

A thought for reflection

“We look forward to the time when the Power of Love will replace the Love of Power.
Then will our world know the blessings of peace.”

–William E. Gladstone, 19th century

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**

“ALL GLORY, LAUD, AND HONOR”

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CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Jesus is coming! From the mountainside, from the seaside, from the homes of the rich
and the company of the poor, from the bedside of those who are sick...

People: **Jesus is coming!**

Leader: Along a dusty road, with a ragged band of travelers,

People: **Jesus comes to Jerusalem, Jesus comes to our worship today.**

Leader: Will we greet him with Hosannas?

PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND SUNG LORD’S PRAYER

(Prayer Card: MALOTTE)

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

Leader: Cry out, people of faith! Rejoice and praise God!

People: **If we did not sing praise, the very stones would cry out!**

Leader: Cry out, people of faith, for our Savior draws near to Jerusalem.

People: **Hosanna! God saves! Blessed is the One who comes in God’s name!**

*** GLORIA**

FROM “HOW GREAT THOU ART”

Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee;

How great Thou art, how great Thou art!

Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee;

How great Thou art, how great Thou art!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, we are like the people of Jerusalem so long ago. We are hungry for a hero. We crave some glimpse of greatness. We are starving for the spectacular. As we wait here for the Savior to come, let us not be disappointed when the special One appears, even though we are certain to be surprised. Give us courage to follow wherever the one on the donkey might lead us. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

* **HYMN OF PREPARATION** "RIDE ON! RIDE ON IN MAJESTY"

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GOD MEETS US IN THE WORD

THE HEBREW BIBLE LESSON EZEKIEL 36:22-26 *(Pew Bible, p. 704)*

THE ANTHEM "JESUS CAME IN TRIUMPH RIDING" LLOYD LARSON

THE GOSPEL LESSON LUKE 19:28-40 *(Pew Bible, p. 854)*

MEDITATION "SINGING STONES" REV. DR. DEBORAH L. 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

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God for all that love has done; Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One. Amen

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

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PREPARING THE WAY

PREPARING FOR THE PARADE

AN INVITATION

* **PROCESSION OF THE PALMS** "HOSANNA, LOUD HOSANNA"

(See insert.)

Please come forward down the center aisle to receive a palm from our young disciples, then proceed down the side aisles and out the front door for our parade. Parents, please wait in the back for your children. If it helps you to use the elevator and you would like to ride in a car for the parade, you can receive your palm on the way to the elevator.

OUR WORSHIP HAS ENDED...

LET OUR SERVICE BEGIN!

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

ALL THE PEOPLE OF EDWARDS CHURCH
THE REV. DR. DEBORAH L. CLARK
RICK SEAHOLM
DAWN SORENSEN
CHERYL ELKINS
SUSAN MINOR
NICOLA SEAHOLM
LORI WILSON
THE REV. DR. FRANCES BOGLE
BRANDON JONES
NORMA HART

Community Announcements

Framingham Earth Day Festival: *Saturday April 27 from 11:00am-3:00pm
Framingham Center Common, Between Edgell Road and Vernon Street*

Come learn about ways to conserve energy, make sustainable choices, support local businesses and preserve natural habitats all while having a great time with your friends and neighbors! Enjoy live music, kids activities and yummy local food.

Friends of Saxonville Annual Meeting: *Tuesday, April 23 at 7:00pm in Edwards Hall*

All are welcome to attend the Friends of Saxonville Annual Meeting. The guest speaker will be local historian Kevin Swope who will talk about the past and future of Saxonville. After Kevin's presentation, please join us for updates on recent initiatives, local happenings, and discussion. Light refreshments will be served.

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
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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

April 14-20, 2019

SUNDAY	9:00am	Adult Bible Study	Youth Room
	9:00am	Rental	Edwards Hall
	10:00am	Worship & Sunday School	Sanctuary
	11:00am	Parade & Lunch	Edwards Hall
	1:00pm	Rental	Sanctuary
MONDAY	Patriots Day: OFFICE CLOSED		
	9:30am	Chairobics	Susan P. Dickerman Hall
	6:15pm	Rental	Susan P. Dickerman Hall
	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
	10:30am	Rental	Susan P. Dickerman Hall
	12:00pm	Rental	Youth Room
	5:00pm	Rental	Edwards Hall
	5:30pm	Hatha Yoga	Susan P. Dickerman Hall
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
	6:00pm	Veterans Yoga	Edwards Hall
	7:30pm	Rental	Edwards Hall
THURSDAY	Maundy 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
	7:00pm	Maundy Thursday Service	Susan P. Dickerman Hall
	7:30pm	AA Meeting	Edwards Hall
FRIDAY	Good Friday		
	9:30am	Chairobics	Susan P. Dickerman Hall
	12:00pm	Good Friday Service	Sanctuary
	6:30pm	Passover Seder	Edwards Hall
	7:00pm	Rental	Edwards Hall Classrooms
SATURDAY	7:00pm	Rental	Sanctuary

Holy Week Worship Services

Maundy Thursday Service

Friday, April 18 at 7:00pm in Susan P. Dickerman Hall

We will gather in Susan P. Dickerman Hall for this service reflecting on Jesus' last supper with his disciples, his betrayal and arrest. The service will include a shared meal, Communion, and Tenebrae. Please bring a plate of pre-cut bread, cheese, or fruit to share.

Good Friday Service

Friday, April 19 at noon at Edwards Church

Christians from Framingham churches will gather in our sanctuary for an ecumenical healing service.

Easter Sunrise Service

Sunday, April 21 at 6:15am outside the sanctuary

Join us outdoors beside the sanctuary. We will gather around the fire pit and celebrate the good news of Christ's resurrection while watching the sunrise and sharing Holy Communion. Stay for a continental breakfast afterwards.

Easter Festival Worship

Sunday, April 21 at 10:00am

Our festival worship will include guest musicians, a flowering cross, a mini-Easter Egg hunt, and reflections on the meaning of the Resurrection. Come a few minutes early to help create the flowering cross.

Upcoming Events

Congregational Meeting

Sunday, April 28 after worship in Susan P. Dickerman Hall

The Edwards Church community is invited to attend our upcoming Congregational Meeting. We will vote our next slate of boards and committees and learn about new projects.

Seeds of Grace Worship

Sunday, April 28 at 5:30pm in Susan P. Dickerman Hall

Join the Just Peace Players as they share their new play *Extra! Extra!* at our Seeds of Grace Worship Service. The play reflects on events in the headlines and how faith empowers us to work for peace and justice. You'll learn new ideas for working with neighbors, sharing hope and love with strangers, and feeling God's presence every day.

Call for Submissions: Edwards Hall May Art Exhibit

Submissions due April 22; email nicola@edwardschurch.org

The next Open Spirit art show will be of the beauty of our campus and the beauty of what happens here. If you have a photo, painting, or sketch you created on this campus, we'd love for you to submit it! If your work is already framed, we will hang it framed. If it is not framed (or even if it's just in

electronic form) we help you make it ready for display. Look through your archives or visit the campus and make some new art. We can't wait to see what you create!

Open Spirit Announcements

Passover at Open Spirit:

Friday, April 19, 6:30-9:00pm in Edwards Hall

Join us for a Passover Seder in an interfaith setting. The services will be led by Rabbi Katy Allen and Gabi Mezger of Ma'yan Tikvah. A Kosher-for-Passover-style potluck meal will be served following the Seder rituals, and organizers will provide a list of dish options that you may select from to ensure that the food is appropriate for the holiday. People of all faiths and all ages are invited to attend. Register at openspiritcenter.org. The cost is \$5 for children and \$10 for adults (more if you can, less if you can't).

Open Mosque Day

Sunday, April 28, 2019 from 1:00-4:00pm at the Islamic Society of Framingham

The Islamic Society of Framingham, along with fifteen other New England area Mosques, cordially invites you, your family and friends to meet your Muslim neighbors. Come join in conversation, ask about the Mosque's role in the community, and learn about the Islamic faith. Tour the Mosque, taste ethnic food, visit the henna parlor, and try on a hijab. The Islamic Society of Framingham is located at 234 Union Ave.

Inspiring Courage—Stories of Passion and Compassion: A Conversation with Joti Royster

Sunday, April 28 at 3:00pm in Edwards Hall

Join us for an afternoon of conversation, the third in our Multi-Faith Collaborative's Inspiring Courage series. Joti Royster visits us from Temple Forest Monastery, a Buddhist monastery in the Thai forest tradition of Ajahn Chah and Ajahn Sumedho. Our conversation will focus on peace and balance in a world of conflict.

Garlic Mustard Foraging and Tasting

Monday, April 29 at 6:30pm in Edwards Hall

All are welcome to join Rabbi Katy Allen of One Earth Collaborative and Jennifer Bensen of Sudbury Valley Trustees as they co-host an effort to remove and forage the invasive garlic mustard plant from the Open Spirit grounds. We will also prepare a light repast of simple and flavorful dishes, while discussing the spirituality of eating invasive plants. Plan to get your hands dirty, but later enjoy the culinary benefits of the harvest! Garlic mustard was originally brought to the US by colonial settlers, who used it for cooking as it's very tasty and nutritious. Register at openspiritcenter.org. The cost is \$5.

Japanese Knotweed Foraging Workshop

Monday, May 6 at 6:30pm in Edwards Hall

Japanese Knotweed is a highly invasive plant, but truly delicious to eat and extremely healthy. All are welcome to attend, as Rabbi Katy Allen of One Earth Collaborative leads a workshop on foraging and tasting Japanese Knotweed. Come learn about this species, look for and identify knotweed in the wild, and then help participate in making light, delicious recipes from our harvest. You'll go home inspired about how to use this invasive species in place of rhubarb and in other inventive ways and dishes. Plan to get your hands dirty, but later enjoy the benefits of your hard work! Suggested donation of \$5-\$15, children 12 and under are free. Register at openspiritcenter.org.

“Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”

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Jennette Threlfall, 1873; alt.

Mark 11:8-10; Matt. 21:15

1 “Ho - san - na, loud ho - san - na,” the lit - tle chil - dren sang;
2 From Ol - i - vet they fol - lowed a - mid a cheer - ing crowd,
3 “Ho - san - na in the high - est!” That an - cient song is ours.

through pil - lared court and tem - ple the love - ly an - them rang;
the vic - tor palm branch wav - ing, and chant - ing clear and loud.
We hail our great Re - deem - er and sing with all our powers:

To Je - sus, who had blessed them close fold - ed to his breast,
The one whom an - gels wor - ship rode on in low - ly state,
“Ho - san - na, Christ, we praise you with heart and life and voice.

the chil - dren sang their prais - es, the sim - plest and the best.
and glad to see the chil - dren, slowed down the don - key's gait.
Ho - san - na! In your pres - ence for - ev - er we'll re - joice!”

Jennette Threlfall of England, who was disabled by two accidents, wrote hymns that inspired hope and courage in others. This text was published in her collection *Sunshine and Shadow*.

Tune: ELLACOMBE C.M.D.
Gesangbuch der herzoglichen Württembergischen
katholischen Hofkapelle, 1784