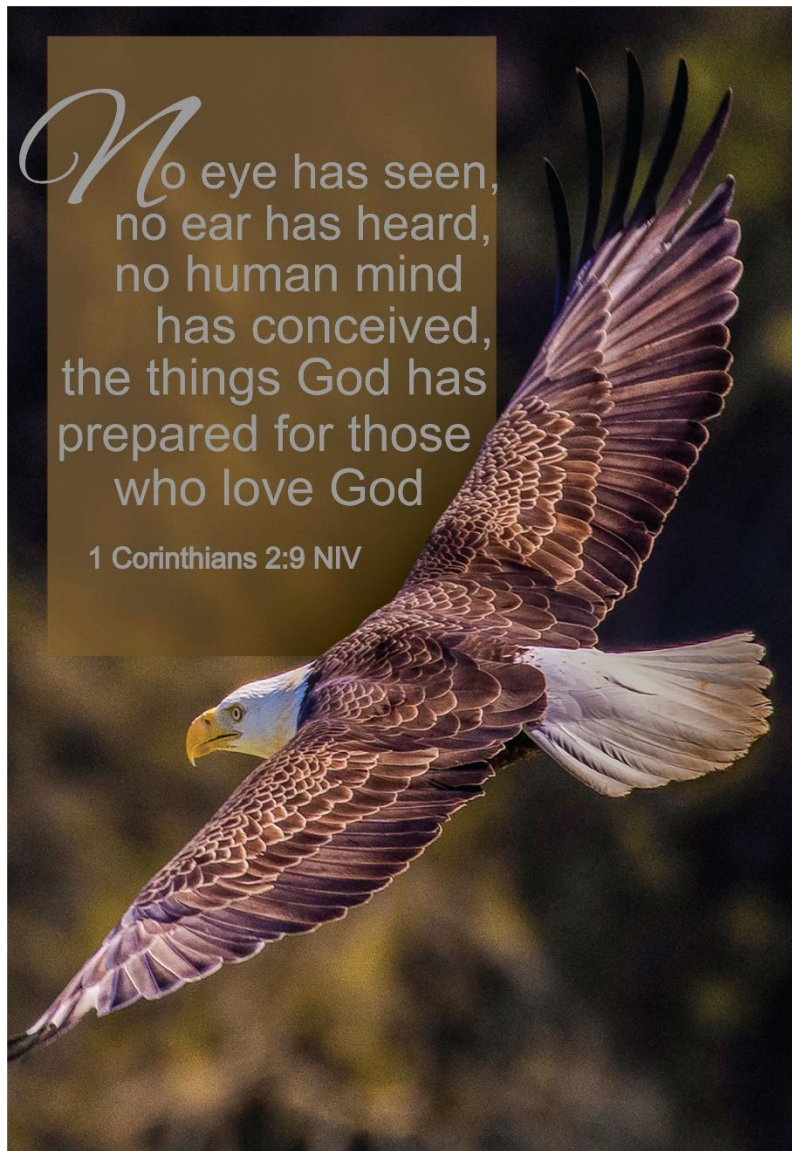


EDWARDS CHURCH *of* NORTHAMPTON

United Church of Christ

June 14, 2026

Sunday, 10:00 AM



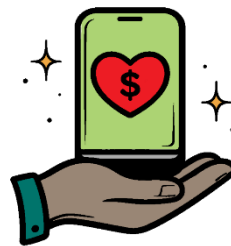
United in Christ's love, we are committed to creating a just and loving world where all feel valued and free to be themselves. Wherever you are on your journey of faith, we welcome you to be a part of shaping this community as it continues to evolve. We invite you to bring all that you are to this church: 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.



Thank you volunteers:

Greeter: Mark Dion

Head Usher: Carolyn Dion

Welcome Liturgist: Justin Chick

Fellowship: Sarah Briggs and Michele Whiting

Flowers: Sally Griggs

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Interim Pastor: The Rev. Jennifer Geary

Music Director: Adam Simon

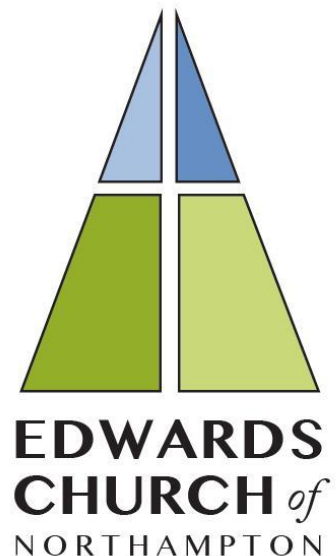
Treasurer: Sabra Aquadro

Office Manager: Keith Barnicle

Sexton: Justin Clifford

Faith Formation: Shannon Ryan, Denisse Barron, Edith Parker Yourga

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

All is Well

Original Sacred Harp

arr. Peter Amidon

Welcome

Introit

Call to Worship

Opening Prayer - Unison

God, we need you more than we know. Meet us in our healthy, strong places; meet us in our broken, sad places; meet us in our hidden and forgotten places. Bless this time and this place that the worship we give with our bodies and our spirits will give you glory and honor. 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 9**

We Sing to You O God

to the tune of 303 Rejoice, Give Thanks and Sing

~ We Listen to Hear God's Voice ~

Scripture

Exodus 19:2-8a; Matthew 9:35-10:8

Anthem

Ave Maria

Bach/Gounod

Performed by Ben Haughey and Dave Haughey

Time for Children of all Ages

↑ **Hymn # B 20**

God of Abraham and Sarah

~ We Respond to God in our Lives ~

Offering

Offertory

Dave Haughey

↑Sung Presentation

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God all creatures here below.
Praise God above you heavenly host.
Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost.

↑Unison Prayer of Dedication

Bless these offerings, O God, returned to you. Multiply and use them to bring the word and the touch of Jesus to this place and throughout the world. 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 586

Come to Tend God's Garden

↑ 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**

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



This Week at Edwards Church

Monday 6/15

1:00 PM Pastor Open Office Hours
6:00 PM Meditation Group (Edwards Room)
7:00 PM Elected Core Ministry (Zoom)

Tuesday 6/16

10:00 AM Pastor Open Office Hours
4:30 PM Search Team (Heritage Room)
7:00 PM Gamblers Anonymous (Addis Hall)

Wednesday 6/17

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

Thursday 6/18

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

Friday 6/19

Juneteenth

7:00 PM Alcoholics Anonymous (Addis Hall)

Sunday 5/21

Father's Day
10:00 AM Worship (Sanctuary)

Announcements

Get a Mule, Forty Acres or So...

- Northampton Center for the Arts
- 33 Hawley St. Northampton, MA
- Saturday, June 20 • 4 PM - 6 PM
- A Film Premiere and a Live Podcast Taping!

Join us **in person** for the public premiere of the powerful documentary short, "**Get a Mule, Forty Acres or So...**" and a live taping of the podcast "**Remind My Soul.**" Join filmmaker and educator Michael Lawrence-Riddell as he tells a story from American history to Hip-Hop artist and educator Akrobatik. Akrobatik has not heard the story before. After their conversation, Akrobatik will have thirty minutes to write an original verse inspired by the story and the conversation about the story. He will then perform the original verse live. While Akrobatik writes his original verse, the audience will experience the film "**Get a Mule, Forty Acres or So...**", which is Part 1 in what will be a three-part series about the histories and legacies of Black land ownership and farming called "Freedom's Soil: Land and Liberation." After the film screening, Michael and Akrobatik will be joined in discussion by Michael's co-producer for the film, Ibrahim Ali and African American History professor Ousmane Power-Greene.

Suggested donation: \$10-\$50. Learn [more](#).

Valley Interfaith Refugee Action Group

Presents:

The hidden connection between El Salvador, Trump and the Immigration/Detention Policies of the United States

A conversation with Noah Bullock, Executive Director, Cristosal, a human rights organization in Central America

Join us Thursday, June 25, 2026, 7:00-8:00 PM on zoom.

Register below.

Register in advance for this meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/5WJbLTMDRLqGqWqImI1r0A>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing your personal link for joining the meeting.

Event Co-Sponsors: Congregation B’Nai Israel Tikkun Olam Committee, Edwards Church, Haydenville Congregational Church, Northampton Friends Meeting, Nourishing Beloved Communities, St. John’s Episcopal Church, St. Philip’s Social Justice Committee, Western MA Immigration Legislative Advocacy Network

For more information, contact e-l-k@comcast.net

Meditation Group

Please note – the Monday Meditation Group will be taking a break in July and August but will resume at the normal time in September 2026. All are welcome to 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: Matthew 28:16-20; 2 Corinthians 13:11-13

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.

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

Those who mourn, the family and friends of:

Rick Aponte	Carla Bee	Marjorie E. Tauer
Evelyn Blakesly	Larry Hansmeier	Audrey Easter
Janie Thurber	Marc Abel	
Phyllis Rogers	Eleanor Dietrich	

We Sing to You, O God

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Gracia Grindal, 1985, 1989

1 We sing to you, O God, the Rock who gave us birth, let
2 We wan-dered far from home out in a des-ert land, you
3 You bear us through the world, an ea-gle to her young, who
4 O God, e-ter-nal God, we hide with-in your wings, the

our re-joic-ing sing your name in all the earth. To you, O
shield-ed with your love our fear-ful pil-grim band. You kept us
ris-es on her wings and bears us toward the sun. We ride the
ev-er-last-ing arms to whom our prais-es ring. Your word is

God, let songs be raised, in joy-ful hymns, our feast of praise.
safe with-in your arms and shel-tered us a-gainst the storm.
vaults of light and air and trust in your un-fail-ing care.
true, your way is just, you are the God in whom we trust.

The musical score consists of three systems. Each system includes a vocal line with lyrics and a piano accompaniment with treble and bass staves. The key signature is one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are arranged in four numbered lines, with the piano accompaniment providing harmonic support for the vocal melody.

Poet, author, and teacher of poetry and writing, Gracia Grindal has held editorial and consultant positions for several hymnic publications. She has served as professor of pastoral theology and ministry communication at Luther Northwestern Theological Seminary, Minneapolis.

Tune: CAMANO 6.6.6.6.4.4.4.4.
Richard Proulx, 1979
Alternate tune: DARWALL'S 148TH

God of Abraham and Sarah

James Gertmenian, 1986; alt.

1 God of A - bra - ham and Sar-ah, God of Mo - ses, Mir - iam's Guide;
 2 God who danc - es in cre - a - tion, spin - ning stars a - bove our heads;
 3 God who loves the poor in spir - it, God who com - forts those who mourn;
 4 In our lives from birth to dy - ing, depth of sor - row, height of joy;



God of Da - vid and the proph - ets, God in Je - sus glo - ri - fied:
 God whose face is scribed in mu - sic, by whose hand the earth is fed:
 Balm for wounds, the friend of sin - ners, tak - ing the side of earth's for - lorn:
 Prais - ing God in ev - ery sea - son, let ev - ery key our hearts em - ploy.



Up from the dust you raise a peo - ple, breathe in the breath of life, of soul;
 Up from the ground you raise the moun - tains, raise our spir - its, lift our eyes;
 Up from the depths you raise your peo - ple, giv - ing them cour - age for the day;
 Praise is the heal - ing, praise, the glo - ry, praise is the fin - al mys - ter - y;



Down through the years the peo - ple praise you till al - le - lu - ias make them whole!
 Down through the years your peo - ple praise you till al - le - lu - ias flood the skies!
 Down through the years the peo - ple praise you till al - le - lu - ias light their way!
 Down through the years let peo - ple praise you till al - le - lu - ias set them free!



The healing power of praise and the history of God's dealings with humankind are the themes of this hymn, written by a United Church of Christ minister who is the grandson of Armenian immigrants. The tune is named for his father.

Tune: CONSTANTINE 8.7.8.7.D.
 Melody by James Gertmenian, 1986
 Harm. Ronald Huntington, 1986; alt.

Come to Tend God's Garden

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John A. Dalles, 1992

Luke 13:6-9; Gal. 5:22-26



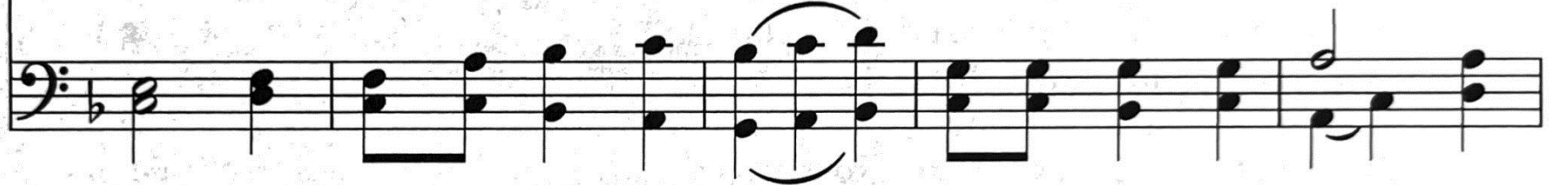
1 Come to tend God's gar - den, seeds of hope to sow, plant-ing fields of
2 As we tend God's gar - den, from its fur-rows rise stems of fresh be -
3 May God's gar - den flour - ish, may our toil suc - ceed, may God bless our



*Whenever this repeated figure appears in the bass,
the organist should tie the eighth notes in the bass part.



jus - tice, watch-ing mer - cy grow! In an ar - id waste - land,
gin - nings, stretch-ing toward the skies! Gra-cious-ness, our mead - ow,
ac - tions, ev - ery word and deed! Serv-ing Christ each sea - son,



spread a ver - dant heath! In a land of tu-mult, cul - ti - vate God's peace!
joy - ful - ness, our root, u - ni-ty, our fo-liage, righ-teous-ness, our fruit!
with God's di - a - gram, chart-ed by the Spir-it, for the task at hand!



John Dalles is the author of more than 200 hymn texts. This one was written for the 275th anniversary of the Synod of the Trinity (Pennsylvania), where Dalles has served as a pastor at Fox Chapel Presbyterian Church, Pittsburgh.

Tune: KING'S WESTON 6.5.6.5.D.
Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1925
For another setting see 255