

A Thought for Reflection

“There is not one blade of grass, there is no color in this world
that is not intended to make us rejoice.”

— John Calvin

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**

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Sing for God, all the earth;

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

Leader: Sing praise to God! Play music on the harps!

People: **Blow trumpets and horns, and shout for joy to the Holy One of Israel!**

Leader: Roar, sea, and every creature in you;

People: **Sing, earth, and all who live on you!**

Leader: Clap your hands, you rivers; you hills, sing together before God.

People: **God comes to rule the earth, and to govern the peoples
of the earth with justice and fairness.**

PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

(You can find several printed versions of the Lord's Prayer on the prayer card in your pew rack.)

***SENTENCES OF PRAISE**

Leader: Let us praise God, who has filled the earth with blessings!

People: **Let us sing to the Creator who has filled our lives with 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)

Caring and compassionate Creator, we enter this place set apart for your worship, knowing that we have failed to see you in other places. We have ignored your beauty around us, in earth and sky, in plants and creatures, in the people who surround us. We have chosen to live more by our fears than by our faith, to be weighed down by what we do not have, rather than rejoicing in your gifts to us. In these moments together, draw us so close that we cannot help but know every day that you are with us, wherever we go. Enlarge our capacity to care, so we may see you in all whom we meet. In Jesus' name, Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

RESPONSE

(in unison)

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

WORDS WITH THE YOUNG PEOPLE

(Young people may go to class during the hymn.)

***HYMN OF PREPARATION**

THE SCRIPTURE LESSONS

MEDITATION

CALL TO PRAYER

NCH 774

Shepherd, lead, lead me in your righteousness,
Make your way plain before my face.
For it is you, God, you God only,
Who makes me to lie down in safety.

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 SENDS US INTO THE WORLD

***HYMN OF DEDICATION**

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

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

OUR WORSHIP HAS ENDED...

LET OUR SERVICE BEGIN!

MINISTERS

ALL THE PEOPLE OF EDWARDS CHURCH

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LORI WILSON

Janis Steigman of Mother's Helpers is in charge of the nursery this morning.

Thank you to everyone who volunteered to participate in today's worship service.



Our worship is never generic but during the summer, our bulletin is. This year's summer bulletins feature nature-themed photos taken on our campus and beyond! We would greatly appreciate it if you could leave your bulletin in the basket on your way out of the building so we can re-use it for the next several weeks. Thank you!

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. We hope you will 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.

This summer we will worship together with all ages on several Sundays. On other Sundays, we have projects for children after our Words with the Young People. Always, we have a loving, trained nursery staff available for our youngest children. In the entryway to the sanctuary, you will find some quiet activity boxes; please take one and have fun!

Accessibility



Large Print

Available in the Narthex (front entrance):

- 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.



Summer Office Hours

Monday 9:00am-3:00pm
Wednesday 9:00am-3:00pm
Thursday 9:00am-3:00pm

This Week at Edwards Church

August 11-17, 2019

SUNDAY	9:00am	Rental	Edwards Hall
	10:00am	Worship	Sanctuary
	10:15am	Sunday School	Education Building
	11:00am	Coffee Hour	Susan P. Dickerman Hall
	1:00pm	Rental	Sanctuary
MONDAY	9:30am	Chairobics	Susan P. Dickerman Hall
	7:00pm	Wider Mission	Jonathan House
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>
	11:15am	<i>OS Steering Committee</i>	<i>Jonathan House</i>
	7:00pm	<i>Buddhist Meditation</i>	<i>Susan P. Dickerman Hall</i>
	7:30pm	<i>Y12SR</i>	<i>Edwards Hall</i>
WEDNESDAY	9:30am	Chairobics	Susan P. Dickerman Hall
	1:00pm	Gardening Hours	Throughout Campus
	6:00pm	<i>Veterans Yoga</i>	<i>Edwards Hall</i>
	7:15pm	Search Committee	Jonathan House
	7:30pm	Rental	Edwards Hall
THURSDAY	9:00am	Gardening Hours	Throughout Campus
	9:00am	<i>Qi Gong / Tai Chi</i>	<i>Susan P. Dickerman Hall</i>
	4:00pm	Rental	Edwards Hall
	6:00pm	<i>Cancer Support Group</i>	<i>Youth Room</i>
	7:30pm	AA Meeting	Edwards Hall
FRIDAY	9:30am	Chairobics	Susan P. Dickerman Hall

7:00pm Rental Edwards Hall Classrooms

SATURDAY

4:30pm Rental Sanctuary

5:30pm RentalSusan P. Dickerman Hall

THIS MORNING'S WORSHIP

August 11, 2019

Hymn of Praise	"Guide Me, O My Great Redeemer"	NCH 18
Hymn of Preparation	"There Is a Balm in Gilead"	NCH 553
Scripture	Psalm 139:1-14	(Pew Bible p. 503)
Scripture	John 7:37-38	(Pew Bible p. 869)
Meditation	"A Labyrinth of Lavender"	Rev. Dr. Deborah Clark
Hymn of Dedication	"Come, O Fount of Every Blessing"	NCH 459

Important Announcements

Thai Lunch Bunch

Wednesday, August 21 at noon in Sue Dickerman Hall

Over the last few years, Lunch Bunch has gathered periodically to try foods from around the world, as prepared by local restaurants. This summer we will embark on a repeat trip to Thailand. Join us for flavorful (but not hot and spicy) treats. Sign up on the way to coffee hour or contact the office to reserve your spot.

Celebrating the Spirit of Our Campus: Art Show and Potluck Dinner

Sunday, August 25 at 5:00pm in Edwards Hall

The current art exhibit in Edwards Hall features photos and paintings of our campus and the things that happen here. There are photos of our gardens, our sanctuary, and our stained glass windows. And there are photos of people and programs (and a fluffy dog!). Together they tell a story of a lively, joyous, open-hearted campus and the communities that gather here. Please bring a dish to share and join us for an evening of good conversation, food, and music.

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. If you plan to attend or have any questions, please email nicola@edwardschurch.org.

NEW CLASS: Yoga of 12-Step Recovery

Tuesdays, 7:30-8:45 pm in Edwards Hall (no class July 16)

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.