

# 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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**A thought for reflection**

“Faith is an oasis in the heart which will never be reached by the caravan of thinking.”

—Khalil Gibran

*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**

“GUIDE ME, O MY GREAT REDEEMER”

**NCH 18**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: We are hungry.

People: **Let us feast on the bread of heaven.**

Leader: We are thirsty.

People: **Let us drink from the crystal fountain of God’s living water.**

Leader: We come seeking respite, renewal, and strength.

People: **Let us gather in this oasis of hope to worship God.**

**PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND LORD’S PRAYER**

*(Please pray the Lord’s Prayer using the words you find most meaningful. There are several versions in your pew rack.)*

\* **SENTENCES OF PRAISE**

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

Leader: This is the day God has made!

People: **Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

Leader: Praise God!

People: **All that is within me praise God’s holy name!**

\* **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**

There are times, O God, when it feels as though we wander through a desert—dry, desolate, despairing. In the midst of the desert, you bless us with oasis—water to quench our thirst, music to lift our spirits, community to awaken us to hope.

Forgive us, God, when we do not stop to drink. Forgive us, God, when we claim the oasis as ours alone. Awaken us to this gift of hope; inspire us to expand the vision so all can drink of it. Amen.

**ASSURANCE OF GOD’S FORGIVENESS**

**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.

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\* *Stand as you are able.*

## GOD MEETS US IN THE WORD

### COMMISSIONING OF THE ASSOCIATE PASTOR SEARCH COMMITTEE

#### STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

HEATHER GONZALEZ

#### THE ANTHEM

“FOR ALL THE SAINTS”

ARR. CHRISTOPHER WILLCOCK

#### A LITANY OF REMEMBRANCE

**People:** For all the saints who from their labors rest, Your name, O Jesus, be forever blessed.

**Leader:** For the saints of our churches—

**People:** Saints who founded our churches and built the buildings,

**Leader:** Saints who taught Sunday School and raked leaves,

**People:** Saints who visited hospitals and prayed for the community,

**Leader:** Saints who made pancakes and cared for the homeless—

**People:** Your name, O Jesus, be forever blessed!

**Leader:** For the saints in our families—

**People:** Mothers and fathers, grandparents and children,

**Leader:** Saints who held us when we were young,

**People:** Saints who guided us as we grew up,

**Leader:** Saints who laughed with us and cried for us—

**People:** Your name, O Jesus, be forever blessed!

**Leader:** In gratitude for the gifts they have brought us, we lift up the names of the saints who have died... *(please lift up names)*

**Leader:** You were their hope that put their fears to flight.

**People:** Be our hope, O Christ; put our fears to flight.

**Leader:** May they inspire us to live faithfully.

**People:** May we honor their memory by serving you, O Christ.

**All:** Alleluia! Alleluia!

#### THE GOSPEL LESSON

JOHN 4:1-15

*(Pew Bible p. 864)*

#### SERMON

“AN OASIS OF HOPE”

REV. DR. DEBORAH CLARK

#### 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 CALLS US TO THE TABLE

### THE LORD'S SUPPER

HYMN OF COMMUNION "BE KNOWN TO US IN BREAKING BREAD"

**NCH 342**

THE INVITATION TO THE TABLE

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

THE GIVING OF THE BREAD AND THE CUP AT THE TABLE

THE THANKSGIVING *(in unison)*

We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us at your table by granting us the presence of Jesus Christ. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us forth into the world in courage and peace, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

## GOD SENDS US INTO THE WORLD

\* **HYMN OF DEDICATION** "COME, O FOUNT OF EVERY BLESSING"

**NCH 459**

\* **CHARGE & BENEDICTION**

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

### OUR WORSHIP HAS ENDED...

### LET OUR SERVICE BEGIN!

MINISTERS

ALL THE PEOPLE OF EDWARDS CHURCH

PASTOR

THE REV. DR. DEBORAH CLARK

COMMISSIONED MINISTER OF MUSIC

RICK SEAHOLM

INTERIM DIRECTOR OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

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SEXTON

LORI WILSON

LITURGIST

CHRIS LEIGH-MANUELL

DEACON-IN-CHARGE

SHELLY CICHOWLAS

COMMUNION SERVERS

CLAIR BALL & RUTH CARNEY

JANIS STEIGMAN OF MOTHER'S HELPERS IS IN CHARGE OF THE NURSERY THIS MORNING.

# This Week At Edwards Church

November 4-10, 2018

|                  |                     |  |                                       |
|------------------|---------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| <b>SUNDAY</b>    | <b>9:00am</b>       | <b>Adult Bible Study</b> .....                   | <b>Youth Room</b>                     |
|                  | <b>9:00am</b>       | <b>Rental</b> .....                              | <b>Edwards Hall</b>                   |
|                  | <b>10:00am</b>      | <b>Worship</b> .....                             | <b>Sanctuary</b>                      |
|                  | <b>10:00am</b>      | <b>Sunday School</b> .....                       | <b>Education Building</b>             |
|                  | <b>11:00am</b>      | <b>Congregational Meeting</b> .....              | <b>Susan P. Dickerman Hall</b>        |
|                  | <b>1:00pm</b>       | <b>Rental</b> .....                              | <b>Sanctuary</b>                      |
|                  | <b>3:00pm</b>       | <b><i>Sylvia Ruth Gutmann Talk</i></b> .....     | <b><i>Edwards Hall</i></b>            |
| <b>MONDAY</b>    | <b>9:30am</b>       | <b>Chairobics</b> .....                          | <b>Susan P. Dickerman Hall</b>        |
|                  | <b>6:15pm</b>       | <b>Rental</b> .....                              | <b>Susan P. Dickerman Hall</b>        |
|                  | <b>7:30pm</b>       | <b>Rental</b> .....                              | <b>Edwards Hall Classroom</b>         |
|                  | <b>7:30pm</b>       | <b>Board of Trustees</b> .....                   | <b>Jonathan House</b>                 |
|                  | <b>7:30pm</b>       | <b><i>Guided Meditation</i></b> .....            | <b><i>Susan P. Dickerman Hall</i></b> |
| <b>TUESDAY</b>   | <b>ELECTION DAY</b> |  |                                       |
|                  | <b>9:00am</b>       | <b><i>Qi Gong / Tai Chi</i></b> .....            | <b><i>Susan P. Dickerman Hall</i></b> |
|                  | <b>10:00am</b>      | <b><i>Gentle Yoga</i></b> .....                  | <b><i>Edwards Hall</i></b>            |
|                  | <b>1:00pm</b>       | <b>Nursing Home Services</b> .....               | <b>Heritage and Oak Knoll</b>         |
|                  | <b>1:30pm</b>       | <b>Rental</b> .....                              | <b>Susan P. Dickerman Hall</b>        |
|                  | <b>5:30pm</b>       | <b><i>Hatha Yoga</i></b> .....                   | <b><i>Susan P. Dickerman Hall</i></b> |
| <b>WEDNESDAY</b> | <b>9:30am</b>       | <b><i>Move with Ease</i></b> .....               | <b><i>Edwards Hall</i></b>            |
|                  | <b>9:30am</b>       | <b>Chairobics</b> .....                          | <b>Susan P. Dickerman Hall</b>        |
|                  | <b>11:00am</b>      | <b>Nursing Home Services</b> .....               | <b>Countryside</b>                    |
|                  | <b>12:00pm</b>      | <b>Lunch Bunch</b> .....                         | <b>Susan P. Dickerman Hall</b>        |
|                  | <b>1:15pm</b>       | <b><i>Prayer Shawl Knitters</i></b> .....        | <b><i>Edwards Hall</i></b>            |
|                  | <b>6:00pm</b>       | <b>Rental</b> .....                              | <b>Sanctuary</b>                      |
|                  | <b>6:00pm</b>       | <b><i>Veterans Yoga</i></b> .....                | <b><i>Edwards Hall</i></b>            |
|                  | <b>7:15pm</b>       | <b>Diaconate</b> .....                           | <b>Jonathan House</b>                 |
|                  | <b>7:30pm</b>       | <b>Rental</b> .....                              | <b>Edwards Hall</b>                   |
| <b>THURSDAY</b>  | <b>9:30am</b>       | <b><i>Not-Your-Ordinary Yoga Class</i></b> ..... | <b><i>Edwards Hall</i></b>            |
|                  | <b>6:00pm</b>       | <b><i>Kripalu Yoga</i></b> .....                 | <b><i>Edwards Hall</i></b>            |
|                  | <b>6:00pm</b>       | <b><i>Cancer Support Group</i></b> .....         | <b><i>Youth Room</i></b>              |
|                  | <b>7:15pm</b>       | <b>Choir Rehearsal</b> .....                     | <b>Susan P. Dickerman Hall</b>        |
|                  | <b>7:30pm</b>       | <b>Rental</b> .....                              | <b>Edwards Hall</b>                   |
| <b>FRIDAY</b>    | <b>9:30am</b>       | <b>Chairobics</b> .....                          | <b>Susan P. Dickerman Hall</b>        |
|                  | <b>7:00pm</b>       | <b>Rental</b> .....                              | <b>Edwards Hall Classrooms</b>        |
| <b>SATURDAY</b>  | <b>9:00am</b>       | <b>Chair/Mat Yoga</b> .....                      | <b>Edwards Hall</b>                   |
|                  | <b>1:00pm</b>       | <b><i>Taste of Compassion</i></b> .....          | <b><i>Susan P. Dickerman Hall</i></b> |
|                  | <b>4:00pm</b>       | <b>Rental</b> .....                              | <b>Edwards Hall</b>                   |

4:30pm Rental ..... Sanctuary

# Communion Note

You are invited to come to the communion table to partake of the Lord's Feast. Come forward row by row from the back to be served. Dip the bread in the **grape juice** in the chalice on your **left** or in the **wine** in the chalice on your **right**. Proceed back to your seats by the side aisles. If you prefer to be served at your seat, we will come to you.

The **Communion Offering** is used for confidential emergency needs. If you or someone you know has a need, bring this to the attention of the minister or a member of the Diaconate. The offering envelopes are in the pew racks. Put your name on the envelope for tax credit purposes. Please consider this offering thoughtfully.

# 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.

# Edwards Church Announcements

## **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](mailto:memmottm@gmail.com)). Suggested donation of \$5 per person.

## **Veterans Appreciation Dinner**

*Sunday, November 11 at 5:00pm*

*Plymouth Church Fellowship Hall (87 Edgell Road in Framingham)*

In gratitude for their service, Edwards Church, Open Spirit, and Plymouth Church invite veterans and their families to a dinner of appreciation. The dinner will feature speakers Janice and Trenton Parsons who served in the Iraq war and who now serve our community as Boston fire fighters. There will be a musical offering by the Dave Jost / Don Ryan Jazz Duo. Please RSVP to 508-875-1364 by Monday, November 5 (tomorrow!) to be entered in our raffle. If you would like to volunteer in advance or at the event, please contact Debbie.

## **Veterans Day Slide Show**

*Send photos by Monday, November 5*

If you would like to share a picture of yourself in uniform or honor a loved one who has served in the military, please send a photo and caption to Nicola. If you only have a hard copy, Nicola will be happy to scan it for you and will take great care of your photo. You can hand it to her at church or stop by the office. The slide show will be on display during coffee hour on Sunday, November 11.

# Open Spirit Announcements

## **Inspiring Courage: Stories of Passion & Compassion—Sylvia Ruth Gutmann**

*TODAY 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; half of all donations will go to support HIAS, a Jewish organization dedicated to supporting refugees from all over.

## **Personal Change Through Earth Connection**

*Sunday, November 18 at 2:00pm in Edwards Hall*



Join Rabbi Katy Allen in celebrating the publication of her compilation of writings by poets, rabbis, environmentalists, and justice seekers, *Earth Etudes for Elul: Spiritual Reflections for the Season*. Learn what an “earth etude” is, hear from etude writers Thea Iberall and Maxine Lyons, and join in a discussion about engaging in personal self-reflection in relationship to the Earth as a pathway to growth and a stronger connection to the sacred. Help begin an interfaith effort, “*Earth Etudes for Everyday*.” Signed books will be available for purchase. Donations appreciated.

# For All the Saints

Willian H. How, 1823-1897, alt.

SINE NOMINE, 10 10 10 with alleluias

Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872-1958



1. For all the saints who from their labors rest, who
2. O blest com - mu - nion, fel - low - ship di - vine! \_\_\_\_\_
3. But lo! there breaks a yet more glo - rious day: the
4. From earth's wide bounds, from o - cean's far - thest coast, through



1. thee \_\_\_\_\_ by faith be - fore the world con - fessed, thy
2. We fee - bly strug - gle, they in glo - ry shine, yet
3. saints \_\_\_\_\_ tri - um - phant rise in bright ar - ray; the
4. gates \_\_\_\_\_ of pearl streams in the count - less host, \_\_\_\_\_



1. name, O \_\_\_\_\_ Je - sus, be for ev - er \_\_\_\_\_ blest. Hal -
2. all are \_\_\_\_\_ one in thee, for all \_\_\_\_\_ are \_\_\_\_\_ thine. Hal -
3. King of \_\_\_\_\_ glo - ry pass - es on \_\_\_\_\_ his \_\_\_\_\_ way. Hal -
4. sing - ing to Fa - ther, Son and Ho - ly \_\_\_\_\_ Ghost, Hal -



- 1.-4. - le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah.

## Music Note

The text for this morning's anthem predates the familiar tune by nearly fifty years. It achieved lasting prominence after Ralph Vaughan Williams' setting this tune (which he named "Sine Nomine," literally "without name") for publication in the 1906 English Hymnal. It has since been included in most every hymnal that is published.