

LENT



WELCOME | BIENVENIDOS
Mar 29, 2020 | [ONLINE WORSHIP VIDEO](#)

Today's hashtags are: #EdenUCC #FlattenTheCurve

Eden United Church of Christ is an **LGBTQIA+ Open & Affirming** and a **Sanctuary** congregation.



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We believe that all people are children of God; that persons of all ages, races and sexual orientations are part of our increasingly diverse culture. We welcome all persons into the full life and ministry of this church. *Creemos que todas las personas son hijas e hijos de Dios; que personas de todas las edades, razas y orientaciones sexuales son parte de nuestra cultura diversa. Damos la bienvenida a todas las personas al ministerio de esta iglesia.*

Children's bulletins are available from the ushers and nursery care is available during worship. We encourage the posting of worship to social media, just kindly mute devices. Thank you for not bringing food or beverages into the Sanctuary other than sacramental elements or water.

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT | [ONLINE WORSHIP LINK](#)

The “+” indicates times when we are invited to stand, in body or spirit, as we are able.

**OPENING MUSIC | Excerpt from Impromptus Op. 90 No.3 by F. Schubert |
Dr. Jessie Lo**

WELCOME | Rev. Dr. Arlene K. Nehring

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE | Rev. Marvin & Yuliana Wiser

BIBLE READING | [John 11:17-45](#) (NRSV & LBLA) | Pastor Marvin & Nadia

SERMON | “Is There Life After Death?” | Rev. Dr. Arlene K Nehring

PASTORAL PRAYER | Nadia (Spanish)

O Winged Wonder, we thank you for the ways that your spirit intercedes for us, lifting us up and carrying us on, especially when our hope grows dim and death looms large. As we open our hearts to you, heal the wounds that lie deep within us. Strengthen our faith, and help us trust your promise that new life is possible on earth and in heaven. Amen.

**HYMN | I Want to Be Ready | № 616 (v.1, 2, 4) | Insert Below | OneLicense
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I Want to Be Ready

616

*African-American spiritual**Rev. 21:1-4, 10-27; John 11:1-44; Acts 2:14, 36-41*

Refrain

I want to be read - y, I want to be read - y,

Last time, end

I want to be read - y to walk in Je - ru - sa - lem just like John.

Leader *All*

- 1 Oh, John, oh, John, what do you say?
- 2 When Mar - tha spoke the Sav - ior's name,
- 3 When Pe - ter was preach - ing at Pen - te - cost, walk in Je - ru - sa - lem just like John.
- 4 When Mar - y asked Je - sus to "come and see,"
- 5 John said the cit - y was just four - square,

All *to Refrain*

That I'll be there at the com - ing day,
 She knew she'd nev - er be the same,
 He was en - dowed with the Ho - ly Ghost, walk in Je - ru - sa - lem just like John.
 Her faith gave Laz - a - rus vic - to - ry,
 And he de - clared he'd meet me there,

Leader

This African-American spiritual is one of a small number based not on the Hebrew Scriptures but the New Testament, specifically the book of Revelation. Stanzas two and four are additions to the traditional text and include some of the female followers of Jesus.

Tune: I WANT TO BE READY Irr.
African-American spiritual
 Arr. J. Jefferson Cleveland and Verolga Nix, 1981

[ONLINE OFFERING LINK](#) | Pastor Pepper

OFFERING PRAYER | Pastor Pepper

BLESSING | Pastor Arlene

POSTLUDE | Allemande from French Suite V by J.S. Bach | Dr. Jessie Lo



TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Dr. Arlene K. Nehring, Senior Minister

Rev. Pepper Swanson, Associate Minister

Rev. Marvin Lance Wiser, Designated Term Associate Minister

Dr. Jessie Wenchieh Lo, Organist & Music Director

Nadia Tavera, Minister In Training

[Click for an Updated Pastoral Message re: COVID-19](#)

TODAY

Online Fellowship: From 11 am to 12 noon, there will be Online Fellowship through ZOOM, a different but similar system than we used last week. You can join by computer or by phone. To join by computer, go to:

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/189926035>

And to join Online Fellowship by phone, dial [+1 720 707 2699](tel:+17207072699) and give the meeting id [189 926 035](tel:189926035) when requested.

Sunday Storytime: Tonight at 7 pm, we'll have an online storytime for families with children (infants to grade 5). Parents & children can join via the Zoom instructions sent to your personal email. Didn't receive the instructions? Email [Pastor Pepper](#).

PASTORAL CARE

If you or someone dear to you is in need of pastoral care, please contact Pastor Arlene in person or by phone or email: 510-461-3285 or arlene@edenucc.com, or simply schedule a time using [this link](#).

LENT & HOLY WEEK

Lent is drawing to a close. It's safe to say that many of us are beginning to understand what Jesus went through when he spent 40 days alone in the wilderness. While we'll probably never grow completely accustomed to our shelter-in-place experience, there is still plenty of

time to practice our Lenten traditions of prayer, Bible study, fellowship, and worship participation. Know that your pastoral team is working hard to provide options online and over the phone for all of the above. We hope you will worship with us online or call into one of our small group programs. For information on how to do either, contact Pastor Pepper.

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| <i>Mar 29</i> | <i>Fifth Sunday in Lent Worship -- ONLINE</i> |
| <i>Apr 5</i> | <i>Palm Sunday -- ONLINE</i> |
| <i>Apr 6, 1 pm & 7 pm</i> | <i>English Bible Study -- ONLINE</i> |
| <i>Apr 9</i> | <i>Maundy Thursday Service, -- ONLINE</i> |
| <i>Apr 10</i> | <i>Good Friday Labyrinth Walk -- ONLINE</i> |
| <i>Apr 12</i> | <i>Easter Sunday -- ONLINE</i> |

Lenten Spiritual Practices: *Feeling a strain in your relationships? Have you pushed aside old hurts? Wondering about friends you've lost contact with? You're invited to explore how your relationships affect your spiritual life this season of Lent. Eden's Education, Spiritual Life, & Outreach Committee (ESLO) will be introducing daily spiritual practices to help individuals simplify their souls by simplifying their space, how they use their money, how they care for their bodies, their minds, their schedule, their relationships, as well as their prayer life. Practices for next week include:*

Fifth Week of Lent: Simplifying Relationships (Mar 30-Apr 3)

Monday: Spend an hour in solitude

Tuesday: Write for half-hour about your best friend

Wednesday: Call someone you haven't spoken with in a while

Thursday: Look for future volunteer options

Friday: Communicate with someone who is angry with you and apologize

Saturday: Forgive someone

Global Prayer Wheel: *Our Global Prayer Wheel is on hold until in-person worship and meetings resume in April. In the interim, you can share your prayer concerns with our Pastoral team through the Planning Center by logging in and going to Your Profile. On Your Profile select Notes, then select Prayer Request from the drop down menu. Or you can schedule time to connect with one of our pastors by going to this link: <https://eucc.as.me/schedule.php>*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Need Basic Computer or Phone Help to Get Online? *Don't give up! If you need step-by-step assistance to find our Online Worship, Online Fellowship, or joining one of our online small groups such as Bible Study, email Pastor Pepper at pepper@edenucc.com. She can help you determine if you have a webcam and microphone, how to access Google Hangouts Meet or Zoom, and give you a few tips if you decide to use your cell phone instead of your computer.*

Donation Tracking in Planning Center: We are using Planning Center to track all donations, including cash and checks, and digital gifts. By using Planning Center, all of your donations will be recorded in one place, rather than the two-system arrangement currently in place. Donation statements will continue to be distributed at the end of the calendar year as always, but now you will have the ability to view your donation history at any time through Planning Center.

In order to have all of the current tax year 2020 in one place, we will be entering all donations received since Jan 1, 2020 into Planning Center. One feature that is unique to Planning Center is that an email confirmation for each donation you have made will be automatically sent to you. If you would prefer not to receive these email notifications, you may change your notifications in Church Center. As always, your contributions to Eden UCC and its many ministries are much appreciated. If you have any questions about using Planning Center for digital giving or about viewing your giving history, please contact our Associate Treasurer Jan Bass.

Census 2020: From **Mar 12 to May 12** our very own Cherryland Computer Café will serve as a designated Census Questionnaire Assistance Center. Please help the CCC meet its deliverables with the County by spreading the news that anyone can complete their Census form with us. Though **the CCC will be physically CLOSED until otherwise noted**, persons may email the CCC Director, Jonny Victorio at jonny@edenucc.com to complete their Census and still be eligible to be entered into a raffle to win a 4K TV!

Cherryland Computer Café Hours: **Physical location CLOSED until otherwise noted**, but persons may schedule online tutoring help via the [Facebook page](#).

Church Center: Church Center is now our centralized member and community tool for digital connection. If you have been checked into any event or service this month, you've already been using it. It's only a click away on our new websites home page and is available for download from the [Apple App Store](#) or [Google Play Store](#). Register with your mobile number, and request to join the groups that you are already a part of or that you want to be a part of. We are using this app for communications, check-ins, groups, forms, volunteer management, payments, etc. See Pastor Marvin for more details.

Comida Update: Comida para Cherryland is open for business in a modified format. Due to rapidly rising unemployment, we are currently serving more families than we ever have. Thank you to everyone who supports Comida para Cherryland with time, talent, and treasure. The average monthly grocery costs for Comida para Cherryland has increased by 40% because the number of clients that we are serving has increased by 40%. The direct costs for operating the Comida on a monthly basis are \$1570. These costs are solely supported by donations from members and friends (not the church's annual budget). Contributions may be [given online](#), via our Church app, or mailed to the church office: 21455 Birch Street, Hayward, CA, 94541. Please make

checks payable to Eden United Church of Christ and note "Comida" on the envelope or check. For information about the budget, contact our Treasurer, [Rev. Rob Parrish](#). To discuss a financial contribution to the Comida, contact our Associate Treasurer, [Jan Bass](#). Questions about the church budget and your contributions may also be directed to our Senior Minister, [Rev. Dr. Arlene K. Nehring](#).

Eden UCC Mobile Alerts: Be in the know wherever you go! Text "**EdenUCC**" to **33222** to opt into our text message service so that you can stay informed of important happenings as they occur on our campus and in our ministry together.

Also, text **COVID19** to **211211** to receive notifications directly from Alameda County Public Health Department during the Coronavirus Crisis.

SMALL GROUPS

[Meeting online until at least through May 9; after that TBD]

English Bible Study: Spring dates for English Bible Study are **Apr 6 (online) & 20, and May 4 (online) & May 18**. For more info, contact Dianne Dorn or Pastor Pepper.

Eden Crafters: Our weekly creative arts & crafts group will meet **online** this Tuesday, **Mar 31** at 10 am. If you'd like to join us by computer or by phone, contact Pastor Pepper.

Seekers Book Club: The Wednesday Seekers are reading **Inheritance: A Memoir of Genealogy, Paternity, and Love**, an award-winning biography of a woman who discovers through DNA testing that her family has been keeping a vital secret from her for over 50 years. They usually meet Wednesday at 10 am in the Fireside Room but will meet online, at least through **May 6**.

English Learners: Normalmente nuestra clase de inglés se reúne a las 6 pm todos los **jueves** en la sala Jensen. Para los meses marzo, abril, y mayo vamos a continuar en línea por nuestra app de **duolingo**. Para más información contacte Pastor Marvin.

Spanish Learners: Our Spanish Learners for English speakers meets on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month at 6 pm in the Fireside Room. **For the rest of the term we will transition to a [digital Duolingo classroom](#)**. Participants will receive an email from the group this week for the how-to's going forward. For more information please contact Pastor Marvin and [join the group](#) on Church Center!

Language Partner Night: Originally scheduled for **Mar 26** at **6 pm** is now **POSTPONED** until a later date TBD when we will have Spanish, English, Hindi, and Farsi speakers confirmed.

Spanish Language Bible Study: Normalmente se reúne a las 7 pm todos los **jueves** en la sala Jensen. Para los meses marzo, abril, y mayo vamos a continuar en línea, reuniendo a las 6pm. **Contacte Pastor Marvin para recibir el enlace.**

Gen-Z@EUCC: Our next Re-Group is **Apr 5**. Let's have a watch party! #NetflixandStill (Psalm 46:10)! Think of a good flick that we can view socially from a distance. Send your ideas to Pastor Marvin. #FaithandFilms #EUCC style. #responsibleradius #flattenthecurve

First Fridays: Are you a young-ish adult? Are you parents of little ones? Are you craving connection? Then contact Pastor Marvin to join our First Fridays group. Venues change, but this year, we're occasionally choosing kid-friendly places to also allow the little ones time to bond. Contact Pastor Marvin and [request to join](#) the group on Church Center. Event invites go out via the Church Center Group.

EDEN EN ESPAÑOL | LECTURA DE LA BIBLIA

[Juan 11:1-45 La Biblia de las Américas \(LBLA\)](#) ©1997 by The Lockman Foundation

Muerte de Lázaro

17 Llegó, pues, Jesús y halló que ya hacía cuatro días que estaba en el sepulcro. 18 Betania estaba cerca de Jerusalén, como a tres kilómetros; 19 y muchos de los judíos habían venido a casa de Marta y María, para consolarlas por la muerte de su hermano. 20 Entonces Marta, cuando oyó que Jesús venía, fue a su encuentro, pero María se quedó sentada en casa. 21 Y Marta dijo a Jesús: Señor, si hubieras estado aquí, mi hermano no habría muerto. 22 Aun ahora, yo sé que todo lo que pidas a Dios, Dios te lo concederá. 23 Jesús le dijo: Tu hermano resucitará. 24 Marta le contestó: Yo sé que resucitará en la resurrección, en el día final. 25 Jesús le dijo: Yo soy la resurrección y la vida; el que cree en mí, aunque muera, vivirá, 26 y todo el que vive y cree en mí, no morirá jamás. ¿Crees esto? 27 Ella le dijo: Sí, Señor; yo he creído que tú eres el Cristo, el Hijo de Dios, el que viene al mundo. 28 Y habiendo dicho esto, se fue y llamó a su hermana María, diciéndole en secreto: El Maestro está aquí, y te llama. 29 Tan pronto como ella lo oyó, se levantó rápidamente y fue hacia Él.

30 Pues Jesús aún no había entrado en la aldea, sino que todavía estaba en el lugar donde Marta le había encontrado. 31 Entonces los judíos que estaban con ella en la casa consolándola, cuando vieron que María se levantó de prisa y salió, la siguieron, suponiendo que iba al sepulcro a llorar allí. 32 Cuando María llegó adonde estaba Jesús, al verle, se arrojó entonces a sus pies, diciéndole: Señor, si hubieras estado aquí, mi hermano no habría muerto. 33 Y cuando Jesús la vio llorando, y a los judíos que vinieron con ella llorando también, se conmovió profundamente en el espíritu, y se entristeció, 34 y dijo: ¿Dónde lo pusisteis? Le dijeron: Señor, ven y ve. 35 Jesús lloró. 36 Por eso los judíos decían: Mirad, cómo lo amaba. 37 Pero algunos de ellos dijeron: ¿No podía este, que abrió los ojos del ciego, haber evitado también que Lázaro muriera?

Resurrección de Lázaro

38 Entonces Jesús, de nuevo profundamente conmovido en su interior, fue al sepulcro. Era una cueva, y tenía una piedra puesta sobre ella. 39 Jesús dijo: Quitad la piedra. Marta, hermana del que había muerto, le dijo: Señor, ya hiede, porque hace cuatro días que murió. 40 Jesús le dijo: ¿No te dije que si crees, verás la gloria de Dios? 41 Entonces quitaron la piedra. Jesús alzó los ojos a lo alto, y dijo: Padre, te doy gracias porque me has oído. 42 Yo sabía que siempre me oyes; pero lo dije por causa de la multitud que me rodea, para que crean que tú me has enviado. 43 Habiendo dicho esto, gritó con fuerte voz: ¡Lázaro, ven fuera! 44 Y el que había muerto salió, los pies y las manos atados con vendas, y el rostro envuelto en un sudario. Jesús les dijo: Desatadlo, y dejadlo ir. 45 Por esto muchos de los judíos que habían venido a ver a María, y vieron lo que Jesús había hecho, creyeron en Él.

JOYS

For the resilience and cooperation of people that we are witnessing in the face of this global pandemic.

*Thanks to **Spanish Language Bible Study** and **Gen-Z@EUCC** for providing and serving dinner for our local Winter Shelter earlier this month. We had 19 EUCC folks on two different nights serve a total of 125 plates.*

*Thank you to the 60 people who participated in our third **Accompaniment Network Training** on Legal Accompaniment, on Feb 23, including Congressman Eric Swalwell and his staff.*

PRAYER CONCERNS

For leaders in our communities, both local and national, to lead with integrity, siding with the most vulnerable.

*For families in need of **affordable housing**. If you have a lead on a room, an apartment, or a house to rent, please contact Pastor Arlene.*

*For all who are infected with and affected by **COVID-19**. May God grant us all peace and healing in these uncertain times.*

For all our homebound members and friends.

How You Can Make A Difference For FESCO Families:

FESCO is an essential business and will be assisting families during the COVID-19 crisis. **We are in need of the following items:**



- Medical-grade Gloves**
- Alcohol Wipes**
- Hand Sanitizer**
- Thermometers**
- Toilet Paper**

Cleaning Products, such as: Clorox Multi Surface Cleaner + Bleach; Lysol Clean & Fresh Multi-Surface Cleaner; Lysol All Purpose Cleaner; and Lysol Kitchen Pro Antibacterial Cleaner.

FESCO can not accept any open, used or partially used items, all donations must be new.

Please contact Stephanie Miller at smiller@fescofamilyshelter.org or at (510) 886-5473 ext 105

Monetary donations can be made at www.fescofamilyshelter.org or mailed to our
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THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, Mar 29

10:00—10:30 am Worship | Online
11:00 — 12:00 pm Fellowship | Online
7:00 — 7:30 pm Sunday Storytime | Online

Monday, Mar 30

4:00 — 7:00 pm Cherryland Computer Café | Online

Tuesday, Mar 31

10:00 — 12:00 pm Eden Crafters | Online
4:00 — 7:00 pm Cherryland Computer Café | Online

Wednesday, Apr 1

10:00 — 11:30 pm Seekers Book Club | Online
1:30 — 4:00 pm Cherryland Computer Café | Online

Thursday, Apr 2

6:00 — 7:00 pm English & Spanish Learners | Duolingo
6:00 — 8:00 pm Cherryland Computer Café | Online
7:00 — 8:00 pm Spanish Language Bible Study | FB Group

Sunday, Apr 5 — Palm Sunday Worship

10:00—10:30 am Worship | Online
11:00 — 12:00 pm Fellowship | Online
7:00 — 7:30 pm Sunday Storytime | Online

COMING ATTRACTIONS

Apr 5 *Palm Sunday, Online*
Apr 6 *English Bible Study, Online*
Apr 7 *Church Council, Online*
Apr 9 *Maundy Thursday Service, Online*
Apr 10 *Good Friday Labyrinth Walk, Online*
Apr 12 *Easter Sunday, Online*



MISSION, VISION, & VALUES | What We Believe

MISSION STATEMENT | What are we about here and now?

The members of Eden Church worship God and strive to follow Christ's example by providing a welcoming and safe environment for all, seeking God's wisdom, growing spiritually, caring for each other, enriching our neighborhood, and sharing the good news of God's creative and unfolding work in the world.



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VISION STATEMENT | What do we want to become in the next 3 to 5 years?

The vision of Eden Church is to grow in spirit, fellowship, and number by offering many opportunities for spiritual growth; by becoming a more culturally diverse congregation; by strengthening our capacity to serve our neighbors, by caring for each other as Christ cares for us; by inviting others to be a part of our community of faith; and by working to transform individual lives and our community through the power of God's love in human action.

VALUES STATEMENTS | What are the ideals and behaviors that we need to express to fulfill our mission and realize our vision?

In order to fulfill our mission and realize our vision, Eden Church strives to embrace and express the following core values:

- Worship and spiritual practices that are both traditional and contemporary
- Religious education and spiritual practices that are grounded in a progressive theology
- Caring relationships that honor differences and foster unity and growth
- Enriching experiences for children and youth in our church and community
- Programs and partnerships that serve those in need while addressing the root causes of social problems
- Being a true sanctuary that nurtures and protects all participants, especially the most vulnerable among us

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