

EDWARDS CHURCH *of* NORTHAMPTON

United Church of Christ

April 26, 2026

Sunday, 10:00 AM



The Good Shepherd
Julien Dupre, 1851-1910

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:



Head Usher: Carolyn Dion

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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 Berceuse aux étoiles (Lullaby to the Stars) Jacques Ibert (1890 - 1962)

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 240 vs 1, 5** *Jesus Christ Is Risen Today*

~ We Listen to Hear God's Voice ~

Scripture Acts 2:42-47; 1 Peter 2:19-25; John 10:1-10

Anthem My Shepherd Will Supply My Need trad. Appalachian
arr. Virgil Thomson (1896 - 1989)

My Shepherd will supply my need: Jehovah is His Name;
In pastures fresh He makes me feed, beside the living stream.
He brings my wandering spirit back when I forsake His ways,
And leads me, for His mercy's sake, in paths of truth and grace.

When I walk through the shades of death thy presence is my stay;
One word of Thy supporting breath drives all my fears away.
Thy hand, in sight of all my foes, doth still my table spread;
My cup with blessings overflows, thine oil anoints my head.

The sure provisions of my God attend me all my days;
O may Thy house be my abode, and all my work be praise.
There would I find a settled rest, while others go and come;
No more a stranger, nor a guest, but like a child at home.

text: Isaac Watts

Time for Children of all Ages

↑**Hymn # B 252**

Savior Like a Shepherd

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 253**

Your Is the Glory

↑ **Benediction**

↑ **Postlude**

Le gai vigneron (The Merry Winemaker)

J. Ibert

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

This Week at Edwards Church

Monday 4/27

Spire Submission Deadline

1:00 PM Pastor Open Office Hours

6:00 PM Meditation Group (Edwards Room)

Tuesday 4/28

10:00 AM Pastor Open Office Hours

7:00 PM Gamblers Anonymous (Addis Hall)

Wednesday 4/29

11:00 AM Bible Study (Zoom)

7:00 PM Alcoholics Anonymous (Addis Hall)

Thursday 4/30

6:30 PM Alcoholics Anonymous (Addis Hall)

7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

Friday 5/1

7:00 PM Alcoholics Anonymous (Sanctuary)

Saturday 5/2 Northampton Pride Parade*

Sunday 5/3

10:00 AM Worship (Sanctuary)

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!

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 7:55-60; 1 Peter 2:2-10; John 14:1-14

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!*

IN CONVERSATION WITH FRANCIS DE BERNARDO

On April 27 at 7:00, The Center for Religious and Spiritual Life at Smith College will host a conversation with Francis DeBernardo, Executive Director of New Ways Ministry. Since 1977, this national organization has dedicated itself to Catholic outreach that “educates and advocates for equity, inclusion and justice for LGBTQ+ persons”. At Helen Hills Hills’ Chapel, Mr. DeBernardo will be in conversation with members of Catholics for Inclusion, a Northampton group that has been working locally for 10 years to help create a Catholic Church that “warmly welcomes the LGBTQ+ faithful into loving, accepting communities”. A Q & A with the audience will follow.



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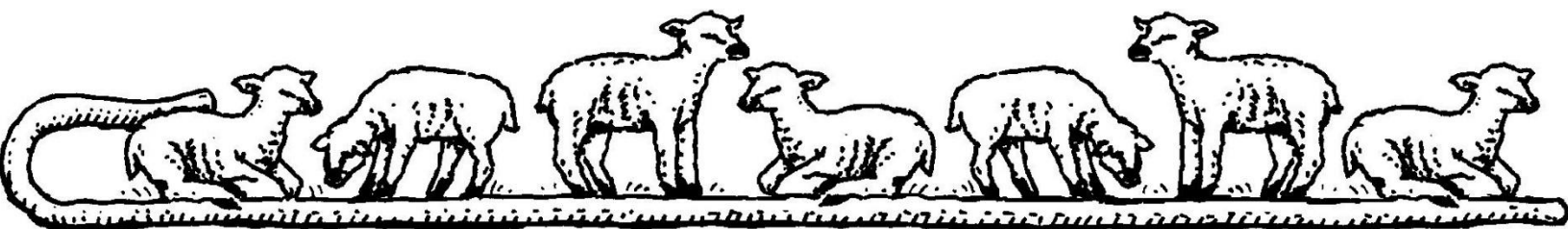
Hampshire Support Alliance Gala

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.

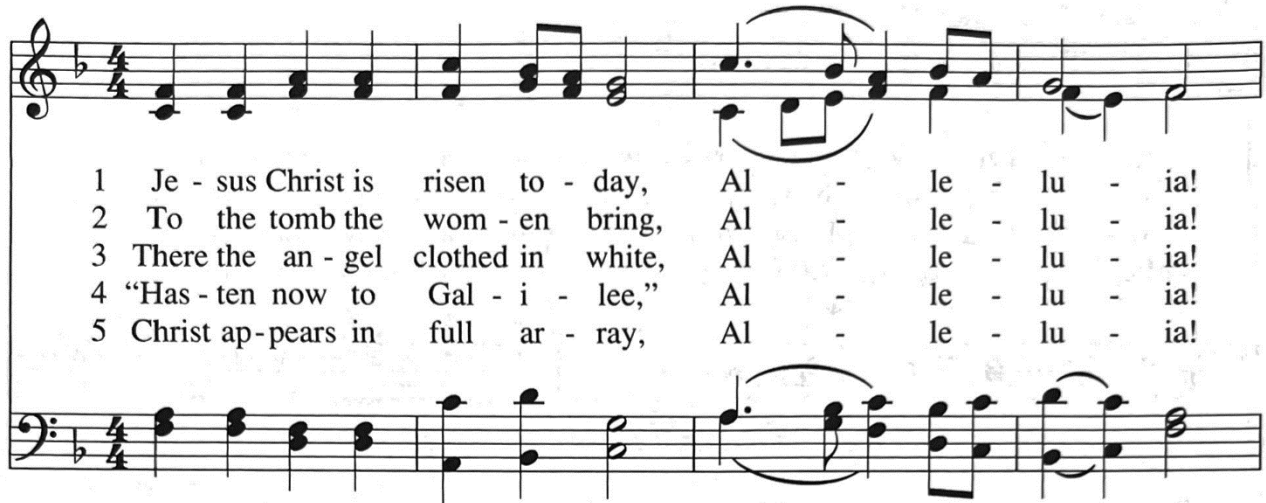
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Deb	Laura	Kan	Michele
Bert	Tom	Nicole	Danny
Steve	Beth	Shelia	Margaret
Mark	Mildred	David	Bob
Yvette	Courtney	Laura	Bill
Dick	Kimberly	Kate	

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	Eleanor Dietrich	

Matt. 28:1-10; Mark 16:1-8; Luke 24:1-10

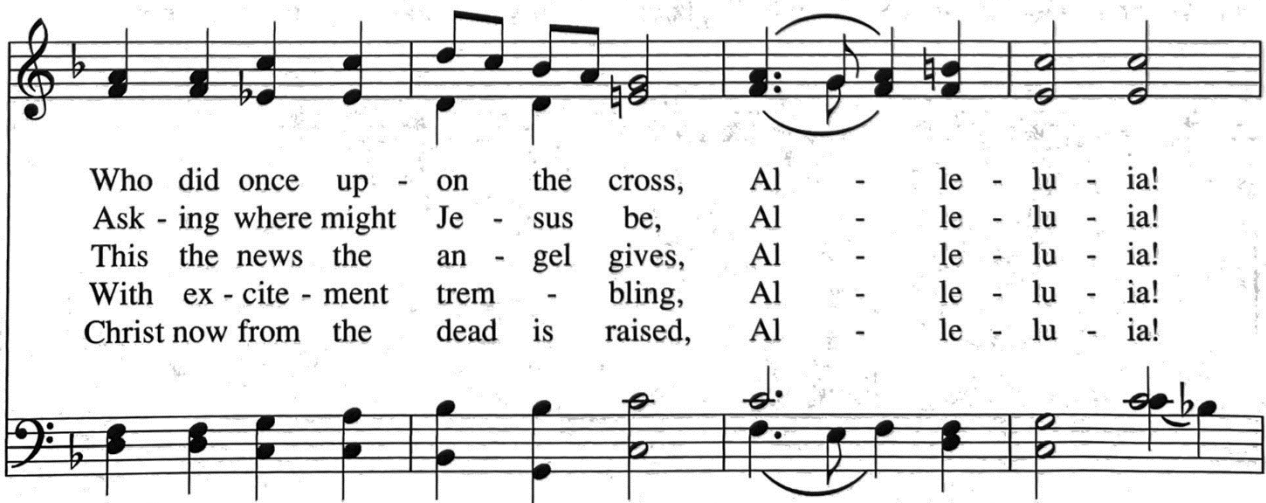
St. 1 transl., Lyra Davidica, London, 1708
St. 2-5 transl., The New Century Hymnal, 1994



1 Je - sus Christ is risen to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
2 To the tomb the wom - en bring, Al - le - lu - ia!
3 There the an - gel clothed in white, Al - le - lu - ia!
4 "Has - ten now to Gal - i - lee," Al - le - lu - ia!
5 Christ ap - pears in full ar - ray, Al - le - lu - ia!



Our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!
Spic - es rich, an of - fer - ing, Al - le - lu - ia!
Tells the news with great de - light, Al - le - lu - ia!
"Tell the oth - ers what you see!" Al - le - lu - ia!
Sing with joy this Pas - chal day, Al - le - lu - ia!



Who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!
Ask - ing where might Je - sus be, Al - le - lu - ia!
This the news the an - gel gives, Al - le - lu - ia!
With ex - cite - ment trem - bling, Al - le - lu - ia!
Christ now from the dead is raised, Al - le - lu - ia!

In 1749, an English translation of this fourteenth-century Latin hymn dropped all but the first stanza of the original. Most hymnbooks have used that (1749) version. In this new translation the original Latin verses of the medieval text are restored, thus bringing to life the original Easter narrative.

Tune: LLANFAIR 7.7.7.7. with alleluias
Robert Williams, 1817
Harm. John Roberts (1822-1877)

B #240 Cont.

Unison

Suf-fer to re - deem our loss, Al - le - lu - ia!
Sav-ior come to set us free, Al - le - lu - ia!
That the Sov-ereign glo - rious lives, Al - le - lu - ia!
Off they run, good news to bring, Al - le - lu - ia!
Ho - ly Trin - i - ty be praised, Al - le - lu - ia!

B #253 Cont.

A toi la vic - toi - re, pour l'é - ter - ni - té!
End - less is the vic - tory you o'er death have won.

Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us

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Attrib. to Dorothy A. Thrupp (1779-1847)

From Hymns for the Young, 1836; alt.

St. 1 transl. to Hawaiian by Laiana (1807-1886)

John 10:1-29

1 Sav-ior, like a shep-herd lead us, much we need your ten - der care;
1 Ie - su no ke Ka - hu - hi - pa, Ka - hu - hi - pa ma'i-ka'i e,
2 We are yours, in love be - friend us, be the guard-ian of our way;
3 Let us al - ways seek your fa - vor; let us al - ways do your will;

in your pleas - ant pas-tures feed us, for our use your folds pre-pare.
Ei - a ma - kou ka 'o - ha - na ke ho'o-lo - he a ha - hai:
keep your flock, from sin de - fend us, seek us when we go a - stray.
Je - sus Christ our on - ly Sav - ior, with your love our spir - its fill.

Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, you have bought us, yours we are;
E a - lo - ha, e a - lo - ha, a - la - ka'i a ha - nai mai,
Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, hear your chil - dren when we pray;
Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, you have loved us, love us still;

Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, you have bought us, yours we are.
E a - lo - ha, e a - lo - ha, a - la - ka'i a ha - nai mai.
Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, hear your chil - dren when we pray.
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The theme of Christ as shepherd is familiar and beloved to Christians. Emma Lyons Doyle, granddaughter of Laiana (translator Lorenzo Lyons), once said, "If you want to know the full beauty of this hymn, hear it sung in Hawaiian."

Tune: BRADBURY 8.7.8.7.D.
William B. Bradbury, 1859

A toi la gloire, ô Ressuscité!

(Yours Is the Glory, Resurrected One!)

Matt. 28:1-10; John 20:19-29; 1 Cor. 15:54-55

Edmond L. Budry, 1904

Transl. The New Century Hymnal, 1993

1 A toi la gloi - re, ô Res - sus - ci - té! A toi la vic - toi - re,
 1 Yours is the glo - ry, Res - ur - rect - ed One! End - less is the vic - tory
 2 See, it is Je - sus, Je - sus has ap - peared; do not doubt at all for
 3 Am I still fright - ened? One whom I a - dore, Je - sus, lives a - gain, gives

pour l'é - ter - ni - té! Bril - lant de lu - miè - re, l'ange est de - scen -
 you o'er death have won. An - gels clothed in ra - dian - ce rolled the stone a -
 noth - ing you will fear. Let the church with glad - ness hymns of tri - umph
 peace for - ev - er - more. Je - sus is my vic - tory, life and strength and

du, il rou - le la pier - re du tom - beau vain - cu.
 way; con - quered is the grave in which your bod - y lay.
 sing; tell it with - out ceas - ing: Death has lost its sting.
 Head; Je - sus is my glo - ry, noth - ing shall I dread.

Refrain

A toi la gloi - re, ô Res - sus - ci - té!
 Yours is the glo - ry, Res - ur - rect - ed One!

Swiss pastor Edmond L. Budry may have drawn his inspiration for this hymn from a German Advent poem set to Handel's triumphant music. The tune Judas Maccabeus is adapted from a chorus in Handel's oratorio of the same name.

Tune: JUDAS MACCABEUS
 5.5.6.5.6.5.6.5. with refrain
 G. F. Handel, 1751