

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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ALL SAINTS DAY – HOLY COMMUNION

NOVEMBER 3, 2019

10:00 AM

A thought for reflection

“I am not a saint, unless you think of a saint as a sinner who keeps on trying.”

— Nelson Mandela

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** “I SING A SONG OF THE SAINTS OF GOD”

NCH 295

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We gather to sing of the saints—faithful, brave, lovers of God.

People: **Let us sing and praise God.**

Leader: We gather to celebrate God’s love that makes us strong.

People: **Let us sing and praise God.**

Leader: We gather as living saints, here because we choose to do God’s will.

People: **Let us sing and praise God.**

PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND SUNG LORD’S PRAYER

MALOTTE

(Please join in singing the Lord’s Prayer using the Malotte version in your pew card.)

* **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!**

* **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)*

You call us, O God, to be your saints, sharing your love in our world. Forgive us, we pray, when we do not respond to your call. Forgive us when we think we are not good or important enough to do your work. Forgive us when we choose ease and comfort instead.

Awaken us to your call, God. Help us trust you will give us what we need to do your work. Give us courage to respond with a joyous YES. Amen.

* *Stand as you are able.*

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

RESPONSE

FROM 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

AN EXPRESSION OF GRATITUDE

WORDS WITH THE YOUNG PEOPLE

THE ANTHEM

"COME, ALL YE SAINTS"

G.P. TELEMANN

THE GOSPEL LESSON

MARK 14:22-25

(Pew Bible, p. 827)

THE SERMON

"IN REMEMBRANCE"

HYMN OF REMEMBRANCE

"FOR ALL THE SAINTS"

NCH 299

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!

CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS

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

THE INVITATION TO THE TABLE

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

THE GIVING OF THE BREAD AND THE CUP AT THE TABLE

COMMUNION HYMNS

During communion, please join in singing:

“JESUS TOOK THE BREAD”

NCH 343

“AS WE GATHER AT YOUR TABLE”

NCH 332

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

“O JESUS, I HAVE PROMISED”

NCH 493

* CHARGE & BLESSING

POSTLUDE

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

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.

OUR WORSHIP HAS ENDED...

LET OUR SERVICE BEGIN!

MINISTERS

PASTOR

ASSOCIATE PASTOR FOR FAITH FORMATION & OUTREACH

COMMISSIONED MINISTER OF MUSIC

INTERIM DIRECTOR OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

ORGANIST

PIANIST

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

SEXTON

LITURGIST

DEACON-IN-CHARGE

COMMUNION SERVERS

GREETER

COMPOST CAPTAIN

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

ALL THE PEOPLE OF EDWARDS CHURCH

REV. DR. DEBORAH CLARK

REV. DR. KAREN NELL SMITH

RICK SEAHOLM

DAWN SORENSEN

CHERYL ELKINS

SUSAN MINOR

NICOLA SEAHOLM

LORI WILSON

DAWN SORENSEN

SHELLY CICHOWLAS

RUTH CARNEY & DAWN SORENSEN

NORMA HART

PEGGY HARRISON

Welcome! No matter who you are or where you are on your life's journey, we are glad you are here. Please join us for coffee following the service. Please sign our guestbook or fill out a welcome card.

We extend a special welcome to children and their families. The sound of children's voices is the sound of a living church! We want children to learn and question alongside adults, and we welcome whispers, wiggles, and joyful noises of all kinds. In the entryway to the sanctuary, you will find some quiet activity boxes; please take one and have fun! We have a loving, trained nursery staff available for our youngest children.

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 3-9, 2019

SUNDAY	9:00am	Adult Bible Study	Youth Room
	9:00am	Rental	Edwards Hall
	10:00am	Intergenerational Worship	Sanctuary
	11:00am	Congregational Meeting	Susan P. Dickerman Hall
	1:00pm	Rental	Sanctuary
	3:00pm	<i>Repairing the World</i>	<i>Edwards Hall</i>
MONDAY	9:30am	Chairobics	Susan P. Dickerman Hall
	10:30am	<i>Strength Without a Gym</i>	<i>Edwards Hall</i>
	2:00pm	Directory Photos	Edwards Hall
	6:15pm	Rental	Susan P. Dickerman Hall
	7:30pm	Rental	Edwards Hall Classroom
	7:30pm	Board of Trustees	Jonathan House
TUESDAY	9:00am	<i>Qi Gong / Tai Chi</i>	<i>Susan P. Dickerman Hall</i>
	10:30am	<i>Gentle Yoga</i>	<i>Susan P. Dickerman Hall</i>
	10:30am	Rental	Susan P. Dickerman Hall
	1:00pm	Nursing Home Services	Heritage & Oak Knoll
	2:00pm	Directory Photos	Edwards Hall
	5:30pm	<i>Hatha Yoga</i>	<i>Susan P. Dickerman Hall</i>
WEDNESDAY	7:30pm	<i>Interfaith Book Group</i>	<i>Jonathan House</i>
	9:30am	Chairobics	Susan P. Dickerman Hall
	11:30am	<i>Trauma-Sensitive Yoga</i>	<i>Edwards Hall</i>
	12:00pm	Lunch Bunch	Susan P. Dickerman Hall
	1:15pm	<i>Prayer Shawl Knitters</i>	<i>Edwards Hall</i>
	6:00pm	Rental	Sanctuary
THURSDAY	6:00pm	<i>Veterans Yoga</i>	<i>Edwards Hall</i>
	7:15pm	Diaconate	Jonathan House
	7:30pm	Rental	Edwards Hall
	9:00am	<i>Qi Gong / Tai Chi</i>	<i>Susan P. Dickerman Hall</i>
	6:00pm	<i>Cancer Support Group</i>	<i>Youth Room</i>
	6:00pm	<i>Kripalu Yoga</i>	<i>Edwards Hall</i>
FRIDAY	7:00pm	Board of Finance	Jonathan House
	7:15pm	Choir Rehearsal	Susan P. Dickerman Hall
	7:30pm	AA Meeting	Edwards Hall
	9:30am	Chairobics	Susan P. Dickerman Hall
SATURDAY	7:00pm	<i>Y12SR</i>	<i>Edwards Hall</i>
	7:00pm	Rental	Edwards Hall Classrooms
	9:00am	<i>Chair/Mat Yoga</i>	<i>Edwards Hall</i>

4:30pm Rental Sanctuary

Edwards Church

Announcements

Congregational Meeting

TODAY after worship in Susan P. Dickerman Hall

We will gather during coffee hour for a Congregational Meeting. Come hear from the Stewardship Committee and learn about how your gifts to our church come together to enable us to be a strong and faithful community.

New Edwards Church Photo Directory: Sign Up at Coffee Hour!

Photography Sessions on Monday and Tuesday, November 4 and 5, registration required

We will be publishing a new photo directory! Sign up at coffee hour or visit edwardschurch.org to select a time slot for an individual or family portrait. While you're there, you can also sign up to volunteer to greet people and help give directions during the shoot photo. The more people who participate, the more helpful it will be! There are only a few slots left so please sign up today!

Veterans Appreciation Dinner

Sunday, November 10 at 5:00pm at Plymouth Church

Edwards and Plymouth Churches will offer a dinner for area veterans in appreciation of their service. If you are a veteran, we hope you will sign up to attend. If you are not a veteran, we hope you will prepare a homemade dessert or sign up to help out on that day. RSVP to 508-875-1364.

Seeds of Grace Worship

Sunday, November 17 in Susan P. Dickerman Hall, 5:00pm for a simple supper, 5:30pm for worship

Come join the Seeds of Grace worship team on an autumn evening for a warm meal, deep reflection and creative worship as we are spiritually fed through song and prayer, sharing and silence. November's theme is "How do we give thanks?" We hope to see you there!

Reception of New Members

Sunday, November 17 during worship

During our worship service on November 17, we will joyously receive new members. If you are interested in joining Edwards Church, please speak with Debbie or email pastor@edwardschurch.org.

Singing in Solidarity with our Immigrant Neighbors

Sunday, November 17 at 4:00pm at Greater Framingham Community Church

Edwards Church's Board of Wider Mission is a co-sponsor of this multi-faith, multi-cultural concert featuring groups from area churches and synagogues. The concert will be held at Greater Framingham Community Church, 44 Franklin Street. There is no entry fee; come make a donation to the Neighbor's Fund, which helps immigrant neighbors in crisis.

Interfaith Thanksgiving Service

Tuesday, November 26 at 7:00pm at First Parish Unitarian Universalist Church

This year our Interfaith, Intergenerational Thanksgiving Service will be held at First Parish Unitarian Universalist Church, located at 24 Vernon Street.

Compost Captains Needed

We are still recruiting Compost Captains for December onward. If you would like to sign up for a month or a week at a time, please contact Mary Memmott at memmottm@gmail.com or call 508-788-1286.

Open Spirit Announcements

Repairing the World: A Conversation with Tom Krattenmaker

TODAY at 3:00pm in Edwards Hall

One of the “walls” in our culture today is suspicion between people who identify as religious and those who name themselves as spiritual but not religious, or secular humanist, or atheist. Join us as we hear from Tom Krattenmaker, secular humanist and *USA Today* contributing columnist, who is author of *Confessions of a Secular Jesus Follower: Finding Answers in Jesus for Those Who Don't Believe*. He will be sharing with us his take on “horizontal transcendence,” or “secular transcendence.” He will also be sharing the common ground he shares with “horizontal” aspects of religion. Suggested donation of \$15.

Three-Class Series: Trauma-Sensitive Yoga for Women

November 6, 13, and 20 at 11:30am in Edwards Hall

This healing Trauma Center Trauma-Sensitive Yoga (TCTSY) class series is for any woman who has experienced trauma, PTSD symptoms, or grief. We will safely experiment with breathing, moving, stretching, and resting. Students may opt in or out of any portion of the class at any time. There will be no physical hands-on adjustments. TCTSY complements and supports a person's work in therapy. No yoga experience necessary. Led by Sue Stevens, E-RYT 500, TCTSY-F, YACEP. For more information or to register, please visit openspiritcenter.org. Cost: \$40 for 3 week session / \$15 drop-in.

WORKSHOP—Yoga for Grief: Help to Manage Your Grief During the Holidays

Sunday, November 17 at 3:00pm in Edwards Hall

Yoga for Grief offers a safe place for those who have experienced the loss of a loved one. This workshop gives participants the opportunity to feel relief from grief symptoms and to sense some peace through the practice of yoga. Participants will gently be introduced to the basics of mindful yoga, including stretching, breathing, relaxation, and optional sharing. You will learn helpful techniques and tools to bring home with you to help manage your grief during the holidays and throughout the new year. This gentle yoga will accommodate any fitness level and can be done on a yoga mat or sitting in a chair. Please bring a picture of your loved one if you would like to share with the group. For more information or to register, please visit our website. Led by Sue Stevens, E-RYT 500, TCTSY-F, YACEP. Cost: \$40 (Scholarships are available).

Journey of the Spirit: Learning about the Faith of Our Neighbors

Sunday, Dec. 1 at 2:00pm at Fatima Shrine

Join us as we continue our journey of discovery to gain greater understanding and appreciation of faith and traditions of our neighbors, deepen relationships among fellow travelers, and strengthen our shared commitment to this community. Our Lady of Fatima Shrine is located at 101 Summer Street in Holliston. Register by November 25 at openspiritcenter.org. For more information or questions, please contact Karen Nell Smith at choresis@comcast.net. Suggested donation of \$15.

Interfaith Multi-Narrative Listening Tour to Israel/Palestine

Summer, 2020 (Register by December, 2019)

Travel with a group of Jews, Christians and Muslims on an eight-day journey to the Holy Land and its people that will engage your mind, body and spirit. At the heart of this trip is listening with an open heart and mind to the life stories representing many different perspectives and experiences, lead by Israeli and Palestinian Mejdi Tour™ guides who will model respectful dialogue and disagreement as they offer their respective points of view. Visit openspiritcenter.org/interfaith-multinarrative-tour for more information.