

**A thought for reflection**

“Don’t ask yourself what the world needs. Ask yourself what makes you come alive, and go do that, because what the world needs is people who have come alive.”

— Howard Thurman, 20<sup>th</sup> century

# The Spirit Comes

**PRELUDE****GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS****PRAYING FOR THE SPIRIT TO COME**

CONOR TAYLOR &amp; CARL BUCK

Leader: Come, Holy Spirit—

**People: Come like a dove, alighting on our shoulders with the assurance of your love.**

Leader: Come Holy Spirit—

**People: Come with the fires of passion and joy.**

Leader: Come Holy Spirit—

**People: Come fill us with your miracle of understanding.**

Leader: Come Holy Spirit—

**People: Make us one community.**

**PARADE OF THE SPIRIT**

“AFRICAN PENTEKOSTE”

DAVID LANTZ, III

**THE PENTECOST STORY**

ACTS 2

NOAH CICHOWLAS &amp; ROB DELOSSA

Leader 1: When the feast of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place.

Leader 2: *Without warning there was a sound like a strong wind, gale force—no one could tell where it came from.*

Leader 1: It filled the whole building. Then, like a wildfire, the Holy Spirit spread through their ranks, and they started speaking in a number of different languages as the Spirit prompted them.

Leader 2: *There were many Jews staying in Jerusalem just then, devout pilgrims from all over the world. When they heard the sound, they came on the run.*

Leader 1: Then when they heard, one after another, their own mother tongues being spoken, they were thunderstruck. They couldn’t for the life of them figure out what was going on, and kept saying,

**People: “Aren’t these all Galileans? How come we’re hearing them talk in our various mother tongues? They’re speaking our languages, describing God’s mighty works!”**

Leader 2: *Their heads were spinning; they couldn’t make head or tail of any of it. They talked back and forth, confused:*

**People: “What’s going on here?”**

**PASSING OF THE PEACE**

*We invite you to turn to your neighbors and greet them with a sign of peace from a language you do not know! Some possibilities are:*

Paz (Spanish)	Shalom (Hebrew)	Mir (Russian)
Salaam (Arabic)	Amani (Swahili)	Herping (Chinese)
Frieden (German)	Shaanti (Hindi)	

\* Stand as you are able.

\* **HYMN OF PRAISE**

“THIS IS THE DAY”

**NCH 84**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

KELVIN PHELPS & BRANDON JONES

Leader 1: You come to us, Holy Spirit, as a mighty wind, blowing through our lives.

Leader 2: *We confess that we don't always welcome you, for sometimes you disrupt our plans.*

**People: Forgives us; give us courage to change.**

Leader 1: You come to us, Holy Spirit, as a gentle breath, emerging from the depths of our being.

Leader 2: *We confess that we don't always honor you, for we sometimes take you for granted.*

**People: Forgive us; awaken us to the sacred within and around us. Amen.**

**ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS**

SAM MARCINCAVAGE & RIC CARL

Leader 1: God's spirit is gentler than the harsh ways we judge ourselves.

Leader 2: *God's spirit is more powerful than our biggest mistakes.*

Leader 1: Friends, believe the good news:

Leader 2: *In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.*

**RESPONSE**

**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.

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

LED BY MS. MYRNA'S CLASS

## The Spirit Inspires Creativity

**A PENTECOST PROJECT FOR YOUNG ARTISTS**

DAWN SORENSEN

**SERVICE OF CONFIRMATION**

THE PENTECOST PROMISE CONTINUES: ACTS 2

EXPRESSIONS AND CONFIRMATIONS OF FAITH

\* CONGREGATIONAL STATEMENT:

**We welcome you with great joy, Kelvin, Sam, Conor and Noah, as confirmed members of Edwards Church. We give thanks for parents, mentors and friends who have guided and encouraged you in your faith. We praise God for the many gifts you bring to Edwards Church—your ideas, your questions, your dreams, your love. We promise to walk beside you on your journey of faith, and we ask you to walk beside us.**

GREETING OF CHRISTIAN LOVE

**ANTHEM**

“I WAS THERE TO HEAR YOUR BORNING CRY”

ARR. LLOYD LARSON

**HONORING THE CHOIR & CHRISTIAN EXPLORATION TEACHERS**

**CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS**

**CONGREGATIONAL CALL TO PRAYER** “SPIRIT OF THE LIVING GOD”

**NCH 283**

Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me; Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.

Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me. Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.

**PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING, INTERCESSION AND PETITION**

# The Spirit Inspires Generosity

## 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.

## The Spirit Sends Us Forth

\* HYMN OF DEDICATION

“LET IT BREATHE ON ME”

NCH 288

\* SUNG BENEDICTION

“THE LORD BLESS YOU AND KEEP YOU”

PETER LUTKIN

### POSTLUDE

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

## Celebrating Thirty Years of Ministry

The flowers are given to the glory of God and in celebration of the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the ordination of Rev. Dr. Deborah Lee Clark by her parents, Sue and Tony Clark and all of her loving family.

## Gratitude for Our Choristers

This year, the following choristers gave their time to sing with me in at least one service:

Soprano: Cindy Booth, Debbie Clark, Jane Ezbicki, Kelly Lopez, Ronda Yeomans;

Alto: Ruth Carney, Susan Cleveland, Karen Dolliver, Jeannette Loughman, Marge Roy;

Tenor: Scott Cleveland, Len Ezbicki, Nicola Seaholm

Bass: Ric Carl, Frank Carney, Rick Robinson

Accompanists: Susan Minor, piano; Cheryl Elkins, organ

## Gratitude for Our Christian Exploration Leaders

This year, the following people gave their time to teach Christian Explorers of all ages:

Rob De Lossa, Stephany Duplessis, Myrna Phelps, and Dawn Sorensen.

We are also grateful to Ms. Janis for her loving work with our youngest children.

## 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  
GREETER  
DEACON-IN-CHARGE  
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  
CONFIRMANDS & MENTORS  
MATT WALKER  
CLAIR BALL

## Congratulations to our Confirmands!

Noah Cichowlas, Samuel Marcincavage, Kelvin Phelps, & Conor Taylor

Thank you to their mentors: Rob DeLossa, Ric Carl, Brandon Jones, and Carl Buck

**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



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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

June 9-15, 2019

<b>SUNDAY</b>		<b>Pentecost</b>
	9:00am	Rental ..... Edwards Hall
	9:00am	<b>Adult Bible Study</b> ..... Youth Room
	10:00am	<b>Worship</b> ..... Sanctuary
	11:00am	<b>Coffee Hour</b> ..... Susan P. Dickerman Hall
	1:00pm	Rental ..... Sanctuary
	3:00pm	<b><i>Inspiring Courage: Diego Low</i></b> ..... <i>Edwards Hall</i>
<b>MONDAY</b>	9:30am	<b>Chairobics</b> ..... Susan P. Dickerman Hall
	6:15pm	Rental ..... Susan P. Dickerman Hall
	7:00pm	<b>Wider Mission</b> ..... Jonathan House
	7:30pm	<b><i>Guided Meditation</i></b> ..... <i>Susan P. Dickerman Hall</i>
<b>TUESDAY</b>	9:00am	<b><i>Qi Gong / Tai Chi</i></b> ..... <i>Susan P. Dickerman Hall</i>
	10:00am	<b><i>Gentle Yoga</i></b> ..... <i>Edwards Hall</i>
	10:30am	Rental ..... Susan P. Dickerman Hall
	11:15am	<b><i>Steering Committee</i></b> ..... <i>Jonathan House</i>
	12:00pm	Rental ..... Youth Room
	5:30pm	<b><i>Hatha Yoga</i></b> ..... <i>Susan P. Dickerman Hall</i>
	7:00pm	<b><i>Buddhist Meditation</i></b> ..... <i>Susan P. Dickerman Hall</i>
	7:30pm	<b><i>Yoga of 12-Step Recovery</i></b> ..... <i>Edwards Hall</i>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	9:30am	<b>Chairobics</b> ..... Susan P. Dickerman Hall
	1:00pm	<b>Gardening Drop-in Hours</b> ..... Throughout Campus
	4:45pm	<b>Soup and Bible Study</b> ..... Jonathan House
	6:00pm	Rental ..... Susan P. Dickerman Hall
	6:00pm	<b>Veterans Yoga</b> ..... Edwards Hall
	7:30pm	Rental ..... Edwards Hall
<b>THURSDAY</b>	9:00am	<b>Gardening Drop-In Hours</b> ..... Throughout Campus
	9:00am	<b><i>Qi Gong / Tai Chi</i></b> ..... <i>Susan P. Dickerman Hall</i>
	9:30am	<b>Not-Your-Ordinary Yoga Class</b> ..... Edwards Hall
	4:00pm	Rental ..... Edwards Hall
	6:00pm	<b>Kripalu Yoga</b> ..... Edwards Hall
	6:00pm	<b>Cancer Support Group</b> ..... Youth Room
	6:30pm	<b>Mushrooming Workshop</b> ..... Susan P. Dickerman Hall
	7:30pm	<b>AA Meeting</b> ..... Edwards Hall
<b>FRIDAY</b>	9:30am	<b>Chairobics</b> ..... Susan P. Dickerman Hall
	7:00pm	Rental ..... Edwards Hall Classrooms
<b>SATURDAY</b>	4:30pm	Rental ..... Sanctuary



# Edwards Church

## Announcements

### Music Note

This morning we welcome Rohan Elkins on congas.

I dedicate this choir season in memory of my dear mentor Joseph Flummerfelt who, through a 40 year legacy at Westminster Choir College, forever left the choral world wrapped in a loving hug. He will be missed in every sanctuary and on every stage where the conductor has been trained by this passionate leader.

### Community of Saint Luke Fundraiser

*June 14 & 15 at Uno's Pizzeria and Grill (70 Worcester Road)*

If you dine at Uno's (or pick up take-out) this Friday or Saturday, up to 20% of your check will go to benefit the Community of Saint Luke, a congregation that worships on our campus on Saturday afternoons. Please pick up a voucher on the way to coffee hour to present at the restaurant for the fundraiser.

### ONA35 Celebration

*Saturday, June 15, 9:30am-3:00pm at Plymouth Church*

The Mass Conference UCC is holding a celebration of 35 years of Open and Affirming, with workshops, worship and opportunities for table conversations, featuring Rev. DaVita D. McCallister and Rev. Louis J. Mitchell. The Just Peace Players will be participating as well. Register by June 13 at [macucc.org/lgbt](http://macucc.org/lgbt).

### Gardening Drop-In Hours

*Wednesdays from 1:00-5:00pm and Thursday from 9:00-11:00am*

Please join us for our regular gardening hours! On Wednesday afternoons we work all around campus weeding, mulching, and pruning. On Thursday mornings we tend the Framingham Community Farm vegetable beds. Email [nicola@edwardschurch.org](mailto:nicola@edwardschurch.org) if you plan to attend or with any questions.

## Open Spirit Announcements

### Inspiring Courage: Diego Low

*TODAY at 3:00pm in Edwards Hall*

This is the last conversation in our series, *Inspiring Courage: Stories of Passion and Compassion*. Diego Low is the director of the Metrowest Worker Center, an advocate of worker and immigrant rights, and a member of the Framingham Friends Meeting (Quaker). He will share his story of compassion, community, and justice-seeking. Suggested donation of \$15.

### NEW CLASS: Yoga of 12-Step Recovery

*Tuesdays, 7:30-8:45 pm in Edwards Hall (no class 6/18)*

Y12SR is a 12-step based discussion and yoga practice open to anyone dealing with their own addictive behavior or affected by the addictive behavior of others. This is an open and inclusive group. All levels are welcome. No yoga experience is necessary. Led by Chere Jalali. Suggested donation of \$15.

# Welcome Children & Families

As part of our Lenten focus on Intergenerational Relationships, and later as a discussion in a congregational meeting, Edwards Church has expressed an interest in making sure that kids and families in our congregation know they are welcome. We talked about coming up with a statement to put in the bulletin and to post near the children's area showing our wide welcome. The Board of Christian Education, with the help of linguist Amy Plackowski, offers the statement below:

*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.*

*Parents, we know that all children have different needs, so if you need to step out, please know that we want you to return. Feel free to have your children sit with you for as much of the service as you would like. We have a loving and trained nursery staff for our youngest children available at any time. We invite children to use the quiet activity boxes in the back, participate in the Words with the Young People, and attend Sunday School. One of our helpful ushers can direct you to any of these resources.*

The things we learned from our Lenten experiment have resulted in some positive changes, which you may or may not notice. Some of these changes are:

- Kids now stay in church to hear the anthem before going downstairs;
- Children's area is refreshed with larger boxes and cubbies for quiet, engaging toys to use during worship;
- Pew partners program will continue with a focus on making sure greeters can engage young people and parents with the resources provided;
- We will offer increased intergenerational opportunities both in worship and in the life of the church; and
- A youth member will serve on the Board of Christian Education.

Thanks to everyone who helped us realize our vision for integrating young people into the life of the church!

