

EDWARDS CHURCH

A UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
AN OPEN AND AFFIRMING CONGREGATION



In the name of God and Jesus Christ, Edwards Church, a congregation of the United Church of Christ, welcomes all who seek to know and worship God. We invite everyone to join in our faith journey and participate in our congregational life.

As a community of faith we take seriously the Biblical call to love God and our neighbors as ourselves, and recognize that although we are many members we are one. We celebrate the uniqueness of everyone. We rejoice in our diversity of views and understanding of our shared faith. We commit ourselves to work diligently to help end oppression and discrimination. We affirm all relationships founded on the principle of God's love and justice.

We declare ourselves to be an Open and Affirming congregation.

Seeking to be the Body of Christ, we welcome into full fellowship and membership all persons of every race, language, age, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, physical or cognitive ability, and economic status.

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TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

OCTOBER 21, 2018

10:00 AM

A thought for reflection

“We want to give people those goosebumps that you get when you hear people singing in unison and harmony.”
—Rosie O’Donnell

GOD GATHERS US

PRELUDE

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

(We invite you to turn to your neighbors and greet them.)

* **HYMN OF PRAISE**

“LIFT EVERY VOICE AND SING”

NCH 593

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Lift every voice and sing!

People: **We will sing until earth and heaven ring!**

Leader: Let your rejoicing rise high as the listening skies!

People: **May our voices resound loud as the rolling sea!**

Leader: Sing a song of faith!

People: **We sing a song of hope!**

Leader: Trusting in God who leads us into the light,

People: **We sing to inspire our courage!**

PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND LORD’S PRAYER

(Please pray the Lord’s Prayer using the words you find most meaningful.

You can find several printed versions of the Lord’s Prayer on the prayer card in your pew rack.)

* **SENTENCES OF PRAISE**

(Please stand for the Sentences of Praise and Gloria.)

Leader: O come, let us sing to God; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.

People: **Let us come into God’s presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise with songs of praise!**

* **GLORIA**

(Sing twice.)

NCH 756

Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest!

Glory to God, glory to God, alleluia, alleluia!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of hope, we confess the power fear can have in our lives. It can paralyze us. It can keep us awake at night, so we have no energy to appreciate the day. It can prompt us to build walls. It can squelch our spirits and silence our voices. Always, it makes our lives smaller. Forgive us, we pray. Inspire us with courage to act, to trust, to build bridges, to sing. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GOD’S FORGIVENESS

* Stand as you are able.

RESPONSE*(in unison)***NCH 286**

Spirit, spirit of gentleness, blow through the wilderness, calling and free,
 Spirit, spirit of restlessness, stir me from placidness, wind, wind on the sea.

*GOD MEETS US IN THE WORD***RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS**

Congregational Welcome: We welcome you with joy as partners in the common life of this church. We promise you our friendship and prayers as we share the hopes and labors of the church of Jesus Christ. God grant that together we may continue to grow in knowledge and love and be witnesses of our Risen Savior.

WORDS WITH THE YOUNG PEOPLE

DAWN SORENSEN

*** HYMN OF PREPARATION**

"AMAZING GRACE"

NCH 547*(Young people may go to Church School during the hymn.)***GOSPEL LESSON**

JOHN 14:25-27

*(Pew Bible, p. 877)***THE ANTHEM**

"TURN! TURN! TURN!"

ARR. NORMAN LEYDEN

READINGSELECTIONS FROM *RULES FOR SINGING*

BY CHARLES WESLEY

SERMON

"WITH GOOD COURAGE"

RICK SEAHOLM

CALL TO PRAYER**CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS****SILENT PRAYER****PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING, INTERCESSION AND PETITION***GOD CALLS FOR OUR GIFTS***OUR OFFERING TO GOD**

OFFERTORY

*** DOXOLOGY***(Lasst uns erfreuen)***NCH 17**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Alleluia, Alleluia.

Praise God for all that love has done; Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

*** PRAYER OF DEDICATION***GOD SENDS US INTO THE WORLD**** HYMN OF DEDICATION**

"LET US TALENTS AND TONGUES EMPLOY"

NCH 347*** CHARGE & BLESSING****POSTLUDE***(Please feel free to remain and listen, or to greet one another in the narthex and at coffee hour.)*

OUR WORSHIP HAS ENDED...

MINISTERS
PASTOR
COMMISSIONED MINISTER OF MUSIC
INTERIM DIRECTOR OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
ORGANIST
PIANIST
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT
SEXTON
LITURGIST
DEACON-IN-CHARGE
JANIS STEIGMAN OF MOTHER'S HELPERS IS IN CHARGE OF THE NURSERY THIS MORNING.

LET OUR SERVICE BEGIN!

ALL THE PEOPLE OF EDWARDS CHURCH
THE REV. DR. DEBORAH CLARK
RICK SEAHOLM
DAWN SORENSEN
CHERYL ELKINS
SUSAN MINOR
NICOLA SEAHOLM
LORI WILSON
DEBBIE CLARK
CLAIR BALL

*Today, with joy, we welcome our new members:
Peggy Harrison and Chris and Kim Leigh-Manuell, with their daughter Ellie.*

Seeds of Grace Worship: *TODAY, October 21 at 5:30pm in Susan P. Dickerman Hall*

Join us for a relaxed, creative, participatory worship service, led by Rev. Isaac Everett and members of the Seeds of Grace Worship Team. It's a great opportunity to invite a friend, or to come to church if you have sports commitments in the morning. Today we will use drama to delve into the fascinating story of Jonah and the whale. Please join us!

Join the Compost Crew this Fall!

Edwards Church composts our coffee grounds and other bio-degradable waste each week. You can sign up to take out the compost on the sign-up sheet on the glass-topped counter on the way to coffee hour. Don't know where the compost can be found? See any member of the Green Team: Frank Carney, Karen Dolliver, Jenny Allen, Ginnie Hatch, Peggy Harrison, Mary Memmott, or Pastor Debbie.

Welcome Visitors! We are glad you are here. Please join us for coffee and fellowship, following the service. Sign our guestbook too! In the Education Building (out the side door follow hallway) are the restrooms and where coffee hour is held. The nursery and Sunday school classes are on the lower level. If you have questions, or suggestions, feel free to talk with the greeter or Deacon-in-Charge.

Accessibility



Large
Print

Available in the Narthex (front entrance hallway):

- Sound-enhancing assistive listening devices
- Large print edition of the church bulletin



- **Accessible parking** spots are marked and located near the Education Building entrance.
- **Accessible entrance** is located on the lower level of the Education Building (to the left of the Church main entrance).
- **Elevator** is located in the Education Building next to the stairs.
- **Accessible restroom** is located on the upper level of the Education Building.

THIS WEEK AT EDWARDS CHURCH

October 21-November 3, 2018

SUNDAY	9:00am	Adult Bible Study	Youth Room
	9:00am	Rental	Edwards Hall
	10:00am	Worship	Sanctuary
	10:15am	Sunday School	Education Building
	11:00am	Coffee Hour	Susan P. Dickerman Hall
	1:00pm	Rental	Sanctuary
	5:30pm	Seeds of Grace	Susan P. Dickerman Hall
	7:00pm	Rental	Edwards Hall Classroom
MONDAY	9:30am	Chairobics	Susan P. Dickerman Hall
	6:15pm	Rental	Susan P. Dickerman Hall
	7:30pm	Guided Meditation	Susan P. Dickerman Hall
TUESDAY	9:00am	Qi Gong / Tai Chi	Susan P. Dickerman Hall
	10:00am	Gentle Yoga	Edwards Hall
	10:30am	Rental	Susan P. Dickerman Hall
	1:30pm	Rental	Susan P. Dickerman Hall
	5:30pm	Hatha Yoga	Susan P. Dickerman Hall
	7:00pm	Buddhist Meditation	Susan P. Dickerman Hall
WEDNESDAY	9:30am	Move with Ease	Edwards Hall
	9:30am	Chairobics	Susan P. Dickerman Hall
	10:30am	Steeple Mailing	Jonathan House
	4:45pm	Soup and Bible Study	Jonathan House
	6:00pm	Rental	Sanctuary
	6:00pm	Veterans Yoga	Edwards Hall
	7:30pm	Rental	Edwards Hall
THURSDAY	9:00am	Qi Gong / Tai Chi	Susan P. Dickerman Hall
	9:30am	Not-Your-Ordinary Yoga Class	Edwards Hall
	6:00pm	Kripalu Yoga	Edwards Hall
	6:00pm	Cancer Support Group	Youth Room
	7:30pm	AA Meeting	Edwards Hall
FRIDAY	9:30am	Chairobics	Susan P. Dickerman Hall
	7:00pm	Rental	Edwards Hall Classrooms
SATURDAY	9:00am	Chair/Mat Yoga	Edwards Hall
	1:00pm	Rental	Edwards Hall
	4:30pm	Rental	Sanctuary
	6:00pm	Rental	Edwards Hall

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

¡Olé Namaste! Expressive Movement for Every/Body: *Sunday, October 28, at 2:30pm in Edwards Hall*
Release Your Inner Dancer! ¡Olé Namaste! infuses the movements, breathwork and meditation of yoga with the music and dance of flamenco. No experience with dance or yoga is necessary. To register, contact info@openspiritcenter.org. Pre-registration encouraged. \$20 pre-registered or \$25 at the door.

Beyond the Ads and the Arguments: A Conversation about Question 1: *Sunday October 28 at 5:00pm*
Join us in Susan P. Dickerman Hall where we will hear from nurses with differing perspectives on Question 1. This is not a debate but a respectful discussion among people who care about patients and nurses. We will ask questions and learn from each other. Soup and dessert will be provided.

Greek Lunch—Beyond Baklava! *Wednesday, October 31 at noon in Susan P. Dickerman Hall*
When most people think of Greek food, they think of lamb and baklava. However, we won't be eating lamb or baklava at our next special lunch bunch. Our meal will be similar to what many Greek-Americans eat in their homes. Some of the food will be vegetarian, and the only meat will be ground beef in a pasta dish. So come sample dolmas imported from Greece, Tiropita (it's a pie) and Kataifi (it's pretty sweet)! Sign up on the way to Coffee Hour or contact the office by . Suggested donation of \$7.

A Celebration of Music at Edwards Church: *Saturday, November 3 at 6:00pm in the Sanctuary*
Please join us as we celebrate the restoration of our historic organ with a concert highlighting a joyous diversity of musical gifts. Of course, this concert will feature organist Cheryl Elkins, as she gives our beautiful instrument the star treatment. You will also hear special selections from the Edwards Church Choir, On the Fence (our own favorite bluegrass band), pianist Susan Minor, and the Ballad Project featuring Willie Sordillo and Doug Rich. We'd love to see everyone there, so please let us know if you need a ride or can offer a ride. The concert is free and open to the public; donations accepted.

Stories of Passion & Compassion—Sylvia Ruth Gutmann: *Sunday, November 4 at 3:00pm in Edwards Hall*
As part of our speaker series, Sylvia will share her courageous story of overcoming the tragedy of her childhood and finding an identity that was lost, leading to a life of advocacy and educating. Sylvia is the author of *A Life Rebuilt: The Remarkable Transformation of a War Orphan*. Donations appreciated.

A "Taste of Compassion" for the Holidays: A Vegan Luncheon and Recipe Sharing
Saturday, November 10 at 1:00pm in Susan P Dickerman Hall
With the growing awareness of the value of plant-based eating, we invite you to come taste an exciting array of creative and delicious vegan dishes. Perhaps your holiday table needs some fresh ideas—come talk to the chefs and get some new recipes to add to your repertoire. If you want to volunteer at the event or bring a vegan dish to share, email Mary Memmott (memmottm@gmail.com). Suggested donation of \$5 per person.

The Injustice of Climate Change — A Call for Action
Monday, October 22, 2018 7-9 pm Plymouth Church in Framingham 87 Edgell Road
Join Massachusetts Interfaith Power and Light for their annual conference. The keynote address, "Children's Health: The Front Line in Battling Carbon Pollution" will be given by Gina McCarthy, Director of C-CHANGE (Center for Climate, Health and the Global Environment) at the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health; and former head of the US EPA. Please register at <https://conta.cc/2OgyBwq>.

Edwards Team Walks to Aid Suicide Prevention: *Sunday, October 27 in Boston*
Suicide claims more lives than war, murder, and natural disasters combined. Nearly 45,000 Americans commit suicide each year. For every suicide there are twenty-five people who attempt suicide. The Edwards Church team will be supporting this important cause in the Boston walk later this month. Please consider joining us and/or donating via the following link: <https://afsp.donordrive.com/participant/Ronda-Yeomans>.