

## Season After Pentecost



**WELCOME | BIENVENIDOS**

**Jun 21, 2020 | [ONLINE WORSHIP LINK](#)**

Today's hashtags are: #EdenUCC #BendtheCurve

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

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.*



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## 3RD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST | [ONLINE WORSHIP LINK](#)

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**OPENING MUSIC | Lorene | Louvin Brothers**

**WELCOME & UPDATE | Rev. Dr. Arlene K. Nehring**

**BIBLE READING | Luke 15:1-3, 11–32 | [\[Español\]](#) | Dianne Dorn**

**MESSAGE | “A Father’s Love” | Rev. Pepper Swanson**

Ukrainian Folktale | [Click Here](#)

**HYMN | Not My Brother, nor My Sister | No. 519 | Michael & Miles Vetrovec**

**OUR PRAYERS | Joys & Concerns | Pastor Arlene**

Submit your prayers [digitally](#) to the clergy or post them publically in the comments section of the livestream.

**JESUS’ PRAYER | Unison**

*Our God, in whom is heaven, blessed be your name. Your presence come, your will be done, both here and everywhere. May your realm of peace and freedom sustain our hopes and come on earth. May we be fed today with the bread that we need, and may forgiveness be ours in the same measure we give. In times of temptation, strengthen us. From the grip of all that is evil, free us. For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, now and forever. Amen.*

**SPECIAL MUSIC | By the Mark | Gilian Welsh & David Rawlings**

[ONLINE OFFERING](#) | Dianne Dorn

**OFFERTORY | Wealth Won’t Save Your Soul | Hank Williams**

**BLESSING | Pastor Pepper**

**CLOSING MUSIC | Take Your Shoes Off Moses | Traditional**

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### 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*

*Dianne Dorn, Liturgist*

*Roanoke Revival*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

The **155th Annual Meeting** of Eden United Church of Christ will be held on **Sunday, Jun 28**, beginning at **11 am**, via Zoom. The agenda includes the following items:

- Reception of the 2019-2020 Annual Report
- Recognition of elected leaders who have completed a term of service
- Election and installation of officers and board and committee members
- 2019-2020 Treasurer's Report
- Adoption of the 2020-2021 Budget
- Consideration of a Council-Recommended Resolution: "[Condemning Violence Against Blacks \(African-Americans\) and Calling for Increased Oversight and Accountability of Law Enforcement.](#)"

Participants must pre-register to assist the Clerk in determining if a quorum of members is in attendance. **To pre-register, click [here](#)**. On Jun 28, you may either dial in by phone or video conference in using your computer or mobile device. **Important:** we must be able to hear you, so please be sure to select an audio option when entering the meeting and be prepared to unmute yourself for roll call and voting.

To learn more about the **Church Budget & the 2020-2021 Pledge Campaign**, please watch the **Treasurers' videos**: Click **[here](#)** to watch Treasurer Rob Parrish's Presentation of the proposed 2020-21 budget. For a video of Associate Treasurer Jan Bass' 2020-21 presentation on Member Contributions and the 2020-21 Pledge Campaign Results, **[click here](#)**. If you have questions about the presentations, please send an email to [Rob Parrish](#) or [Jan Bass](#).

To join an informal conversation with Pastor Pepper, Herb Graw, Athena Malloy and other church leaders about the **Proposed Resolution** on Wednesday, **Jun 24**, from 7 to 8 pm, [click here](#).

**Need help with Zoom?** Contact [Pastor Pepper](#) for step-by-step guidance in how to get online.

**Comida para Cherryland:** Comida para Cherryland now serves the community as a drive-through distribution. Please consider a donation or forward this information to anyone who is looking for a way to help local residents in need of groceries. Since the COVID-19 crisis unfurled, participation in the Comida has expanded geographically and clients served has tripled, due to widespread unemployment and the closure of other area food pantries. **To make a tax deductible, secure, online donation to Comida para Cherryland click [here](#) and choose "Comida para Cherryland" in the drop down menu.** Other forms of payment may be mailed to Eden United Church of Christ, 21455 Birch Street, Hayward, CA, 94541. Please make checks payable to "Eden United Church of Christ" and write "Comida" in the memo line. These costs are solely supported by donations from members and friends (not the church's annual budget). **Donations are also being accepted for the Deacon's Fund "COVID-19 Relief". These funds cover needs beyond food.**

**Meals For Seniors -- Delivered:** If you are 60+ you have access to the "senior meal program" which delivers meals, cheese, milk, eggs and fresh fruit, so that you do not need to leave your

home to buy food. In Alameda County call: 510-577-3530. Ask for the “senior meal program” They will return your call to verify your age. Volunteers leave the food at your door. For more information, see their website by clicking [here](#).

**SOS Meals on Wheels** is offering free home delivered meals to all seniors in the Oakland and Central County areas. The Home-Delivered Meals Program provides nutritious meals, nutrition education, nutrition risk screening and nutrition counseling. Participant contributions are welcome, \*but not required.\* Call the SOS Meals on Wheels Site Contact: Charline Deterline at 510-582-1263 or email [tara@sosmow.org](mailto:tara@sosmow.org)

**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](#). 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.

**“My Giving” in Planning Center:** Your contributions to Eden UCC and its many ministries are much appreciated. You may access your giving record in the “My Giving” section of your Church Center App. If you have any questions about using Church Center for digital giving or about viewing your giving history, please contact our Associate Treasurer [Jan Bass](#).

**Census 2020:** From **Mar 12 to Jun 30** our very own Cherryland Computer Café will serve as a designated Census Questionnaire Assistance Center. Though **the CCC will be physically CLOSED until otherwise noted**, persons may email the CCC Director, Jonny Victorio at [jonny@edenucc.com](mailto: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](#) or by contacting CCC Director, [Jonny Victorio](#).

**ChYLI Program:** The ChYLI program is a home-grown Summer program for young people in the community of Cherryland that seeks to provide horizon-broadening opportunities, leadership development, practical skill-sets, and a cohort environment for the purpose of collective empowerment and positive community transformation. The Program runs July 8 - Aug 12. Participants shall be between 14-18 years of age; be entering 9-12 grades next academic term; and be a resident of Cherryland or the Eden Area. [Applications](#) accepted through June 30. Contact [Pastor Marvin](#) for more info.

**Church Center:** Church Center is our centralized member and community tool for digital connection. If you have been checked into any event or service, 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 would like 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.

**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.

## JOYS

Our Senior Minister, **Pastor Arlene**, is celebrating the 32nd anniversary of her ordination to the Christian Ministry this week. She was ordained by the Central Association of the Iowa Conference United Church of Christ and Union Congregational UCC in Reinbeck, Iowa on June 19, 1988.

Congratulations to Eden’s fabulous and hard-working Class of 2020: **Fabiola Orea** graduated from Impact Academy, **Karen Victorio & Ricardo Villasaño** graduated from Hayward High School from Hayward High School, **Lia Swanson** graduated from Silver Oak Montessori High School, **Marie Rodriguez-Takada** graduated from Oakland High School, and **Narayah Aloo** graduated from Moreau Catholic High School.

Congratulations to **Kimberly Victorio** who graduated from San Francisco State with a BA degree in Business Administration, **Maria Yuliana Londoño**, who graduated with a degree in Sports Management from Eastern Washington University, and to **Rachel Rios Richardson**, who received her MSW degree from Arizona State University, May 12, 2020!

Congratulations to **Julie Booher**, who started a new job with UCSF, June 1.

The **Cherryland Computer Café** Team exceeded their goals as a contracted Census Assistance Center with Alameda County Census Complete Count Committee. We were able to share information about the census with **more than 4,000 people** since October 2019. Most importantly, our team alone has ensured that Alameda County will receive at least **\$15,000,000** in federal funding for essential services over the next decade, as due to our efforts, more than **1,500** in our census tracts have been counted. Thanks all who ensure that the Eden Area Counts!

**Comida Para Cherryland** would like to thank all our clients, volunteers, and partners with [this video](#) celebrating our 8th anniversary! ¡Gracias!

Last month, Eden Church was able to share **emergency relief funds**, with Ashland, Cherryland, Hayward Acres, and San Lorenzo residents, thanks to the East Bay Community Foundation for providing us with a **\$25K COVID-19 relief grant**, and our partnership with RCD, and **\$10K in COVID-19 relief funds** from The San Francisco Foundation to the same unincorporated communities.

For new partnerships with **Eden Township Health District, Mandela Partners, Ashland Community Market & Café** and **Alameda County** for fresh food, personal protective equipment, and infant and toddler supplies!

**The Rev. Nikira Hernandez-Evans**, a former MIT at Eden UCC, is completing a Transition Into Ministry Fellowship with Plymouth Congregational UCC in Des Moines, Iowa and heading to Boston later this month, where Nikira has been called to serve as pastor of Brighton Allston Congregational Church UCC.

Eden Church is pleased to welcome our 2020 Summer Interns: **Margarita “Mago” Orea**, who is supporting Comida para Cherryland, the ChYLI, and the UIY Hot Meals ministries, and **Selena Perez**, who is supporting the Newcomer Navigation Center.

For the 30 new volunteers and the **\$7,579.56** raised in the past 30 days to launch the UIY Hot Supper program, including a **\$5K Grant** from Alameda County Board of Supervisor District 2, Supervisor Richard Valle, who is also President of the Board of Supervisors. Meals are being

*prepared by volunteer chefs in the OHK and transported for pick-up at Tennyson High School HUSD, and for delivery in the Tennyson High School & Cherryland Elementary School communities.*

### **PRAYER CONCERNS**

*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 our **children and youth** as they adapt to new learning environments and especially for our high school and college seniors as they contemplate their next steps.*

*For all who are infected with and affected by **COVID-19**.*

*For **Theresa Collier** who is recovering from outpatient surgery.*

*For **Kay Crosby**, who has been experiencing more health challenges this past week.*

*For **the family and friends of Maryellen Lentz**, who went on to glory, this past Wednesday evening. Maryellen was one of the founders of the deaf community at Eden around the turn of the millenium, she had a brilliant mind and was a delightfully whimsical person. Maryellen was also a very capable athlete despite the fact that she came of age long before Title 9. Maryellen won the gold medal for her age group (octogenarians) at the Bay to Breakers 12K (about 20 years ago) while wearing a Super Woman costume. She ran her first Bay to Breakers at age 50.*

*For **Wesley Moniz**, who has been a patient at the San Leandro Community Hospital since June 18, 2020.*

*For **the family of Arthur Spencer**, especially his nieces, **Stephanie and Kate Spencer**, who have been tireless in their care for their uncle across the miles and throughout the pandemic to which he finally succumbed on June 4.*

*For our **first responders, health care workers, and all other essential personnel** including those delivering groceries to the homebound and teaching children online.*

*For all our **homebound members and friends**.*

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

*For the family of **Terry Wilkerson**, especially his wife **Dale Wilkerson**, mother, **Kay Crosby**, and his sisters, **Peggy Apperson** and **Debby Andrade**. Terry died on Monday, May 18, in hospice care. He had been living with leukemia, bone cancer, and dementia.*

## THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

### Sunday, Jun 21

10:00—10:50 am

Worship | Online

11:00 — 12:00 pm

Fellowship | Online

### Monday, Jun 22

1:00 — 2:00 pm

English Language Bible Study | Online

4:00 — 7:00 pm

Cherryland Computer Café | Online

### Tuesday, Jun 23

10:00 — 12:00 pm

Eden Crafters | Online

4:00 — 7:00 pm

Cherryland Computer Café | Online

### Wednesday, Jun 24

10:30 — 11:30 pm

Seekers Book Club | Online

1:30 — 4:00 pm

Cherryland Computer Café | Online

7:00 — 8:00 pm

Discussion of Resolution Condemning Police Violence | [Online](#)

### Thursday, Jun 25

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, Jun 28

10:00—11:15 am

Worship | Online

11:00 — 12:00 pm

155th Annual Meeting

## COMING ATTRACTIONS

Jun 25

*Comida para Cherryland*

Jun 28

*155th Annual Meeting | Online*

Jun 30

*ChYLI Applications Due*

Jul 3

*Independence Day (Observed) — Campus Closed*

Jul 4

*Independence Day*



# 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

## OFFICERS

Jana Aloo | Moderator  
Jennifer Vetrovec | Vice Moderator  
Rev. Robert Parrish | Treasurer  
Jan Bass | Associate Treasurer  
Kim Shuss | Clerk

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