

A thought for reflection

“And when I give thanks for the seemingly microscopic, I make a place for God to grow within me.”

—Ann Voskamp

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**

“WE PRAISE YOU, O GOD”

NCH 420

CALL TO WORSHIP

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!**

Leader: For God is a great God, and a great sovereign above all gods.

People: **In God’s hand are the depths of the earth, and the heights of the mountains also.**

Leader: The sea belongs to God, its Maker, whose hands formed the dry land.

People: **O come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before God, our Maker!**

All: **For we are of God. We are the people of God’s pasture, and the sheep of God’s hand.**

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.)

(From Psalm 25)

Leader: O sing to God a new song; sing praise, all the earth!

People: **Sing, and bless God’s name; tell of God’s salvation from day to day!**

*** 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

(in unison)

O God, Source of all that makes life possible, Giver of all that makes life good, we gather to give you our thanks. Yet we confess that we have failed to live our thankfulness: what we have we take for granted, and we grumble about what we lack. We have squandered your bounty with little thought for those who will come after us. We are more troubled by the few who have more than by the many who have less. Forgive us, O God. In this hour of worship, accept our thanksgiving, and teach us to make gratitude and sharing our way of life, through the grace of Jesus Christ. 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

WORDS WITH THE YOUNG PEOPLE

DEDICATION OF OUR GIFTS AND PLEDGES

* LITANY OF DEDICATION

Leader 1: God, you have led us to this oasis,

Leader 2: Calling us to care for it and to share its bounty.

Leader 3: With gratitude for our calling, we offer you these gifts.

People: May these gifts express our gratitude and hope.

Leader 1: May our gifts help us learn about your love.

Leader 2: May our gifts offer hope to a neighbor in need.

Leader 3: May our gifts lead to music that inspires souls.

People: May these gifts express our gratitude and hope.

Leader 1: May our gifts deepen our trust in you.

Leader 2: May our gifts draw us into closer community.

Leader 3: May our gifts strengthen your church.

People: May these gifts express our gratitude and hope.

* HYMN OF PREPARATION "GOD WHO BREATHES YOUR LIFE INTO US"

(See insert.)

(Young people may go to Church School during the hymn.)

THE HEBREW BIBLE LESSON

PSALM 65

(Pew Bible, p. 459)

THE ANTHEM

"BOUNTIFUL BLESSINGS"

BRAD NIX

THE EPISTLE LESSON

PHILIPPIANS 4:4-9

(Pew Bible, p. 955)

THE SERMON

"BEAUTY BEYOND WHAT WE SEE"

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 SENDS US INTO THE WORLD

* **HYMN OF DEDICATION** "NOW THANK WE ALL OUR GOD"

NCH 419

* **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...

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
CHRIS LEIGH-MANUELL
ELLIE KELL

Music Note



Thanksgiving Sunday is always a favorite day to highlight our organ, fresh off its summer restoration. Many hymns and anthems from the Protestant music tradition feature strong four-part writing which best shines on such an instrument as ours.

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

November 18-24, 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
	2:00pm	Rabbi Katy Allen Book Event	Edwards Hall
	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
	7:00pm	Trans Day of Remembrance	First Parish in Needham
	7:30pm	Rental	Edwards Hall Classroom
	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
	1:30pm	Rental	Susan P. Dickerman Hall
	5:00pm	Rental	Edwards Hall
	5:30pm	Hatha Yoga	Susan P. Dickerman Hall
	7:00pm	Interfaith Thanksgiving Service	Temple Beth Am
WEDNESDAY	9:00am	Steeple Articles Due	nicola@edwardschurch.org
	9:30am	Chairobics	Susan P. Dickerman Hall
	12:00pm	Lunch Bunch	Susan P. Dickerman Hall
	6:00pm	Rental	Sanctuary
	7:30pm	Rental	Edwards Hall
	THURSDAY	OFFICE CLOSED: Thanksgiving Day	
7:30pm		AA Meeting	Edwards Hall
FRIDAY	OFFICE CLOSED		
	9:30am	Chairobics	Susan P. Dickerman Hall
	7:00pm	Rental	Edwards Hall Classrooms
SATURDAY	4:30pm	Rental	Sanctuary
	6:00pm	Rental	Edwards Hall

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, or Mary Memmott.

Important Announcements

Seeds Of Grace Worship

TODAY at 5:30pm in Susan P. Dickerman Hall

Join us this evening for Dinner Church! Rev. Isaac Everett will lead us in music and worship as we reflect on Thanksgiving then and now.

Personal Change Through Earth Connection

TODAY 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.

Transgender Day of Remembrance Service

Monday, November 19, 2018 at 7:00pm, First Parish in Needham, UU (23 Dedham Avenue)

The Needham Interfaith Transgender Day of Remembrance and Resilience annual observance honors the memory of those whose lives were lost in acts of anti-transgender violence. It was started by transgender advocate Gwendolyn Ann Smith as a vigil to honor the memory of Rita Hester, a transgender woman who was killed in 1998 in Allston. If you would like to attend with a group from Edwards Church, please email pastor@edwardschurch.org or call the office.

Interfaith Thanksgiving Service

Thursday, November 20 at 7:00pm at Temple Beth Am (300 Pleasant Street)

Join neighbors and friends from many faith traditions in a lively, music-filled intergenerational Interfaith Thanksgiving Service. Music will include a bell choir and lots of singing. There will be a special message and art project for young people, and reflections on gratitude from different faith traditions. Invite your neighbors and friends!

Beautifying our Campus

Sunday, November 25 after church

Come work off your Thanksgiving Dinner with a few hours of yard work and/or indoor cleaning! We will spruce up our campus, indoors and out, and then we will celebrate with pizza!

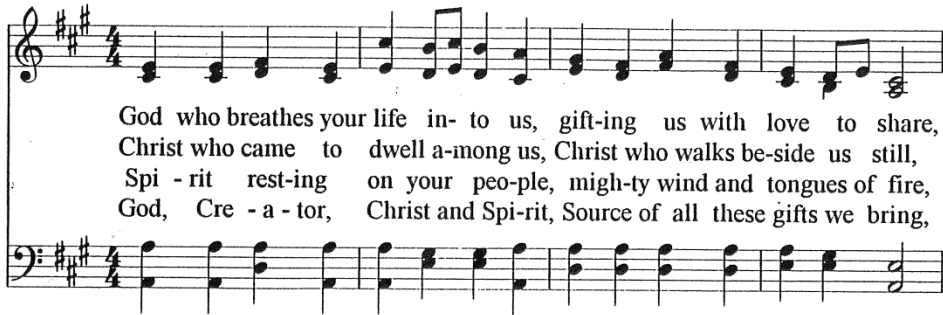
Gifts that Give: A Holiday Fair Of Hope—With Santa on a Fire Truck!

Saturday, December 8, 1:00-4:00pm in Edwards Hall

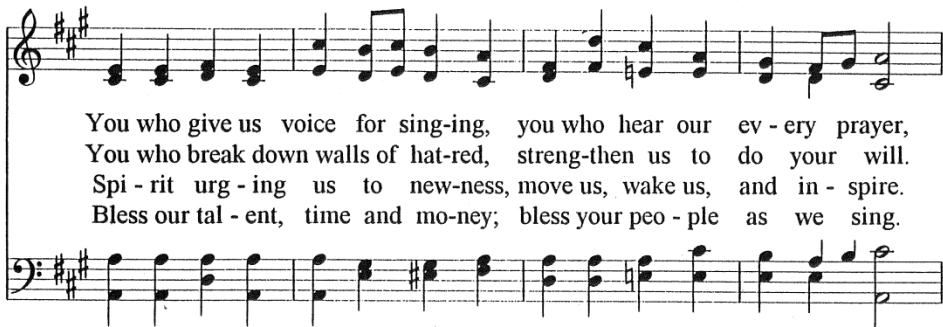
Want to make a positive difference in the world? Want to give gifts that bring joy? Then come to the Gifts that Give Holiday Fair. Gifts that help make the world a better place: a blanket for Church World Service; fair trade chocolate and coffee; handicrafts from artists around the world; bees for Heifer Project; scarves to support A Place to Turn; homemade cards to support a local LGBTQ group; and more! Take a photo with Santa on an antique fire truck!

God Who Breathes Your Life into Us

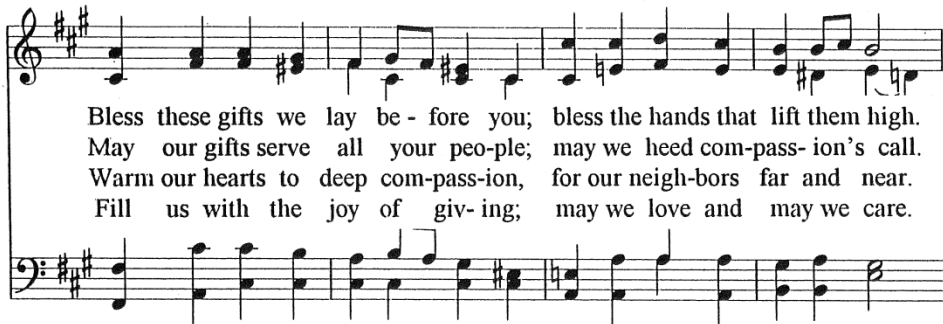
Deborah Clark, 1996



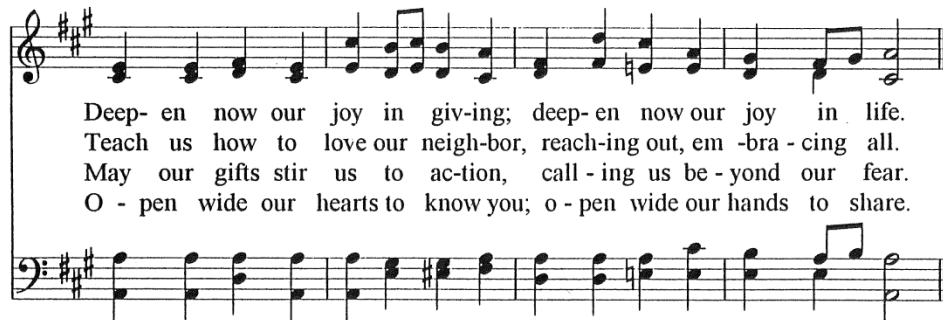
God who breathes your life in- to us, gift-ing us with love to share,
Christ who came to dwell a-mong us, Christ who walks be-side us still,
Spi - rit rest-ing on your peo-ple, migh-ty wind and tongues of fire,
God, Cre - a - tor, Christ and Spi-rit, Source of all these gifts we bring,



You who give us voice for sing-ing, you who hear our ev - ery prayer,
You who break down walls of hat-red, streng-then us to do your will.
Spi - rit urg - ing us to new-ness, move us, wake us, and in - spire.
Bless our tal - ent, time and mo-ney; bless your peo - ple as we sing.



Bless these gifts we lay be - fore you; bless the hands that lift them high.
May our gifts serve all your peo-ple; may we heed com-pass - ion's call.
Warm our hearts to deep com-pass-ion, for our neigh-bors far and near.
Fill us with the joy of giv-ing; may we love and may we care.



Deep - en now our joy in giv-ing; deep - en now our joy in life.
Teach us how to love our neigh-bor, reach-ing out, em - bra - cing all.
May our gifts stir us to ac-tion, call - ing us be - yond our fear.
O - pen wide our hearts to know you; o - pen wide our hands to share.

BEECHER
John Zundel, 1855

Christmas Wreath Fundraiser



**Save time! Avoid the stores! Help our church youth!
Pick up your wreaths right here.
Order two or more for your friends and family.**

These 12-inch wreaths come with a classic red or cranberry bow.

The donation is \$15 per wreath.

Proceeds benefit the Edwards Church and Plymouth Church Youth trip to Milwaukee General Synod.

Orders will be taken during on Sundays, November 11, 18, and 25.

You can pick-up your wreath following worship on December 2.

The Christmas Wreath Sale is sponsored by the youth of Edwards and Plymouth Churches.

Christmas Wreath Order Form

Name:
Email or Phone:
Number of Wreaths:
Bow Color: <input type="checkbox"/> Red <input type="checkbox"/> Cranberry
Amount Enclosed:

Checks should be made out to Edwards Church with "Wreath Sale" on the memo line