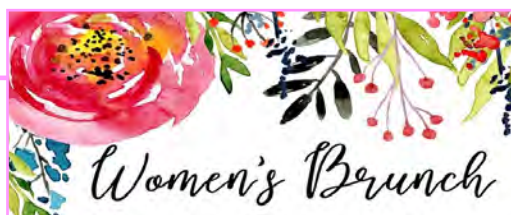
Spring Succulent Sale

Sunday, May 5th
11am - 2pm

SUCCULENT PLUGS & VARIOUS PLANTERS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE
IN FRONT OF HASLETT COMMUNITY CHURCH
1427 HASLETT ROAD, HASLETT

THIS IS A FUNDRAISER SUPPORTS OUR
TWO 2024 YOUTH MISSION TRIPS

**Women and Girls
Brunch**
**Saturday,
May 11 at 10:00 AM**



This year's brunch will be served buffet-style with a variety of delicious

Ladies, come enjoy a beautifully prepared brunch in an exquisite dining room set up just for you! The men of the church are ready to serve you something special.

Come at 10:00 AM on Saturday, May 11, and allow the men of the church to celebrate you!

items. Bring your mom, aunt, daughter, niece and/or grandmother for an event they won't soon forget.

For this year's event we'll be taking a free will offering.

You can sign-up [HERE](#) or on the sign-up sheet provided on the Social Committee board.

Ministry Connections
Reaching Out to Each Other and Our Community
May 5, 2024



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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 Haslett Community Church

CHURCH CALENDAR (May 5 - May 12)

Sunday 5/5/2024 Senior Sunday	10:00 AM	Worship (S, Online)
	11:00 AM	Coffee Fellowship (Fr)
	11:00 AM - 2PM	YOUTH: Succulent Sale
	5:00 - 6:30 PM	YOUTH: MS Youth Group (YR)
Sunday	7:00 - 9:00 PM	YOUTH: HS Youth Group (YR)
	Monday 5/6/2024	7:15 PM CMT Meets (FH)
Tuesday 5/7/2024	10:30 AM - 1PM	Onsite Office Hours (Ofc)
	7:00 PM	Safety Team Meets (FH)
Wednesday 5/8/2024	1:00 PM	Spiritual Life Meets (L)
	2:30 PM	Mission Outreach Meets (FH)
	5:00 - 6:30 PM	Choir Rehearsal (CR)
Thursday 5/9/2024	10:30 AM - 1PM	HCC Onsite Office Hours (Ofc)
	7:00 PM	Mythology & Beliefs (MM)
	7:00 PM	YOUTH: Culver's Night <i>Okemos Culver's</i>
Saturday 5/11/2024	10:00 AM	Women & Girls Brunch (K,S)
Sunday 5/12/2024 Mother's Day	10:00 AM	Worship (S, Online)
	10:00 AM	Sunday School (SS)
	11:00 AM	Coffee Fellowship (Fr)
	11:15 AM	Knitters, Crocheters, etc. (L)
	5:00 - 6:30 PM	YOUTH: MS Youth Group (YR)
	7:00 - 9:00 PM	YOUTH: HS Youth Group (YR)

Legend: CR=Choir Rm; DS = downstairs; FH= Fellowship Hall; Fr = Friendship Hall; K =Kitchen; L=Library; Ofc=HCC Office; MM = Mary & Martha Rm DS; N = Nursery DS; 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!

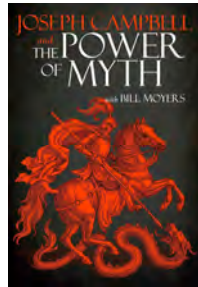
We worship every Sunday at 10:00 am.

Pastor Betsy will be working remotely May 6 - 10, as she travels to assist her parents. She is reachable by phone, text, and email during that time.

Mythology & Beliefs: Joseph Campbell study

This Thursday, May 9, at 7pm, join us as we continue our multi-week study of Joseph Campbell's ideas on mythology and beliefs. Hosted by Don Flagg.

We meet at 7pm in the Mary & Martha room downstairs .



Thank you for continuing to support Haslett Community Church as you are able. 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 the right to access our Online Giving.
- Text GIVE to our secure giving number: 517-200-3995
- PayPal us at:

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We are so grateful for your generosity!



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Our thanks this morning to:

Reader:	YOUTH
Greeters:	Carol & Dan Reid
Ushers:	Cindy & Brett Meteyer
Coffee Hosts:	Steve & Barb Decker
Audio/Visual Tech:	Kirk Riley & Jim Gornick
Tellers	Cambria Decker-Larkin & Jim Gornick



*The altar flowers today are in honor of all of our 2024 graduating seniors!
(see names on page 3)*

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.

Bless the Lord O My Soul

Redman




5 Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul, wor-ship his ho - ly name. Sing like




nev - er be-fore, O my soul I'll wor-ship your ho - ly name! 1.The
2.You're
3.And



9 sun comes up, it's a new day_ dawn - ing, it's time to sing your_
rich in love and you're slow to_ ang - er, your name is great and your
12 on that day when my strength is_ fail - ing, the end draws near and my



song a - gain, what - ev - er may pass and what - ev - er lies be - fore_ me,
heart is kind. For all_ your good-ness I will keep_ on_ sing_ ing,
15 time has come, Still_ my soul will sing your praise un - end - ing,



Let me be sing - ing when the ev' - ning comes.
Ten Thou - sand Rea - sons for my heart to find.
Ten Thou - sand years and then for - ev - er - more!

(Back)

I Will Come to You

You Are Mine

Leader or All



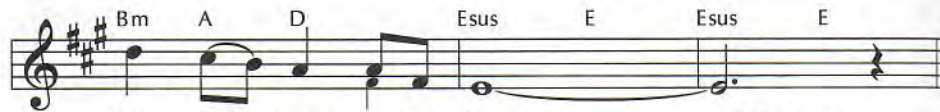
- 1 "I will come to you in the si - lence;
 2 "I am hope for all who are hope - less;
 3 "I am strength for all the de - spair - ing,
 (4) am the Word that leads all to free - dom; I



I will lift you from all your fear.
 I am eyes for all who long to see. (2) In the
 heal - ing for the ones who dwell in shame.
 am the peace the world can - not give.

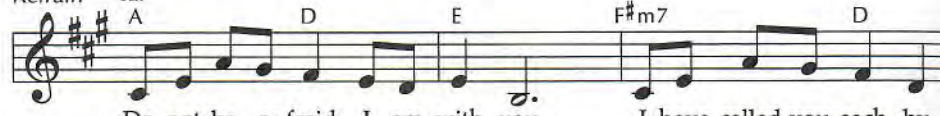


You will hear my voice; I claim you as my choice. Be
 shad - ows of the night, I will be your light.
 All the blind will see; the lame will all run free, and
 I will call your name, em - brac - ing all your pain. Stand



still and know I am here. (to stanza 2)
 Come and rest in me. (to Refrain)
 all will know my name. (to Refrain)
 up, now walk and live! (to Refrain)

Refrain All



Do not be a - fraid, I am with you. I have called you each by



name. Come and fol - low me, I will bring you home; I



love you and you are mine."

4 "I

Presuming to speak in the voice of God, as this song does, can only be done with integrity if the singers understand their words as an expression of what they believe about God's nature and God's intentions. It is an occasion for affirming faith, not for wishful thinking.

A Living Prayer

R. Block



1. In this world, I walk a - lone with no place
 (2.) way is dark, the road is steep, (but) he's be - come
 3. In these trials of life I find a - no - ther voice



— to call my home. But there's one
 — my eyes to see. (The) strength to climb,
 — in - side my mind (He) com - forts me



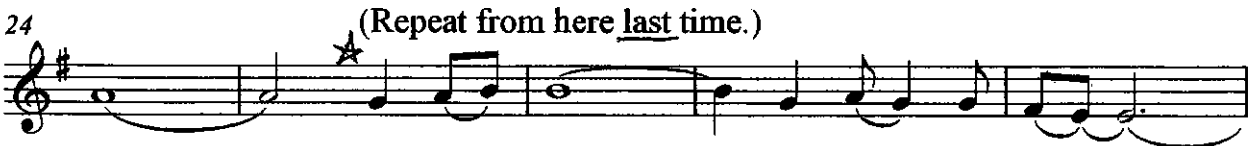
— who holds my hand the rug - ged road
 — my griefs to bear, my sav - iour lives
 — and bids me live in - side the love



— through bar - ren lands. *to 2nd verse* 2. The || In your
 — in - side me there. *to CHORUS*
 — the fa - ther gives. *to CHORUS*



love, I find re - lease, a ha - ven from my un - be -



(Repeat from here last time.)
 — lief. Take my life, and let me be



— a liv - ing prayer, my God, to thee. (Back)

Old Irish Blessing

trad. words
Agay

*May the road rise to meet you,
May the wind be always at your back,
The sun shine warm upon your face,
The rains fall soft upon your fields,
And, until we meet again,
May God hold you in the palm of his hand.*

*May the Lord bless you and keep you,
May the Lord cause his face to shine upon you-
and give you peace.*

*May the road rise to meet you,
May the wind be always at your back,
The sun shine warm upon your face,
The rains fall soft upon your fields,
And, until we meet again,
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