

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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FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

FEBRUARY 10, 2019

10:00 AM

A thought for reflection

“Joy is the serious business of heaven”

—C.S. Lewis

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**

“O CHRIST JESUS, SENT FROM HEAVEN”

NCH 47

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We gather to worship God, made known in Christ Jesus.

People: **May we open ourselves to Love Eternal.**

Leader: We come seeking to follow the one who washed his friends’ feet.

People: **May we offer ourselves in service to friends and strangers.**

Leader: We come bearing our own worries and wounds.

People: **May we dare to trust God’s healing spirit in our midst.**

Leader: We come yearning for true community.

People: **May the Holy Spirit make us one.**

PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND SUNG LORD’S PRAYER

FINLANDIA

(Please join us in singing the Lord’s Prayer. You can find the music 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;

People: **Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!**

* **GLORIA**

NCH 756

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

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

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

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(in unison)

God of our minds, God of our hearts, God of our bodies and our souls: we offer you all that we are, and all that we aren’t. We offer you our fears and confusions, our hopes and our dreams. We offer these, knowing that they will be changed, knowing that we will be transformed, by your Love. In Jesus’ name, amen.

ASSURANCE OF GOD’S FORGIVENESS

* *Stand as you are able.*

RESPONSE

FROM NCH 159

As they offered gifts most rare at that manger plain and bare,
So may we with holy joy, pure and free from sin's alloy,
All our costliest treasures bring, Christ, to you from whom they spring.

GOD MEETS US IN THE WORD

WORDS WITH THE YOUNG PEOPLE

DAWN SORENSEN

- * **HYMN OF PREPARATION** "LIKE A MOTHER WHO HAS BORNE US"
(Children may go to church school during the hymn.)

NCH 583

THE EPISTLE LESSON

ROMANS 12:9-18

(Pew Bible, p. 922)

THE ANTHEM

"BE THOU MY VISION"

ARR. BILL CUTTER

THE GOSPEL LESSON

LUKE 12:22-34

(Pew Bible, p. 847)

THE SERMON

"MOMENTS OF SHARED JOY"

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** "WE PLANT A GRAIN OF MUSTARD SEED"

NCH 540

- * **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
GREETER
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
MATT WALKER
CLAIR BALL



Music Note

This morning's anthem is a familiar text, translated in 1912 from a sixth century Irish poem. The arranger is an active composer and conductor in the Boston area.



SAVE THE DATE! Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

Tuesday, March 5 from 5:30-7:00pm in Edwards Hall

Please join us for an all-you-can-eat pancake supper for all ages! Bring your favorite fruit topping, bacon, or sausage to share. We hope to see you there!

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

February 10-16, 2019

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	Annual Meeting	Susan P. Dickerman Hall
	1:00pm	Rental	Sanctuary
	5:30pm	Lenten Planning Meeting	Niko's Family Pizzeria
MONDAY	9:30am	Chairobics	Susan P. Dickerman Hall
	6:15pm	Rental	Susan P. Dickerman Hall
	7:00pm	Wider Mission	Jonathan House
	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	Chairobics	Susan P. Dickerman Hall
	4:45pm	Soup and Bible Study	Jonathan House
	6:00pm	Rental	Sanctuary
	6:00pm	Veterans Yoga	Edwards Hall
	6:45pm	Associate Pastor Search Committee	Jonathan House
	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	Be Brave—Make Art	Art Room
	6:00pm	Kripalu Yoga	Edwards Hall
	6:00pm	Cancer Support Group	Youth Room
	7:15pm	Choir Rehearsal	Susan P. Dickerman Hall
	7:30pm	AA Meeting	Edwards Hall
FRIDAY	8:00am	Open Spirit Event.....	Edwards Hall
	8:00am	Open Spirit Event.....	Susan P. Dickerman Hall
	9:30am	Chairobics	Susan P. Dickerman Hall
	7:00pm	Rental	Edwards Hall Classrooms
SATURDAY	9:00am	Chair/Mat Yoga	Edwards Hall

4:30pm Rental Sanctuary

Edwards Church

Announcements

Annual Meeting

TODAY after worship

Please join us for this important gathering where we will approve our budget and annual report. We will hear special updates from the Associate Pastor Search Committee and the interim director of Christian education. Childcare has been arranged and “enhanced coffee hour refreshments” will be provided. Don’t miss it!

Lenten Planning Pizza Party

TODAY at 5:30pm at Nikos Pizzeria

Like pizza? Like hanging out with creative people? Like strengthening intergenerational connections? Then join us for pizza at Nikos! We will plan our Lenten theme, “Connections: Strengthening Intergenerational Relationships.” Musicians, educators, writers, deacons, folks who like pizza—all are welcome!

Seeds of Grace

Sunday, February 17 at 5:30pm in Susan P. Dickerman Hall

Rev. Isaac Everett and the Seeds of Grace Worship Team will honor the message of the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. through scripture, song, readings and reflections. Come and join us as we are reminded of Dr. King’s powerful legacy.

Appalachian Trail Slide Show and Talk

Sunday February 24 at 11:30am in Susan P. Dickerman Hall

Join us following worship for a slide show offered by Chris Hendrick, who grew up at Edwards Church and was our Church School superintendent and youth leader for many years. Chris walked part of the Appalachian Trail last year, and will share photos and stories.

Coming up at Open Spirit

Be Brave- Make Art: Airbrush Workshop

*Thursday, February 14 at 6:00pm downstairs in Edwards Hall**

Learn this fun technique with Roger Cupertino, who traveled the country as a professional airbrush artist. There will be one hour of instruction and one hour to airbrush your own household item (pillowcases, and t-shirts will be available). Please visit openspiritcenter.org to register. The cost is \$25, supplies included. *ACCESSIBILITY NOTE: This class is currently scheduled to take place in a basement classroom; it is an older building with no elevator. Please let us know if you have accessibility concerns with stairs.

Inspiring Courage: Rashin Fahandej, Artist and Film Maker

Sunday, March 3 at 3:00pm in Edwards Hall

Join us for an afternoon of art and discussion. Rashin’s work centers on personal histories, marginalized voices, and the role of media, technology and public collaboration in generating social change. *A Father’s*

Lullaby considers the absence of fathers in communities of color as a direct result of mass incarceration, its life-long impact on children and its weight on women and families.