

Season After Pentecost



WELCOME | BIENVENIDOS

Jul 26, 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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8TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST | [ONLINE WORSHIP LINK](#)

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

OPENING MUSIC | I’ve Just Seen the Rock of Ages | Ralph Stanley

WELCOME & UPDATE | Rev. Pepper Swanson

BIBLE READING | [Gen. 29:15-28](#) | [\[Espanol\]](#) | Yuliana Wiser-Leon

MESSAGE | “What I Did for Love” | Rev. Dr. Arlene Nehring

HYMN | When Love Is Found | No. 362

SPECIAL MUSIC | I Shall Be Released | The Band

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

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](#)

OFFERTORY | I’m as Poor As a Beggar | Del McCoury



BLESSING | Pastor Arlene

CLOSING MUSIC | Wait for the Sunshine | Flatt and Scruggs

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

Yuliana Wiser Leon, Liturgist

Roanoke Revival

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Children's Storytime: Children's Storytime will happen tonight Sunday at 7 pm. Children pre-K to 5th grade are invited to join us for fellowship, storytime, and good night prayers.

School Supplies for Cherryland: Question: If local children are distance learning as school begins, do they still need school supplies? **Answer:** Yes! (And here's how you can help!)

In fact, the need is greater than ever for our Cherryland neighbors, where unemployment is 25%+ and COVID-19 is hitting essential workers and their families hard. While the need for backpacks may be lower this year with kids studying at home, new pencils, crayons, markers, paper, binders, and notebooks etc. have been requested for 300 children. Barbara Heimowitz, her BFFs, and Eden Church invite you to donate school supplies, which will be distributed on Wednesday, Aug 12. Click [here](#) for additional details and to sign up for the specific supplies needed by Friday, Aug 7. (Signing up ensures adequate supplies are available for each child.)

Unable or prefer not to shop? Your generous donation received as soon as possible will enable Eden Church to shop for needed supplies on your behalf. To donate to the cause, click [here](#) and use the pull-down menu to select "Backpacks."

Remembering Hiroshima and Nagasaki: Eden UCC will join the EAIC, URI, and Sister Cities International in a national memorial action on **Wednesday, Aug 5** by ringing the Pioneer Chapel (PC) bell for a period of one minute, beginning at 4:15 pm, in memory of the 150,000 people who were killed or wounded when a US atomic bomb was detonated over Hiroshima on August 5, 1945, at 4:15 pm Pacific Daylight Time. To participate by google meet, click [here](#).

And, on Saturday, **Aug 8**, Eden UCC will again join the EAIC, URI, and Sister Cities International in a national memorial action by ringing the PC bell for a period of one minute, beginning at 7:01 pm, in memory of the 75,000 people who were killed or wounded when a US atomic bomb was detonated over Nagasaki on August 8, 1945, at 7:01 pm Pacific Daylight Time. To participate by google meet, click [here](#).

My Eden Voice: MEV, of which Eden Church is a member organization, has launched a campaign demanding \$25 million in rent relief for our unincorporated area and an extension of the eviction moratorium. This would greatly benefit our struggling neighbors in Ashland/Cherryland, one of the highest COVID-impacted and most economically challenged areas in Alameda County. Please read more information and sign the petition by clicking [this link](#). Please share widely!

Did you know...we're on TV! Imagine yourself resting on the sofa with a hot cup of coffee as Sunday worship begins. If you have a smart tv or a tv with a streaming device such as Roku, Firestick, or Apple TV, there may be a more comfortable way to watch our weekly worship than on your iphone, tablet, or desktop. On Roku, Firestick, and Apple TV, first find your Vimeo channel, then in Vimeo search for Eden Church, Hayward, CA to find our videos. Or try searching for EUCC Worship 2020.07.26 (or any Sunday in that date format).

If your tv is "smart" (i.e., has streaming capability built in), you will need to download the Vimeo app from your tv app store. For more information, click [here](#) for some guidance from Vimeo or

contact your smart tv company. And, if all else fails, all of our pre-recorded worship services since the SIP can still be found [here](#).

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.

Seekers Book Club: The Seekers are beginning a new book on **Wednesday, Aug 5**. The book is *House of the Broken Angels* by Luis Alberto Urea. The novel is about a family on the Mexican-American border, celebrating two of their most beloved relatives during a joyous and bittersweet weekend. Join us for this highly-entertaining and multicultural read.

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

Congratulations to **Aisha Knowles**, who was recently elected president of the Alameda County Office of Education's Board of Trustees for the 2020-2021 academic year.

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

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 celebrated their 25th anniversary on **Jul 12**.

Eden's heartfelt congratulations goes out to our bookkeeper, **Alicia Oseguera**, and her husband, **Leonel Bgñ Otz**, who were married in Mexico this past week.

Eden Church has shared emergency relief funds 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 also shared **\$10,000** in emergency relief funds with Strobbridge Elementary School Families through a grant from the **Strobbridge Elementary School PTA**.

*This past week, Eden Church received a **\$5,000** grant from the **United Way of the Bay Area** to continue to provide COVID-Relief to the Unincorporated Communities.*

*Eden Church received **\$29,587.50** in reimbursement funds from **United Way of the Bay Area** for our accompaniment of asylees in the second half of 2019.*

*For new partnerships with the **Alameda County First-Five, Ashland Community Market & Café, Eden Township Health District, Mandela Partners, The Daily Bowl,** and the **USDA** for fresh produce, personal protective equipment, cleaning supplies, 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#s, 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, and preparing for a second put patient surgery.*

*For **Lona Fryer and her loved ones**. Lona recently began receiving hospice care at home.*

*For our **first responders, health care workers, households in quarantine, and all other essential personnel** including those delivering groceries to homebound residents 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 Kent, Rozetta, and Isabel Walth, who are grieving the death of Kent's father, **Conrad Donald Walth**, who died this past Monday in Portland, Oregon.*

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, Jul 26

10:00—10:45 am Worship | Online
11:00 — 12 noon Fellowship | Online
7:00 — 7:30 pm Children's Storytime | Online

Monday, Jul 27

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 28

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

Wednesday, Jul 29

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

Thursday, Jul 30

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

Sunday, Aug 2

10:00—10:45 am Worship | Online
11:00 — 12 noon Fellowship | Online
7:00 — 7:30 pm Children's Storytime | Online

COMING ATTRACTIONS

Aug 4 Trustee Meeting
Aug 5 Tolling of PC Bell for Hiroshima
Aug 7 Deadline for School Supplies
Aug 8 Tolling of PC Bell for Nagasaki
Aug 11 Council Meeting
Aug 12 Comida para Cherryland



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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