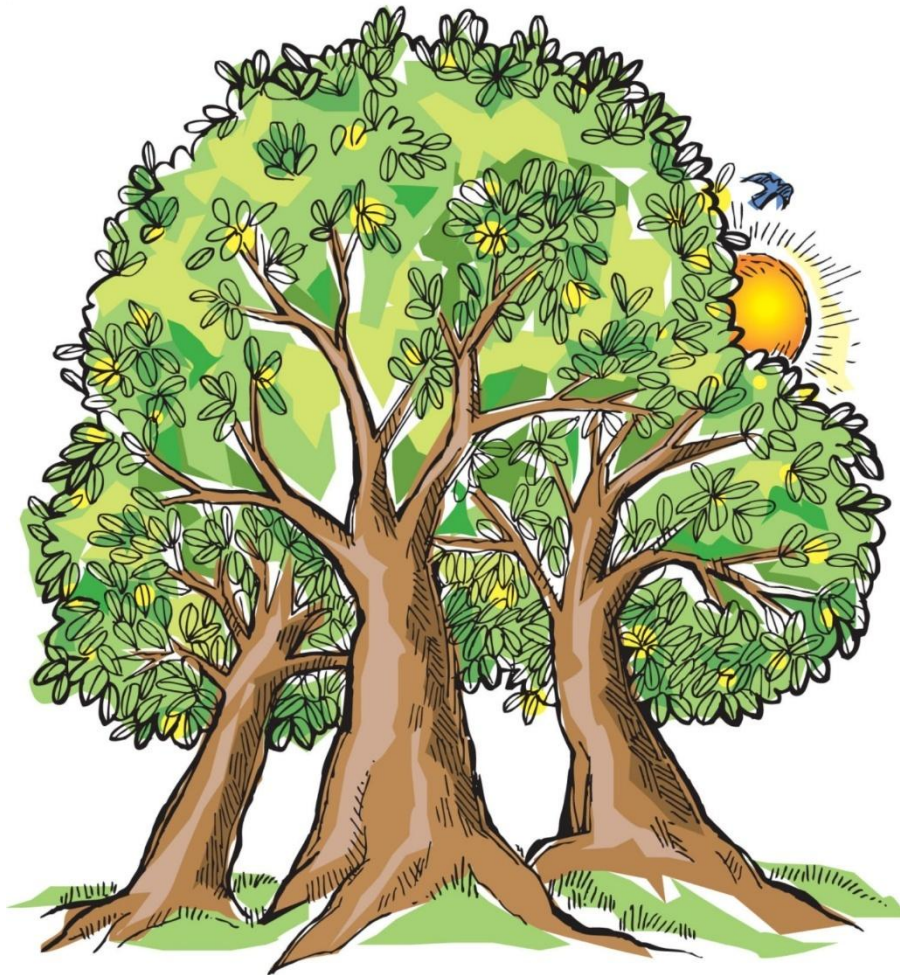


EDWARDS CHURCH *of* NORTHAMPTON

United Church of Christ

June 21, 2026

Sunday, 10:00 AM



LIVE FOR GOD

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.

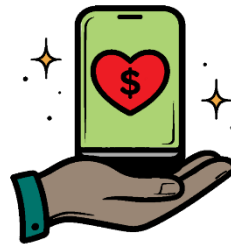
Thank you volunteers:

Greeter: Mark Dion

Head Usher: Marc Waller

Scripture Reader: Justin Chick

Fellowship: Susan Anderson and Michele Whiting



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Music Director: Adam Simon

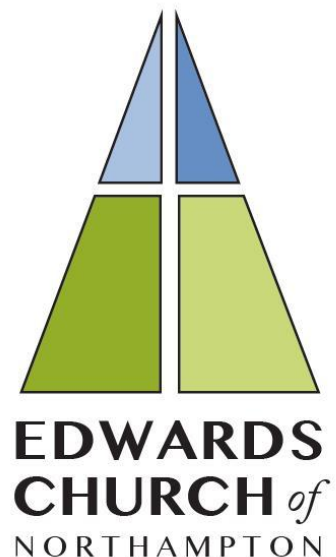
Treasurer: Sabra Aquadro

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

Jeremy Harman, cello

Welcome

Introit

Call to Worship Psalm 100 page 688 with antiphon

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 # R 433** *God of Our Fathers, Whose Almighty Hand*

~ We Listen to Hear God's Voice ~

Scripture

Matthew 10:24-39

Anthem

Jeremy Harman, cello

Time for Children of all Ages

↑ **Hymn # B 475** *God's Eye is on the Sparrow*

Sermon

Rev. Jennifer Geary

~ We Respond to God in our Lives ~

Offering

Offertory

Kimaya Diggs, piano

↑ **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 (Insert)**

Give Up Your Anxious Pains

↑ **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**

Jeremy Harman, cello

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



This Week at Edwards Church

Monday 6/22

1:00 PM Pastor Open Office Hours
4:30 PM Search Team Meeting (Heritage Room)
6:00 PM Meditation Group (Edwards Room)

Tuesday 6/23

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

Wednesday 6/24

11:00 AM Bible Study (Zoom)
6:30 PM Free Recital (Sanctuary)
7:00 PM Building & Grounds Team Meeting (Zoom)
7:00 PM Alcoholics Anonymous (Addis Hall)

Thursday 6/25

5:00 PM Pastor Open Office Hours
6:30 PM Alcoholics Anonymous (Addis Hall)

Friday 6/26

7:00 PM Alcoholics Anonymous (Addis Hall)

Sunday 6/28

10:00 AM Worship (Sanctuary)

Announcements

Free Recital

All Edwards Church friends and members are welcomed to attend a small violin recital with my students (Sarah Briggs) on Wednesday, June 24, at 6:30. It will include music of Bach, Bartok, Kreisler and Chen Gang/He Zhanhao.

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 10:40-42

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

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	Kalei
Phyllis Rogers	Eleanor Dietrich	

Give Up Your Anxious Pains (diademata)

1. Give up your anx - ious pains, con - fu - sion, and re - morse, To
2. All things con - form to please the faith - ful when they pray, So
3. "Don't let us be dis - mayed by griev - ous so - cial wrong: Re -

5

God, who set and still main - tains cre - a - tion's com - plex course. God
fall up - on your trust - ing knees and all to - geth - er say: "O
spon - sive, ac - tive, un - a - fraid, may we be brave and strong. Ex -

9

leads what may ap - pear cha - o - tic, ran - dom wild: So
faith - ful God of grace who rules the rag - ing storm, En -
tend your lov - ing care through all our live - long days; And

13

God has planned and will make clear a path for you, dear child.
light - en our poor mor - tal race; your prom - ised works per - form."
when we die, bring us to where bright an - gels sing your praise."

Daniel C. Roberts, 1841-1907

NATIONAL HYMN 10.10.10.
George W. Warren, 1828-1902

Trumpets, before each stanza
(optional)

1 God of our fa - thers, whose al - might - y hand
2 Thy love di - vine hath led us in the past;
3 From war's a - larms, from dead - ly pes - ti - lence,
4 Re - fresh thy peo - ple on their toil - some way;



Leads forth in beau - ty all the star - ry band
In this free land by thee our lot is cast;
Be thy strong arm our ev - er sure de - fense;
Lead us from night to nev - er - end - ing day;



Of shin - ing worlds in splen - dor through the skies,
Be thou our rul - er, guard - ian, guide, and stay,
Thy true re - li - gion in our hearts in - crease;
Fill all our lives with love and grace di - vine,



Our grate - ful songs be - fore thy throne a - rise.
Thy word our law, thy paths our cho - sen way.
Thy boun - teous good - ness nour - ish us in peace.
And glo - ry, laud, and praise be ev - er thine. A - men.



Matt. 10:26-30; Luke 12:4-7

Civilla D. Martin, c. 1905; alt.

Stanzas, in unison

1 Why should I feel dis-cour-aged, why should the shad-ows come,
 2 "Let not your heart be trou-bled," Christ's ten-der word I hear,
 3 When-ev-er I am tempt-ed, when-ev-er clouds a-rise,

Why should my heart be lone-ly and long for heaven and
 And rest-ing on God's good-ness, I lose my doubts and
 When song gives place to sigh-ing, when hope with-in me

home, When God is ev-er my por-tion? My
 fears; Though by the path . . . God leads me but
 dies, I then draw close to my Sav-ior, from

con-stant friend will be: God's eye is on the spar-row, and I
 one step I may see: God's eye is on the spar-row, and I
 care I am set free: God's eye is on the spar-row, and I

Civilla Martin, a native of Nova Scotia, assisted her husband in his evangelistic campaigns. Charles Gabriel was editor for Rodeheaver Publishing Company, Chicago, and one of the most popular gospel songwriters of the early 1900s.

Tune: SPARROW Irr.
 Charles H. Gabriel, 1905

know God watch-es me; God's eye is on the spar-row, and I
 know God watch-es me; God's eye is on the spar-row, and I
 know God watch-es me; God's eye is on the spar-row, and I

Refrain, in harmony

know God watch-es me.
 know God watch-es me. I sing be-cause I'm
 know God watch-es me.

hap-py, I sing be-cause I'm free, God's
 I'm hap-py, I'm free,

eye is on the spar-row, and I know God watch-es me.