

Edwards Church of Northampton

April 12, 2026

Sunday, 10:00 AM



United in Christ's love, we are committed to creating a just and loving world where all feel valued and free to be themselves. Wherever you are on your journey of faith, we welcome you to be a part of shaping this community as it continues to evolve. We invite you to bring all that you are to this church: your gender identity and expression, sexual orientation, family structure, race, color, ethnicity, culture, age, range of ability; your economic, educational, and immigration status, and your unique perspective.

Welcome to Edwards Church

Take a moment to read through the bulletin to familiarize yourself with the order of worship.

Please see an usher for:

- ❖ Large-print bulletins.
- ❖ SoundMate assisted listening devices.
- ❖ Childcare is provided.
- ❖ Faith Formation classes available following the children's message.
- ❖ Sunday services at Edwards Church are recorded and livestreamed, if you prefer not to be photographed or filmed, please inform an usher.

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Online



Thank you volunteers:

Head Usher: Jon Dietrich

Welcome Liturgist: Stefanie Adair

Scripture Reader: Justin Chick

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Order of Worship

↑ Indicates standing in body or spirit.

B = Black New Century Hymnal, R = Red Pilgrim Hymnal.

~ We Gather to be Present to God ~

Prelude Sarabande from French Suite in G J. S. Bach (1685 - 1750)

Welcome

Introit

↑ **Call to Worship**

↑ **Opening Prayer - Unison**

God, we rejoice that you raised Jesus from the dead. We rejoice that you daily offer us abundant life. We have come to praise you for your power and compassion. Fill us and this space with your Holy Spirit. Bless our thoughts and our actions that all we do will give you glory. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

↑ **Sharing the Peace of Christ**

Use whatever gesture or words feel best for you to greet each other with the Peace of Christ.

↑ **Hymn # R 38** *Morning Has Broken*

~ We Listen to Hear God's Voice ~

Scripture 1 Peter 1:3-9; John 20:19-31

Anthem Peace I Leave With You Amy Beach (1867 - 1944)

Peace I leave with you,
My peace I give to you.
Not as the world giveth give I unto you.
Let not your heart be troubled

Time for Children of all Ages

↑**Hymn B # 244 V 1-4**

O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing

Sermon

Rev. Jennifer Geary

~ We Respond to God in our Lives ~

Offering

Offertory

↑**Sung Presentation**

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Let trumpets sound and voices sing!

Let all on earth their praises bring!

Alleluia, Alleluia

For Christ has conquered sin and death

And given life eternal breath.

O Praise God, Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

↑**Unison Prayer of Dedication**

Hallelujah, thank you God for all our blessings, especially the resurrection of Jesus the Christ. In deep gratitude we lay these offerings before you. Offerings of our hearts and hands. Bless us all, and continue to use us as ambassadors of your love. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

Pastoral Prayer

Silent Prayer



Lord's Prayer Use *the words most comfortable for you. If you are unfamiliar with this prayer, here is one version. Other versions can be found on page 9 in the black hymnal.*

Our Father-Mother who is in heaven, holy be your name. Your kingdom come; your will be done, on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Announcements

↑ **Hymn # B 243** *Allelulia! Allelulia! Hearts to Heaven*

↑ **Benediction**

↑ **Postlude** Allemande from French Suite in G J. S. Bach

During the Postlude, feel free to sit or to make your way to fellowship time.



This Week at Edwards Church

Monday 4/13

- 1:00 PM Pastor Open Office Hours
- 6:00 PM Meditation Group (Edwards Room)
- 7:00 PM Transition Team (Zoom)

Tuesday 4/14

- 10:00 AM Pastor Open Office Hours
- 7:00 PM Elected Core Ministry (Zoom)
- 7:00 PM Gamblers Anonymous (Addis Hall)

Wednesday 4/15

- 11:00 AM Bible Study (Zoom)
- 7:00 PM Finance Team (Zoom)
- 7:00 PM Alcoholics Anonymous (Addis Hall)

Thursday 4/16

- 5:00 PM Pastor Open Office Hours
- 6:30 PM Alcoholics Anonymous (Addis Hall)
- 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

Friday 4/17

- 7:00 PM Alcoholics Anonymous (Addis Hall)

Sunday 4/19

- 10:00 AM Worship (Sanctuary)

Announcements

Church Office Next Week

A friendly reminder that Keith will be out of the office next week on vacation. Debbie Davis will be helping out during the week. For any urgent matters, please feel free to contact Rev. Geary directly at minister@edwardschurchnorthampton.org.

Interfaith Community Gathering – April 18th

- When: Saturday, April 18 at 7:30 PM
- Where: Congregation B'nai Israel, 253 Prospect St, Northampton
- Register here: <https://cbinorthampton.easysul.com/events/69bade3c01172100264af2b2>

The Tikkun Olam/Healing the World Committee of Congregation B'nai Israel (CBI) will host a special interfaith gathering to affirm our commitment to take a stand to protect our immigrant neighbors. There will be singing with Molly Bajgot and Ben Grosscup, a talk from Bearing Witness founders Jared and Laurie Berezin, who stand out with hundreds of others at the Burlington ICE facility each week, information

about volunteering opportunities, and a brief Havdalah service honoring immigrants and those who support them. Registration is required for this event.

Meditation Group

We have a weekly Meditation Group at Edwards Church on Mondays at 6:00 PM in the Edwards Room. No experience necessary! Please feel free to join.

Bible Study

Join us every Wednesday at 11:00 AM and as we read together the passages for the upcoming Sunday. Every day is a stand-alone event so come when you can and join our lively discussion. This week's scripture is: Luke 24:13-35

Let the church office know if you would like to have your name added to the weekly Zoom invitation or just join using this link: <https://tinyurl.com/fbrph2p5>
If you need a Bible, there are a few copies available through the Church office.

Worship Services Online

To watch our worship services online, please go to our YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/c/EdwardsChurchNorthamptonMA>



In Our Prayers –

If you would like to add or remove a name on the prayer list, please contact the church office or Rev. Geary.

In Our Prayers

Baby Alden	Tom	David
Deb	Beth	Laura
Bert	Phyllis	Kate
Steve	Mildred	Marc
Mark	Kimberly	Michele
Yvette	Margaret	Danny
Dick	Kan	Margaret
June	Nicole	Bob
Laura	Shelia	

Those who mourn, the family and friends of:

Rick Aponte	Carla Bee	Marjorie E. Tauer
Evelyn Blakesly	Larry Hansmeier	Louise Montague
Gene Sielski	Molly McGovern	Janie Thurber

Morning Has Broken

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Eleanor Farjeon, 1881-

BUNESSAN 5.5.5.4.D.

Gaelic Melody

Harm. by David Evans, 1874-1948

In unison

1 Morn-ing has bro - ken Like the first morn - ing, Black-bird has
2 Sweet the rain's new fall Sun - lit from heav - en, Like the first
3 Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing Born of the

spo - ken Like the first bird. Praise for the sing - ing!
dew - fall On the first grass. Praise for the sweet - ness
one light E - den saw play! Praise with e - la - tion,

Praise for the morn - ing! Praise for them, spring - ing Fresh from the Word!
Of the wet gar - den, Sprung in com-plete - ness Where his feet pass.
Praise ev - ery morn - ing, God's re - cre - a - tion Of the new day!

O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing

Mark 16:1-7; John 20:19-29

Attrib. to Jean Tisserand (d. 1494)

Transl. John Mason Neale, 1851; alt.

Antiphon (may be sung at beginning and end)

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

1 O sons and daugh - ters, let us sing the flower of heaven, a -
 2 That Eas - ter morn at break of day, the faith - ful wom - en
 3 An an - gel clad in white they see, who sat and spoke un -
 4 When Thom - as first the tid - ings heard, he count - ed what they

live as spring, o'er death to - day rose
 went their way to seek the tomb where
 to the three, "Christ waits for you in
 said ab - surd, but see - ing Christ his

tri - umph - ing, Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 Je - sus lay, Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 Gal - i - lee." Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 faith was stirred: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Jean Tisserand, a Franciscan preaching friar, was well known in Paris. He founded an order for women and wrote a history commemorating some Franciscans martyred in Morocco in 1220.

Tune: O FILII ET FILIAE 8.8.8. with alleluias
 Airs sur les hymnes sacrez, Paris, 1623

Alleluia! Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven

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Christopher Wordsworth, 1872; alt.

Matt. 28:5-8; Rom. 5:21; 6:4-11; 1 Cor. 15:20-22

1 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Hearts to heaven and voic - es raise;
 2 Now the i - ron bars are bro - ken, Christ from death to life is born;
 3 Christ is ris - en, we are ris - en; shed up - on us heav - en - ly grace,
 4 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Glo - ry to the God of joy;

Sing to God a hymn of glad - ness, sing to God a hymn of praise.
 Glo - rious life, and life im - mor - tal on this ho - ly Eas - ter morn;
 Rain and dew, and gleams of glo - ry from the bright - ness of your face;
 Al - le - lu - ia to the Sav - ior who came death's bonds to de - stroy;

Je - sus on the cross as Sav - ior for the world's sal - va - tion bled;
 Christ has tri - umphed, and we con - quer by God's lib - er - at - ing deed;
 That we, with our hearts in heav - en, here on earth may fruit - ful be,
 Al - le - lu - ia to the Spir - it, Fount of love and sanc - ti - ty;

But the cru - ci - fied Re - deem - er now is ris - en from the dead!
 Now the Christ with us a - bid - ing to e - ter - nal life shall lead.
 And by an - gel hands be gath - ered, and be yours e - ter - nal - ly.
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! To the Tri - une Maj - es - ty.

Christopher Wordsworth, gifted nephew of poet William Wordsworth, served the Church of England successively as canon at Westminster, parish priest in Berkshire, and, finally, bishop of Lincoln. This Easter hymn is one of his most enduring.

Tune: WEISSE FLAGGEN 8.7.8.7.D.
 Tochter Zion, Cologne, 1741
 Alternate tune: HYFRYDOL