

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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A thought for reflection

“There are people in the world so hungry, that God cannot appear to them except in the form of bread.”
— Mahatma Gandhi

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**

“COME, GATHER IN THIS SPECIAL PLACE”

NCH 335

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come, let us gather in this special place; the table here is long and wide!

People: **Is there room for all of us?**

Leader: There is room for thousands side by side!

People: **Are we welcome if all we bring is our despair?**

Leader: Yes, as the cup is passed, each will sense despair reversed.

People: **Should we come even if we don't know what we need?**

Leader: Yes, even the crumbs will leave our souls fully satisfied.

People: **We are here, gathered in this special place.**

All: **Let us worship God!**

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 on the prayer card in your pew rack.)*

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

Leader: Let us praise God in this sanctuary!

People: **May praise fill the room and burst through the doors!**

* **GLORIA**

(Sing twice.)

FROM “HOW GREAT THOU ART”

Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee;

How great Thou art, how great Thou art!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

You, O God, are Creator of the seed, the soil, the sun, the rain. You are Source of the grain and the grapes. You are Giver of the bread and the cup that nourish us and quench our thirst.

Forgive us, God, when we forget to give you thanks for every meal. Forgive us when we fear there is not enough and hoard what we have.

Open our hearts to gratitude. Open our hands to share. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

* *Stand as you are able.*

RESPONSE

NCH 492, v.3

I would be prayerful through each busy moment;
I would be constantly in touch with God;
I would be tuned to sense God's slightest whisper;
I would have faith to keep the path Christ trod;
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GOD MEETS US IN THE WORD

SACRED STORIES ABOUT FOOD

A STORY FROM SCRIPTURE	FROM 1 KINGS 17:8-16	
THE ANTHEM	"ONE BREAD, ONE BODY"	ARR. JACK SCHRADER
AN ENACTED STORY		DAWN SORENSEN & YOUNG PEOPLE
SUNG RESPONSE	"OUR DAILY BREAD" (verse 1)	(See insert.)
A MODERN-DAY STORY		AMY PLACKOWSKI
SUNG RESPONSE	"OUR DAILY BREAD" (verse 2)	(See insert.)
A MODERN DAY STORY		FRAN BOGLE
HYMN	"OUR DAILY BREAD" (verse 3)	(See insert.)
REFLECTIONS ON FAITH AND FOOD		DEBBIE CLARK
CALL TO PRAYER	"OUR DAILY BREAD" (verse 4)	(See insert.)

CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS

SILENT PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING, INTERCESSION AND PETITION

GOD CALLS FOR OUR GIFTS

OUR OFFERING TO GOD

OFFERTORY

* DOXOLOGY

NCH 778

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

GOD CALLS US TO THE TABLE

THE LORD'S SUPPER

A SACRED STORY ABOUT FOOD

SETTING THE TABLE

THE INVITATION TO THE TABLE

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

THE GIVING OF THE BREAD AND THE CUP AT THE TABLE

HYMN "JESUS TOOK THE BREAD"

NCH 343

HYMN "LET US BREAK BREAD TOGETHER"

NCH 330

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 "LET US TALENTS AND TONGUES EMPLOY"

NCH 347

* CHARGE & BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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

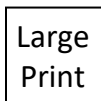
OUR WORSHIP HAS ENDED...

LET OUR SERVICE BEGIN!

MINISTERS	ALL THE PEOPLE OF EDWARDS CHURCH
PASTOR	THE REV. DR. DEBORAH CLARK
COMMISSIONED MINISTER OF MUSIC	RICK SEAHOLM
INTERIM DIRECTOR OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION	DAWN SORENSEN
ORGANIST	CHERYL ELKINS
PIANIST	SUSAN MINOR
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT	NICOLA SEAHOLM
SEXTON	LORI WILSON
LITURGISTS	SAM MARCINCAVAGE AND RIC CARL
DEACON-IN-CHARGE	SHELLY CICHOWLAS
COMMUNION SERVERS	DAWN SORENSEN & CLAIR BALL
GREETER	JOANIE WHITE
JANIS STEIGMAN OF MOTHER'S HELPERS IS IN CHARGE OF THE NURSERY THIS MORNING.	

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



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 7-13, 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	Coffee Hour	Susan P. Dickerman Hall
	11:30am	BOCE Meeting	Education Building
	11:45am	Confirmation	Youth Room
	1:00pm	Rental	Sanctuary
	2:00pm	<i>Journey of the Spirit</i>	<i>NEBVMC</i>
	MONDAY	9:30am	Chairobics
3:45pm		FPS Teacher Training	Edwards Hall
6:15pm		Rental	Susan P. Dickerman Hall
7:00pm		Wider Mission	Jonathan House
7:30pm		<i>Guided Meditation</i>	<i>Susan P. Dickerman Hall</i>
TUESDAY	9:00am	<i>Qi Gong / Tai Chi</i>	<i>Susan P. Dickerman Hall</i>
	10:00am	<i>Gentle Yoga</i>	<i>Edwards Hall</i>
	10:30am	Rental	Susan P. Dickerman Hall
	11:15am	<i>OS Steering Committee</i>	<i>Jonathan House</i>
	12:00pm	Rental	Youth Room
	1:30pm	Rental	Susan P. Dickerman Hall
	5:30pm	<i>Hatha Yoga</i>	<i>Susan P. Dickerman Hall</i>
	7:00pm	<i>Buddhist Meditation</i>	<i>Susan P. Dickerman Hall</i>
WEDNESDAY	9:30am	Chairobics	Susan P. Dickerman Hall
	4:45pm	Soup and Bible Study	Jonathan House
	6:00pm	Rental	Sanctuary
	6:00pm	<i>Veterans Yoga</i>	<i>Edwards Hall</i>
	6:45pm	Search Committee	Jonathan House
	7:30pm	Rental	Edwards Hall
THURSDAY	9:00am	<i>Qi Gong / Tai Chi</i>	<i>Susan P. Dickerman Hall</i>
	9:30am	<i>Not-Your-Ordinary Yoga Class</i>	<i>Edwards Hall</i>
	4:30pm	Rental	Edwards Hall Classroom
	6:00pm	<i>Be Brave, Make Art</i>	<i>Art Studio</i>
	6:00pm	<i>Kripalu Yoga</i>	<i>Edwards Hall</i>
	6:00pm	<i>Cancer Support Group</i>	<i>Youth Room</i>
	7:15pm	Choir Rehearsal	Susan P. Dickerman Hall
7:30pm	AA Meeting	Edwards Hall	
FRIDAY	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

Worship Announcements

Music Note

John Foley's "One Bread, One Body" is likely the most familiar of the Catholic composer's body of work to Protestant ears. Jack Schrader, who arranged this morning's anthem, is familiar to us at Edwards for other choral arrangements of "What a Friend" and "Amazing Grace."

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.

Coming up at Edwards Church

Lenten Devotional

We will offer a daily devotional during the season of Lent on our theme, "Connecting Generations: Nurturing a Spirituality of Intergenerational Relationships." We welcome you to share a story or send a photo of a moment of connection with someone who is older or younger than you. If you are interested in doing one (or more), please contact Debbie.

Holy Week at Edwards Church

- *Palm Sunday*, April 14 at 10:00am: Worship service followed by a parade with a pony and lunch
- *Maundy Thursday*, April 18 at 7:00pm: Worship service with a meal, Communion and Tenebrae. Please bring a plate of pre-sliced bread, fruit or cheese to share.
- *Good Friday*, April 19 at noon: Ecumenical healing service here at Edwards Church
- *Easter Sunday*, April 21 at 5:45am: Sunrise service, followed by breakfast; 10:00am, Festival Worship with special music

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.

Open Spirit Announcements

Be Brave: Make Art! Airbrushing: *Thursday, April 11 at 6:00pm downstairs in Edwards Hall*

Come learn the art of air brushing. There will be a one hour instructive period, followed by an hour to use your new skill by airbrushing your own item. Get familiar with set up to break down and all the fun in between! Attendees will airbrush a canvas and then be able to choose from airbrushing a pillowcase or a t-shirt. Led by Roger Cupertino. The cost is \$25, all materials included. Register at openspiritcenter.org.

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 of 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).

Inspiring Courage—A Conversation with Joti Royster: *Sun. 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! The cost is \$5-\$15, children 12 and under are free. We welcome more if you can, less if you cannot. Registration is required.

Our Daily Bread

Deborah Clark, 1997

1. We come to you, Christ, to be made whole, to fill the
2. We hun-ger for hope, we yearn for love, like man-na
3. Your har-vest is rich, a-bun-dant wheat, yet chil-dren
4. May we be your gard'-ners, plan-ting seed; may we be

hun-ger deep in our soul. We come to pray that
sent to earth from a-bove. The Bread of Life, the
beg for one loaf to eat. Teach us to share your
bak-ers your bread to knead. Our hands a prayer that

we may be fed: Give us this day our dai-ly bread.
word you have said: Give us this day our dai-ly bread.
boun-ty in-stead: Give us this day our dai-ly bread.
all may be fed: Give us this day our dai-ly bread.

Tune: ROCKINGHAM L.M.

Anon.

Adapt. Edwards Miller, 1790