

Season After Pentecost



WELCOME | BIENVENIDOS

Jul 12, 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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The “+” indicates times when we are invited to stand, in body or spirit, as we are able.

OPENING MUSIC | The Swan | Saint-Saëns | Jessie Lo

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

BIBLE READING | 1 Kings 3:5-12 | [\[Español\]](#) | Jennifer Vetovec

MESSAGE | “A Listening Heart” | Rev. Pepper Swanson

HYMN | In the Midst of New Dimensions | No. 391 (v. 1, 3, 4) | Jessie Lo

OUR PRAYERS | Joys & Concerns | Rev. Marvin Lance Wisner

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.

[ONLINE OFFERING](#) | Jennifer



OFFERTORY | You Raise Me Up | Rolf Løvland | Lewis Fernandez

BLESSING | Pastor Pepper

CHORAL RESPONSE | Lord, Make Me More Holy | No. 75 | Eden Choir

CLOSING MUSIC | Somewhere Over the Rainbow | Harold Arlend | Jessie Lo

TODAY’S WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Dr. Arlene K. Nehring, Senior Minister

Rev. Pepper Swanson, Associate Minister

Rev. Marvin Lance Wisner, Designated Term Associate Minister

Dr. Jessie Wenchieh Lo, Organist & Music Director

Jennifer Vetovec, Liturgist

Lewis Fernandez, Vocalists

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today we are celebrating our 25th Anniversary of being an Open & Affirming Church!

Children's Storytime: After a hiatus for the 4th of July, Storytime will resume tonight Sunday at 7 pm with a special guest teacher, Jan Bass. Children pre-K to 5th grade are invited to join us for fellowship, storytime, and good night prayers.

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*

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 **Oct 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 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](#).

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

Today, Eden Church celebrates 25 years of ministry as an Open & Affirming Congregation of the United Church of Christ. Ad Dei gloriam!

Eden's own (former) artist in residence, **Barbara Fitch**, turned 100 on March 24, 2020. She retired to Eugene, OR about 20 years ago. Friends are welcome to send greetings. Please reach out to Pastor Arlene if you need her contact information.

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!

Rob Parrish and Launey Rivers are celebrating their 25th anniversary today, **Jul 12**.

Eden Church has been able to share emergency relief funds this past month with Ashland, Cherryland, Hayward Acres, and San Lorenzo residents, through generous gifts from the following organizations **East Bay Community Foundation (\$25,000)** and **The San Francisco Foundation (\$10,000)**.

We have also been able to share **\$10,000** in emergency relief funds with Strobbridge Elementary School Families through a grant from the **Strobbridge Elementary School PTA**.

We received reimbursement in the amount of \$ **\$29,587.50** from the **United Way of the Bay Area**, and we have been awarded a **\$5,000** grant to provide emergency relief with Ashland, Cherryland, Hayward Acres, Fairview, and San Lorenzo residents by the UWBA.

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

For the 30 volunteers and all of the funds raised to provide **over 5,000 meals for UIY students** with a home cooked supper 6 days per week and a care package for the weekend. Meals were prepared by volunteer chefs in the Oliver Hall Kitchen and transported for pick-up at Tennyson High School HUSD, and for delivery in the Tennyson High School community & delivered to UIY homes in the Cherryland Elementary School community for the past 2 months. This program served as a bridge to invite UIY participation in California's Pandemic EBT program, which provides nutritious food for students without SS#, for the coming year.

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 **Maria Cisneros, Kay Crosby, Deivy Flores, and Wesley Moniz** who are ill.*

*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.*

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, Jul 12 --25th Anniversary Open & Affirming

10:00—10:45 am Worship | Online
11:00 — 12 noon Fellowship | Online

Monday, Jul 13

1:00 — 2:00 pm English Language Bible Study | Online
4:00 — 7:00 pm Cherryland Computer Café | Online
7:00 — 8:30 pm English Language Bible Study | Online

Tuesday, Jul 14

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

Wednesday, Jul 15

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

Thursday, Jul 16

6:00 — 8:00 pm Cherryland Computer Café | Online

Sunday, Jul 19

10:00—10:45 am Worship | Online
11:00 — 12 noon Fellowship | Online

COMING ATTRACTIONS

Jul 13 English Language Bible Study
Jul 22 Comida para Cherryland
Jul 22 Eden Area Foundation Board Meeting
Jul 23 Spanish Bible Study
Jul 27 English Language Bible Study



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 Vetovec | Vice Moderator
Rev. Robert Parrish | Treasurer
Jan Bass | Associate Treasurer
Kim Shuss | Clerk

OFFICE HOURS

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