

Season After Pentecost



WELCOME | BIENVENIDOS
Oct 11, 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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19TH 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 | Brightly Beams Our Father’s Mercy |
Arr. Jeff Combe | Jessie Lo

WELCOME & UPDATE | Nadia Tavera, Student Minister

BIBLE READING | Exodus 32:1-14| [Español](#) | Jessie Shimmin

MESSAGE | “God’s Mercy” | Rev. Pepper Swanson

HYMN | There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy | No. 23 | Miles Vetrovec

OUR PRAYERS | Joys & Concerns | Rev. Dr. Arlene K. Nehring
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](#) | Jessie

OFFERTORY Anthem | We Are Not Alone | John Sallade | Eden Choir

BLESSING | Pastor Pepper

CLOSING MUSIC | Exodus | Ernest Gold | Jessie Lo

TODAY’S WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Dr. Arlene K. Nehring, Senior Minister

Rev. Pepper Swanson, Associate Minister & Video Editor

Rev. Marvin Lance Wiser, Designated Term Associate Minister

Dr. Jessie Wenchieh Lo, Organist & Music Director

Nadia Tavera, Minister in Training

Jessie Shimmin, Liturgist

Miles Vetrovec, Song Leader

ANNOUNCEMENTS — Upcoming Events

COVID-19 Testing @ Eden: Eden Church, in collaboration with AC Public Health & AC Environmental Health, CORE Response, Fulgent, HealthVanna, La Familia, My Eden Voice, Padres Unidos de Cherryland, and Tiburcio Vasquez Health Center, will open a free COVID-19 Testing Site on the West Side Parking Lot, on the Eden Church Campus, **Friday, Oct 16**, from 3 to 5 pm. & **Saturday, Oct 17**, 10 to 4 pm. The public is welcome.

GNO — Women's Fellowship: Mark your calendars for **Friday, Oct 16 at 7:30 pm** for Girls Night Out, a Women's Fellowship zoom event. This month's theme is "Cocktails, Mocktails, & Tall Tales of the Pandemic." Join us to share your favorite drink (put the recipe in chat) and what's going on in your life. Contact co-hostesses [Suzie Hasselkuss](#) or [Dianne Dorn](#) for more information. [Register in advance for this meeting](#). After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting. (PS: Although themed as a Girls Night Out, everyone is welcome.)

Ghost Stories for Halloween: On **Friday, Oct 30 at 7:30 pm**, there will be a family-friendly Halloween party on Zoom. We'll start with a trick-or-treat for the kids (wear a costume and bring your hand-delivered treat bag). While the kids munch, we'll watch some "spooky tik-toks," followed by an open mike for anyone who has a family-friendly ghost story or memory of Halloweens' past. [Register in advance for this meeting](#). After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

All Saints/Dia de los Muertos: On **Sunday, Nov 1**, we will remember those members, family, and friends who have passed away in the last year. If you would like to have an image of someone who has passed included in the video, please send their photo and name to [Pastor Pepper](#). During Fellowship at 11 am, we will have facilitated small groups to share remembrances of loved ones and Communion.

There will also be an outdoor wall **Ofrenda** on the Church's front doors at the Main (Sanctuary) Entrance, beginning Thursday, **Oct 29**. Drop by and post a copy of your loved one's image or email the image to our Office Manager [Mark Valdovinos](#) to print and post for you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS —Ongoing Events

Eden Crafters Quilt Auction: Eden Crafters, a special ministry of Eden Church, is kicking off a monthly auction to raise funds for Comida para Cherryland, our just-in-time food pantry distributing food to 225 to 300 families each week.

The first auction is for five handmade, Halloween-themed quilts. All five quilts were lovingly made by Eden Church member Sandy Nachand and are 100 percent cotton, hand-pieced, and machine-quilted. The quilts are quality products and perfect gifts for the young or the young at heart. For additional images as well dimensions, click [here](#).

Are you ready to bid? The auction begins today, Oct 8 at 10 am and ends in two weeks on Oct 23 at 5 pm. The online auction bidding process is being hosted for free by an online auction for nonprofits.. To see Eden Church's auction page and to bid on the individual quilts, click [here](#).

And be sure to check back next month when the Eden Crafters will be auctioning crocheted "loveys," princess quilts, and other handcrafted items. All proceeds benefit Comida para Cherryland.

New: Music Weekly Online Meeting on Fridays at 3 pm - BRING YOUR VOICE AND FEEL THE SPIRIT!

Music offers great comfort and spiritual support in times good and bad. Starting September 18th, Eden UCC is offering online music meetings every Friday at 3 pm (3 to 4), led by Music Director Dr. Jessie Lo. There will be voice warm up, hymn sing, a variety of song selections, and a music Q&A. Participants have the option of joining the music meetings with or without participating in the monthly recorded Anthem musical offering. Everyone - all levels & all ages - is invited to join! Please email the Music Director, Dr. Jessie Lo, at jessie@edenucc.com to get the Zoom link and the music materials required for the music meeting.

Children's Storytime: Children's Storytime has moved to 10:15 am, immediately prior to Fellowship. Children pre-K to 5th grade are invited to join us on Zoom for show & tell, a story about People in the Bible or a storybook touching on Christian themes, and Children's Prayers. Contact [Pastor Pepper](#) for more information.

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' new book **Behind the Beautiful Forevers** by Katherine Boo. You are welcome to join us this Wednesday as we continue our discussion.

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.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS — Opportunities to Give or Serve

Remember to Use the Dropdown Fund Selector: A quick reminder that when you make a digital gift through Planning Center, either online or through the app, use the drop down menu to select your fund designation for your gift. For those who pledge, please use the fund called My Pledge. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact our Associate Treasurer Jan Bass at jan@sebastian9.com.

“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](#).

Donations are being accepted for the Deacon’s Fund “COVID-19 Relief.” To make a tax deductible, secure, online donation click [here](#) and choose “COVID-19 Relief” 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 “COVID-19 Relief” in the memo line. These costs are solely supported by donations from members and friends (not the church’s annual budget).

ANNOUNCEMENTS — Services Available in Our Community

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

JOYS

Congratulations to **Anthony Crans** on his engagement approach to marriage. Anthony is the son of Nora and Jerry Crans. He grew up at Eden Church and now lives and works in Sacramento, where he is engaged in political organizing.

Assemblymember Bill Quirk named **Eden United Church of Christ “Nonprofit of the Year”** for California Assembly District 20.

A donor-advised fund of the **East Bay Community Foundation** has notified us that they will be investing **\$55,000** into our **Newcomer Navigation Center!**

Eden Church has been awarded a **\$10,000 COVID-19 Relief Community Grant** from **East Bay Community Energy**. Half will be directed to our food security ministries and half to Eden Area Rent Relief.

Eden Township Health District provided Eden Church with another 2,000 N-95 surgical masks to share with our volunteers and Comida para Cherryland participants.

Chef José Andrés’ [World Central Kitchen](#), [Restaurants for the People](#), and [Chef’s for America](#) in partnership with **Steph Curry’s [Eat Learn Play](#)** has chosen Eden Church as a partner for **weekly meal deliveries**. This equates to thousands of dollars in direct food assistance and **isolation support** for the Eden Area.

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. **Special thanks to Jonny Victorio** and all who ensure that the Eden Area Counts! On July 28 were selected by Alameda County Board of Supervisors for a services contract extension, granting the CCC an additional **\$35,000**.

The **extension** (until December 31, 2020) on the **Eviction Moratorium** was approved by the Alameda County Board of Supervisors this past Tuesday. Two of our ChYLLs addressed the Board during public comments and advocated for passage of the proposal.

Eden Church has raised and is sharing **\$83,150** (to date) in **rent & utility relief stipends** with residents in Ashland, Cherryland, Fairview, Hayward Acres, and San Lorenzo, through generous gifts from the **East Bay Community Foundation** (\$25,000), **Alameda County First Five** (\$12,500), **Eden Church Members & Friends** (\$15,817), **The San Francisco Foundation** (\$10,000), and **United Way of the Bay Area** (\$5,000). We have also shared \$10,000 in emergency relief funds with Strobbridge Elementary School Families through a grant from the **Strobbridge Elementary School PTA**.

Eden Church has been awarded a **\$50,000** contract to provide essential groceries, diapers and baby wipes, and cleaning supplies for families resident in Unincorporated South Alameda County Housing by the **Alameda County Community Development Department**.

*Eden Church has received **\$4,180** in additional remuneration from **United Way of the East Bay** for our Sanctuary and Accompaniment Ministry in 2019.*

*For the 30 volunteers and the funds raised to provide **over 5,000 meals for Unaccompanied Immigrant Youth** 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 everyone affected by the **wildfires**.*

*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**, especially **Ken & Pat Parrish**, Rob Parrish's oldest brother and sister-in-law, who are currently hospitalized in Florida. Ken has the virus and Pat has a cardiac blockage.*

*For **Theresa Collier** who is recovering from her second outpatient surgery this summer.*

*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 our **homebound members and friends**.*

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

*For **Linda Sheppard** who is going through some testing in preparation for heart valve replacement surgery in the near future.*

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, Oct 11

10:00 — 10:45 am Worship | Online
10:15 — 11:00 am Children's Storytime | Online
11:00 — 12 noon Fellowship | Online

Monday, Oct 12

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

Tuesday, Oct 13

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

Wednesday, Oct 14

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

Thursday, Oct 15

6:00 — 8:00 pm Cherryland Computer Café | Online
6:00 — 8:00 pm Spanish Language Bible Study | Online

Friday, Oct 16

7:30 pm — 9:30 pm GNO — Women's Fellowship | Online

Sunday, Oct 18

10:00 — 10:45 am Worship | Online
10:15 — 11:00 am Children's Storytime | Online
11:00 — 12 noon Fellowship | Online

COMING ATTRACTIONS

Oct 16 GNO — Women's Fellowship on Third Fridays
Oct 18 Gen-Z Regroup
Oct 19 English Bible Study (Day & Evening)
Oct 21 Eden Area Foundation Board of Directors
Oct 24 NCNC UCC Annual Gathering
Oct 25 Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting
Oct 30 Ghost Stories for Halloween
Nov 1 All Saints/Dia de los Muertos — Remembering Our Loved Ones
Nov 9 ESLO Meeting



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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