

EDWARDS CHURCH *of* NORTHAMPTON

United Church of Christ

April 19, 2026

Sunday, 10:00 AM



“Did not our **hearts**
burn within us ...
while **he opened** to us
the **Scriptures**?”

Luke 24:32, ESV

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.

Thank you volunteers:



Greeter: Justin Chick
Head Usher: Ron Korza
Welcome Liturgist: Ruth Griggs
Scripture Reader: Kathy Korza
Fellowship: Ruth Griggs and Michele Whiting

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Our Staff:

Interim Pastor: The Rev. Jennifer Geary
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Livestream Services: Alex LaMarche, Thomas Campbell



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 No. VIII from "*twelve short pieces for the organ*" Samuel Wesley (1766 - 1837)

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 # B 241**

Joy Dawned Again on Easter Day

~ We Listen to Hear God's Voice ~

Scripture

Luke 24:13-35

Anthem

Zeleneje Zhyto (Green Rye)

Ukrainian folk song

Zeleneje zhyto, zelene. Khoroshiji hosti u mene. Zeleneje zhyto zhentsi zhnut, a vzhe tiji hosti vkhatu jdut. Zeleneje zhyto pry mezhi, khoroshiji hosti vid dushi. Zeleneje zhyto schej oves. Avzhe tut zibravsia rid uves'.

Translation from the Ukrainian:

The farmers are harvesting the green rye. Guests wait for them in the house. The entire family has gathered and is being welcomed with the rye and oats "from the soul".

Time for Children of all Ages

↑Hymn # B 237

I Come to the Garden Alone

Sermon

Rev. Jennifer Geary

~ We Respond to God in our Lives ~

Offering

Offertory

↑Sung Presentation

tune: LASST UNS ERFREUEN

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.

Community Prayer

Sharing

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 242** *The Strife is O'er*

↑ **Benediction**

↑ **Postlude** No. IX from "*twelve short pieces for the organ*" Samuel Wesley

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



This Week at Edwards Church

Monday 4/20

Deadline for submission of Spire articles

1:00 PM Pastor Open Office Hours

6:00 PM Meditation Group (Edwards Room)

Tuesday 4/21

10:00 AM Pastor Open Office Hours

3:00 PM Tuesday Tea (Edwards Room)

7:00 PM Gamblers Anonymous (Addis Hall)

Wednesday 4/22

Administrative Professionals Day

11:00 AM Bible Study (Zoom)

7:00 PM Building & Grounds (Zoom)

7:00 PM Alcoholics Anonymous (Addis Hall)

Thursday 4/23

5:00 PM Pastor Open Office Hours

6:30 PM Alcoholics Anonymous (Addis Hall)

7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal

Friday 4/24

7:00 PM Alcoholics Anonymous (Sanctuary)

Sunday 4/26

10:00 AM Worship (Sanctuary)

3:00 PM Installation of Carol Smith at Westhampton Congregational UCC

Looking Ahead

April 30 – Hampshire Support Alliance Gala 5-8 PM

May 2 – Northampton Pride Parade

Announcements

Meditation Group

All are welcome participate in Meditation. It is offered weekly at Edwards Church on Mondays at 6:00 PM in the Edwards Room. No experience necessary!

Tuesday Tea

April 21 – 3 PM

We eat. We chat. All are welcome – tell a friend. The prompt for this month will be prayer. Jennifer will begin a conversation on prayer and we'll see where we go – it's usually a fun ride where ever the conversation takes us.

Zoom Bible Study

Join us every **Wednesday at 11:00 AM** 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: Acts 2:42-47; 1 Peter 2:19-25; John 10:1-10

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.

Northampton Pride Parade

May 2, 2026

You're Invited to a Parade!

Join the Edwards Church Pride Parade Contingent at the Hampshire Pride Parade. It's a fun and festive way to spend time together as we march with other area UCC churches and live out our church's commitment to love & celebrate LGBTQ+ folks.

Details

10 – 11 am We will gather in the Sheldon Field parking
(corner of Bridge St. & Old Ferry Rd)

11-ish – 12 noon The Parade steps off & marches up Bridge St. and down Main St. for about 1 mile at a slow to moderate pace, parade concludes at Main St. & Old South St.

We will have rainbow umbrellas for folks to use on the day of to both protect us from the sun and to spread Pride far and wide.

12-5 pm: Optional to attend is the Hampshire Pride Festival in the parking lot behind Thornes featuring booths sponsored by local organizations & businesses, plus entertainment & speakers.

RSVP by May 1st to Justin Chick

email: hey@justinchick.com or phone/text: (314) 488-3200

*Thank you for considering this invitation
to show our support for the LGBTQ+ community!*

Installation of Carol Smith in Westhampton

When a church calls a minister, the Association installs that minister as Pastor and Teacher. The Association is made up of delegates from each of the congregations in the Association. Edwards Church is part of the Hampshire Association.

When this congregation calls its settled minister, it will request that the Hampshire Association install that minister.

There are several upcoming Installations happening in the Hampshire Association this spring. It could be helpful for a variety of folks to serve as our delegates for each of these services to familiarize ourselves with what goes on at an Installation.

If you are willing to represent us at one or some of these services, please let the church office know.

April 26 th , 3 PM	the Rev. Carol Smith will be installed at Westhampton Cong'l, UCC
May 17 th , 3 PM	the Rev. Susan Cartmell will be installed at South Church Amherst, UCC
May 24 th , 3 PM	Larry Picard will be installed as a Lay Pastor at North Hadley Cong'l



Hampshire Support Alliance Gala

April 30th 5 – 8 PM Look Park Garden House

Order Tickets Here: [Tickets](#) ; www.HampHomeless.org

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.

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

Those who mourn, the family and friends of:

Rick Aponte	Carla Bee	Marjorie E. Tauer
Evelyn Blakesly	Larry Hansmeier	Louise Montague
Molly McGovern	Janie Thurber	Audrey Easter
Phyllis Rogers		

Joy Dawned Again on Easter Day

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Latin, c. 5th century

Luke 24:36-37

Transl. John Mason Neale, 1851; alt.

1 Joy dawned a - gain on Eas - ter Day, the sun shone
2 O Je - sus, Sav - ior, Gen - tle One, come take our
3 O Sov - ereign One, with us a - bide in this our

out with bright ar - ray; For when the A - pos - tles
hearts to be your own, That we may give you
joy - ful Eas - ter - tide; From ev - ery weap - on

hid in fear, the Ris - en Christ to them ap - peared.
all our days the will - ing trib - ute of our praise.
death can wield, your own re - deemed for - ev - er shield.

The musical score is written in treble and bass clefs, with a key signature of two sharps (D major) and a 3/4 time signature. It consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line and a bass line. The lyrics are printed below the vocal lines.

This anonymous Latin hymn of uncertain date is one of the two earliest hymns assigned to a special season. From that beginning grew a full list of medieval Latin hymns assigned to specific times and seasons.

Tune: PUER NOBIS NASCITUR L.M.
German carol, 15th century
Adapt. Michael Praetorius, 1609
Harm. George R. Woodward, 1910

I Come to the Garden Alone

(In the Garden)

John 20:14-18

C. Austin Miles, 1912

1 I come to the gar - den a - lone, while the dew is still on the
 2 He speaks, and the sound of his voice is so sweet the birds hush their
 3 I'd stay in the gar - den with him, though the night a - round me be

ros - es; And the voice I hear, fall - ing on my ear, the
 sing - ing; And the mel - o - dy that he gave to me with -
 fall - ing; But he bids me go; through the voice of woe his

Son of God dis - clos - es.
 in my heart is ring - ing. And he walks with me, and he
 voice to me is call - ing.

Refrain

talks with me, and he tells me I am his own, And the

joy we share as we tar - ry there, none oth - er has ev - er known.

C. Austin Miles wrote this hymn and its music to tell the story of Mary Magdalene's encounter with Jesus at the tomb, when she recognizes him and calls him "Rabboni" ("Teacher").

Tune: GARDEN 8.9.5.5.7. with refrain
 C. Austin Miles, 1912

The Strife Is O'er

Latin, c. 1695

Transl. Francis Pott, 1861; alt.

Refrain (before st. 1 and after st. 4)

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

1 The strife is o'er, the bat - tle done, the vic - to -
 2 The powers of death have done their worst, but Christ their
 3 The three sad days are quick - ly sped, Christ ris - es
 4 Christ, by your wounds on Cal - va - ry from death's dread

ry of life is won; The song of tri - umph
 le - gions has dis - persed: Let shouts of ho - ly
 glo - rious from the dead: All glo - ry to our
 sting your ser - vants free, That we may live e -

has be - gun. Al - le - lu - ia!
 joy out - burst. Al - le - lu - ia!
 ris - en Head! Al - le - lu - ia!
 ter - nal - ly. Al - le - lu - ia! to Refrain

A seventeenth-century Jesuit collection published in Cologne, Germany, is the earliest known source of this Latin hymn. The hymn is firmly associated with this musical setting from a Magnificat by the Italian composer Palestrina.

Tune: VICTORY 8.8.8. with alleluias
 Giovanni Perluigi da Palestrina, 1591
 Arr. William H. Monk, 1861