

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 28, 2019

10:00 AM

**A thought for reflection**

Stand up like a mountain; have faith like a rock; love like an avalanche.

—Bob Goff

*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**      “TO YOU, O GOD, ALL CREATURES SING”      **NCH 17** *(verses 1-4)*

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

People: **We gather here today because we seek refuge and strength.**

Leader: Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

People: **We gather here today praying for courage, trusting that God will be our rock.**

Leader: The God of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

People: **Let us worship God, our refuge and our strength.**

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

*(Please pray the Lord’s Prayer using the words you find most meaningful. There is a prayer card in your pew rack.)*

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

Leader: Sing for joy to God, all the earth;

People: **Worship with songs and shouts of joy!**

\* **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)*

FROM THE CHURCH IN KENYA

From the cowardice that does not face new truths,

From the laziness that is content with half truths,

From the arrogance that thinks it knows all the truth,

Deliver us today, O God.

**ASSURANCE OF GOD’S FORGIVENESS**

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\* *Stand as you are able.*

**RESPONSE***(in unison)***NCH 775**

And God will raise you up on eagle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn,  
 Make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of God's hand.

*GOD MEETS US IN THE WORD***INTERFAITH BABY BLESSING**

*With joy, we offer an Interfaith Baby Blessing to Memphis Reign Applebaum, son of Gretchen and Todd Applebaum, brother of Mia and Kingston. His godparents are Matthew & Tenisha Stevens and Eddie & Beth Holt.*

## \* CONGREGATIONAL PROMISE

We give you thanks, Wondrous God, for the gift of Memphis Reign. We give you thanks for his parents, his sister and brother, his families, the communities that nurture him. We promise our love, welcome, and care, that he may know your love. We promise to share the riches of our faith with him, rejoicing in his Jewish and Christian heritage. Amen.

**THE ANTHEM**

"SHOUT HALLELUJAH TO THE RISEN LAMB"  
*(Children may go to church school during the hymn.)*

VICTOR C. JOHNSON

**THE PSALM**

PSALM 95:1-7

*(Pew Bible, p. 479)*\* **HYMN OF PREPARATION**

"SHADOW AND SUBSTANCE"

**NCH 398****THE HEBREW BIBLE LESSON**

EXODUS 17:1-7

*(Pew Bible, p. 56)***THE SERMON**

"GOD IS MY ROCK"

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**

"FOR THE HEALING OF THE NATIONS"

**NCH 576**\* **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  
PASTOR  
COMMISSIONED MINISTER OF MUSIC  
INTERIM DIRECTOR OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION  
ORGANIST  
PIANIST  
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT  
SEXTON  
BLESSING-GIVER  
DEACONS-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 CLARK  
RICK SEAHOLM  
DAWN SORENSEN  
CHERYL ELKINS  
SUSAN MINOR  
NICOLA SEAHOLM  
LORI WILSON  
RABBINIC PASTOR MATIA ANGELOU  
CLAIR BALL & CHRIS LEIGH-MANUELL  
SANDY THOMPSON

### IMPORTANT EVENTS TODAY!

**Congregational Meeting:** *After worship in Susan P. Dickerman Hall*

We will vote our next slate of boards and committees and learn about new projects.

**Open Mosque Day:** *1:00-4:00pm at the Islamic Society of Framingham, 234 Union Ave*

Come join in conversation and learn about the Islamic faith. Tour the Mosque, taste ethnic food, visit the henna parlor, and try on a hijab.

**Inspiring Courage—A Conversation with Joti Royster:** *At 3:00pm in Edwards Hall*

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.

**Seeds of Grace Worship:** *At 5:30pm in Susan P. Dickerman Hall*

The Just Peace Players will 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.

**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.

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- **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 28-May 4, 2019

<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>9:00am</b>	<b>Adult Bible Study</b> .....	<b>Youth Room</b>
	9:00am	Rental .....	Edwards Hall
	<b>10:00am</b>	<b>Worship</b> .....	<b>Sanctuary</b>
	<b>10:15am</b>	<b>Sunday School</b> .....	<b>Education Building</b>
	<b>11:00am</b>	<b>Congregational Meeting</b> .....	<b>Susan P. Dickerman Hall</b>
	1:00pm	Rental .....	Sanctuary
	<b>3:00pm</b>	<b>Inspiring Courage</b> .....	<b>Edwards Hall</b>
	<b>4:30pm</b>	<b>Common Ground</b> .....	<b>Edwards Hall Classroom</b>
	<b>5:30pm</b>	<b>Seeds of Grace</b> .....	<b>Susan P. Dickerman Hall</b>
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>9:30am</b>	<b>Chairobics</b> .....	<b>Susan P. Dickerman Hall</b>
	3:45pm	FPS Teacher Training .....	Susan P. Dickerman Hall
	<b>6:00pm</b>	<b>Garlic Mustard Pull</b> .....	<b>Edwards Hall</b>
	6:15pm	Rental .....	Susan P. Dickerman Hall
	<b>6:45pm</b>	<b>Search Committee</b> .....	<b>Jonathan House</b>
	<b>7:30pm</b>	<b>Guided Meditation</b> .....	<b>Susan P. Dickerman Hall</b>
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>9:00am</b>	<b>Qi Gong / Tai Chi</b> .....	<b>Susan P. Dickerman Hall</b>
	<b>10:00am</b>	<b>Gentle Yoga</b> .....	<b>Edwards Hall</b>
	12:00pm	Rental .....	Youth Room
	<b>5:30pm</b>	<b>Hatha Yoga</b> .....	<b>Susan P. Dickerman Hall</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>9:30am</b>	<b>Chairobics</b> .....	<b>Susan P. Dickerman Hall</b>
	<b>12:00pm</b>	<b>Lunch Bunch</b> .....	<b>Susan P. Dickerman Hall</b>
	<b>1:15pm</b>	<b>Prayer Shawl Knitters</b> .....	<b>Edwards Hall</b>
	<b>6:00pm</b>	<b>Veterans Yoga</b> .....	<b>Edwards Hall</b>
	<b>7:15pm</b>	<b>Diaconate</b> .....	<b>Jonathan House</b>
	7:30pm	Rental .....	Edwards Hall
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>9:00am</b>	<b>Qi Gong / Tai Chi</b> .....	<b>Susan P. Dickerman Hall</b>
	<b>9:30am</b>	<b>Not-Your-Ordinary Yoga Class</b> .....	<b>Edwards Hall</b>
	<b>6:00pm</b>	<b>Kripalu Yoga</b> .....	<b>Edwards Hall</b>
	<b>6:00pm</b>	<b>Cancer Support Group</b> .....	<b>Youth Room</b>
	<b>7:00pm</b>	<b>Board of Finance</b> .....	<b>Jonathan House</b>
	<b>7:15pm</b>	<b>Choir Rehearsal</b> .....	<b>Susan P. Dickerman Hall</b>
	7:30pm	AA Meeting .....	Edwards Hall
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>9:30am</b>	<b>Chairobics</b> .....	<b>Susan P. Dickerman Hall</b>
	7:00pm	Rental .....	Edwards Hall Classrooms
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>8:00am</b>	<b>Men's Group</b> .....	<b>Susan P. Dickerman Hall</b>
	<b>9:00am</b>	<b>Chair/Mat Yoga</b> .....	<b>Edwards Hall</b>
	10:00am	Rental .....	Youth Room
	10:30am	Rental .....	Edwards Hall Classroom
	4:30pm	Rental .....	Sanctuary

## EDWARDS CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Music Note:** A recent favorite of ours, this morning's lively anthem was written by Victor C. Johnson, a contemporary in Dallas, teaching youths and with 200 published anthems.

**Call for Submissions: May Art Exhibit in Edwards Hall:** *Submissions due ASAP*

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! We are installing the show this week. Please email [nicola@edwardschurch.org](mailto:nicola@edwardschurch.org) if you're interested.

**Dessert Auction to Support Our Youth Trip to Synod in Milwaukee**

*Sunday, May 5 during Coffee Hour in Susan P. Dickerman Hall*

It's your favorite time of year again, the Edwards Church Dessert Auction is right around the corner. Bring your baked goods, your appetite, and your donations! Check your weekly email for a link to sign up online, or sign up on the way to Coffee Hour. Thanks for supporting our youth!

**Walk for Hunger:** *Sunday, May 5 in Boston*

A group from Edwards Church is will attend the Walk for Hunger to benefit hundreds of anti-hunger programs in our state. Please contact to Mary Memmott ([memmottm@gmail.com](mailto:memmottm@gmail.com)) if you want to join the team; you don't have to walk all twenty miles to join. Visit [edwardschurch.org](http://edwardschurch.org) to donate online or give cash or checks (made out to "Project Bread—the Walk for Hunger") to Mary Memmott today.

**Mothers Day Collection:** *Sunday, May 12 during worship*

Spread the love on Mother's Day by bringing in hand and body lotions (all types) and size 6 diapers for A Place to Turn food pantry. They have requested these specific items which are in especially high demand.

**Seeds of Grace Mission Fund Grant Program:** *Applications due June 15*

The Board of Wider Mission announces its second round of grant-making. This fund was created as part of our merger to support partner organizations that are actively working to make the world a more just, loving, welcoming, and sustainable place. Please spread the word to organizations that you believe are living out our values. You can download an application at [edwardschurch.org](http://edwardschurch.org).

## OPEN SPIRIT ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Japanese Knotweed Foraging Workshop:** *Monday, May 6 at 6:30pm in Edwards Hall*

Come learn about this highly invasive but delicious species, look for and identify knotweed in the wild, and then participate in making tasty recipes from our harvest. Led by Rabbi Katy Allen. Suggested donation of \$5-\$15, children 12 and under are free. Register at [openspiritcenter.org](http://openspiritcenter.org).

**Breaking the Fast of Ramadan: Celebrating Multi-Faith Friendship:** *Tuesday, May 14 at 7:15pm*

During the month of Ramadan, our Muslim neighbors fast from sun-up to sun-down. Each night, at sundown, they gather with family and friends for an Iftar, a time of prayers and breaking the fast with favorite holiday foods. The event is for people of all faiths and backgrounds, and is an opportunity to support our Muslim neighbors, build deeper relationships, and learn from one another. This year, we have many special guests joining us: refugee families from Syria, friends from Jewish Family Services, friends from Always Seeking Knowledge Muslim Sunday School, from Islamic Society of Framingham and Islamic Center in Wayland. Please join us! We invite you to bring a vegetarian dish to share.