

# EDWARDS CHURCH *of* NORTHAMPTON

United Church of Christ

May 10, 2026

Sunday, 10:00 AM



The River of Life (1999)  
Corrine Peterson

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:** Marc Waller

**Welcome Liturgist:** Justin Chick

**Scripture Reader:** Debbie Davis

**Fellowship:** Debbie Davis and Michele Whiting

**Flowers:** Sally Griggs

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**Our Staff:**

Interim Pastor: The Rev. Jennifer Geary

Music Director: Adam Simon

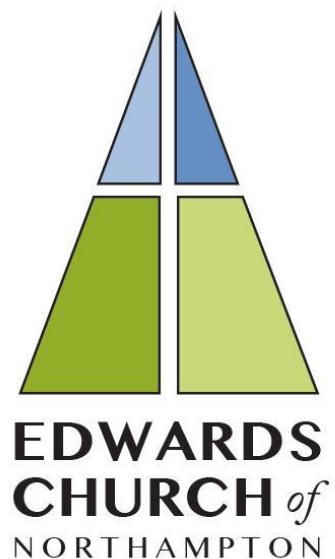
Treasurer: Sabra Aquadro

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Livestream Services: Alex LaMarche, Thomas Campbell





And ye know him, for he dwelleth with you,  
And shall be in you.  
I will not leave you comfortless.  
I will come to you.  
- John 14 vv.15-18

## **Time for Children of all Ages**

↑**Hymn # B 426**

*O God, Whose Steadfast Love*

**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 Nurturer 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 308**

*At the Font*

↑ **Benediction**

↑ **Sung Blessing**

*As You Go on Your Way*

As you go on your way, may God go with you  
May God go before you to show you the way  
May God go behind you to encourage you  
Beside you to befriend you  
Above you to watch over  
Within you to give you peace

↑ **Postlude**

Pavan

William Byrd (1540 - 1623)

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



## **This Week at Edwards Church**

### *Monday 5/11*

1:00 PM Pastor Open Office Hours  
6:00 PM Meditation Group (Edwards Room)  
7:00 PM Understanding the UCC (Addis Hall)

### *Tuesday 5/12*

10:00 AM Pastor Open Office Hours  
7:00 PM Gamblers Anonymous (Addis Hall)

### *Wednesday 5/13*

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

*Thursday 5/14*

- 4:00 PM Care & Visitation (Zoom)
- 5:00 PM Pastor Open Office Hours
- 6:30 PM Alcoholics Anonymous (Addis Hall)
- 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

*Friday 5/15*

- 7:00 PM The Tiny Glass Camerata (Sanctuary)
- 7:00 PM Alcoholics Anonymous (Addis Hall)

*Sunday 5/17*

10:00 AM Worship (Maines Field - 570 Riverside Dr, Florence, MA 01062)  
Looking Ahead: May 31 Care Circle Luncheon (Addis Hall)

## **Announcements**

### **Understanding the United Church of Christ**

**Monday, May 11<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM in Addis Hall.**

Edwards Church is a congregation of the United Church of Christ. What does that mean to each one of the members of the congregation? How was the United Church of Christ founded? What is it known for? What is it doing now? How are we involved in the wider church? These and many other questions will be answered on Monday, May 11<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM in Addis Hall. Rev. Jennifer Geary will give a presentation on the amazing history of our denomination and its role in society today. She will also try to share this presentation through Zoom but cannot guarantee the quality of that option. Here is the Zoom link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87401056689?pwd=akQbV7XdboW4ycabZUN68b69vOrGXA.1>

### **Marjorie Tauer: Celebration of Life**

- Saturday May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2026 – 12 to 3:00 PM
- The Willow Brook Shelter Pavilion
- Look Park
- 300 N. Main Street, Northampton, MA

Please join us to honor Marjorie Tauer by reminiscing and appreciating her beautiful artwork, which reflects her spirit and creativity. Share memories as we celebrate her life and legacy. Lunch will be provided. No RSVP needed.

## Upcoming Installations

Our Congregation is allowed to have four delegates and any number of visitors attend these events. Delegates must be church members. Please let the church office know which event you can attend.

### Hampshire Association Installations:

- May 17<sup>th</sup>, 3 PM Installation of the Rev. Susan Cartmell at South Church Amherst, UCC
- May 24<sup>th</sup>, 3 PM Installation of Larry Picard as a Lay Pastor at North Hadley Congregational Church, UCC

## Care Circle Luncheon

Plan to attend the Care Circle Luncheon on May 31 at 11:30 AM after worship. Bring your own lunch. There is plenty of space in the refrigerator and two microwaves to heat items. Dessert and drinks will be provided. Learn about our Care Circle ministry and meet the folks in your circle.

## 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 1:6-14; John 17:1-11

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>



## Tiny Glass Camarata

We hope to see you at **7:00 PM this Friday, May 15<sup>th</sup>**!

Led by Sophie Michaux and Adam Simon, our very own Valley based ensemble Tiny Glass Camerata offers a selection of joyful madrigals, songs, and chansons by Dowland, Strozzi, Monteverdi, Purcell, Del Melle and more. Join us in the delight of expressive music and colorful poetry of 16th and 17th century France, Italy, and England. Mezzo-soprano and artistic director Sophie Michaux will be joined by Dani Zanuttini-Frank for a selection of lute songs by John Dowland.

Tiny Glass Camerata, vocal ensemble  
Sophie Michaux, mezzo-soprano  
Dani Zanuttini-Frank, lute and theorbo  
Adam Simon, bass

### 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.

Deb	Steve	Mildred	Laura
Jack	Mark	Courtney	Kate
Rachel	Yvette	Kimberly	Charlie
Gwen	Dick	Margaret	Michele
Emily	June	Kan	Danny
Baby Alden	Laura	Nicole	Margaret
Deb	Tom	Shelia	Bob
Bert	Beth	David	Bill

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	Marc Abel

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Acts 17:30-31; Rev. 7:9-14

Fanny Crosby, 1873; alt.

1 Bless-ed as - sur - ance, Je - sus is mine! O what a  
 2 Per - fect sub - mis - sion, per - fect de - light! Vi - sions of  
 3 Per - fect sub - mis - sion, all is at rest, I in my

fore - taste of glo - ry di - vine! Heir of sal - va - tion, pur - chase of  
 rap - ture now burst on my sight; An - gels de - scend - ing, bring from a -  
 Sav - ior am hap - py and blessed; Watch - ing and wait - ing, look - ing a -

God, born of the Spir - it, washed in Christ's blood.  
 bove ech - oes of mer - cy, whis - pers of love.  
 bove, filled with God's good - ness, lost in Christ's love.

*Refrain*

This is my sto - ry, this is my song, prais - ing my Sav - ior all the day long;

After hearing Phoebe Knapp play this tune on the piano, Fanny Crosby composed the poem on the spot. In her almost 95 years,

Tune: ASSURANCE Irr.  
 Phoebe P. Knapp, 1873

This is my sto - ry, this is my song, prais - ing my Sav - ior all the day long.

Gen. 18:9-15; 1 Sam. 1:1-20; Luke 1:26-56; 2:1-7

James L. Haddix, 1986; rev. 1994

1 O God, whose stead-fast love true moth - er - hood has blessed;  
 2 Your prom - is - es, O God, so sure through-out the years,  
 3 In your great love, O God, full par - ent - hood is known:  
 4 May your house-hold of faith one fam - i - ly be - come,

who shields the in - fant small up - on its moth - er's breast:  
 have lived in moth - ers' hearts, have bloomed from moth - ers' tears.  
 a fa - ther mourns his child, a moth - er's strength is shown.  
 that love may be in - creased and none may be a - lone;

Em - brace us, too, O God, our God, and hold us in your  
 So Sar - ah laughed, and Han - nah wept, and sing - ing Mar - y  
 Let par - ents' faith - ful lives un - bind your love that through them  
 That moth - er's love and fa - ther's care and chil - dren's joy we

lov - ing arms, and hold us in your lov - ing arms.  
 se - crets kept, and sing - ing Mar - y se - crets kept.  
 we might find Christ's deep - er love for hu - man - kind.  
 all may share, and chil - dren's joy we all may share.

United Church of Christ minister James Haddix wrote this text for the "Festival of the Christian Home." It was dedicated and sung to his mother, Margaret Ann Lewis Haddix, at a reception in Missouri recognizing her thirty-year career as a first-grade teacher.

Tune: RHOSYMEDRE 6.6.6.6.8.8.8.  
 John D. Edwards, c. 1840

# At the Font We Start Our Journey

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Jeffery Rowthorn, 1992

Col. 3:15; Acts 10:36-43

1 At the font we start our jour - ney, in the Eas - ter  
2 At the pul - pit we are fash - ioned by the Eas - ter  
3 At the al - tar we are nour - ished with the Eas - ter  
4 At the door we are com - mis - sioned, now the Eas - ter

faith bap - tized; doubts and fears no long - er blind us,  
tale re - told in - to wit - nes - ses and proph - ets,  
gift of bread; in our break - ing it to piec - es  
vic - tory's won, to re - store a world di - vid - ed

by the light of Christ sur - prised. Al - le - lu - ia,  
by the power of Christ made bold. Al - le - lu - ia,  
see the love of Christ out - spread. Al - le - lu - ia,  
to the peace of Christ as one. Al - le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia! Hope held out and re - al - ized.  
al - le - lu - ia! Faith pro - claimed, yet still un - told.  
al - le - lu - ia! Life em - braced, yet free - ly shed.  
al - le - lu - ia! Eas - ter's work must still be done.

*This text was written for a parish in the Episcopal Diocese of Connecticut, where the author served as bishop suffragan. Born and educated in Britain, Rowthorn has held positions at Union Theological Seminary and Yale University Divinity School, and more recently was appointed bishop in charge of the Convocation of American Churches in Europe.*

Tune: WESTMINSTER ABBEY 8.7.8.7.8.7.  
Henry Purcell, c. 1680  
Arr. Ernest Hawkins, 1842