

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



WELCOME | BIENVENIDOS
June 6, 2021 | [WORSHIP VIDEO](#)

Today's hashtag is: #EdenUCC #BendtheCurve

Eden United Church of Christ is an **LGBTQ 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.

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 remember to mute devices. And, thank you for bringing no food or beverages into the Sanctuary other than sacramental elements and bottled water.

2nd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST | [ONLINE WORSHIP LINK](#)

OPENING MUSIC | For the Beauty of the Earth | Kocher/Monk | Jessie Lo

WELCOME | Rev. Pepper Swanson

BIBLE READING | [Mark 3:20-35](#) | [Español](#) | Allie Turner

SERMON | “Family of Choice” | Rev. Dr. Arlene K. Nehring

HYMN | Take My Life and Let it Be | No. 448 | Jessie Lo

OUR PRAYERS: JOYS & CONCERNS | Rev. Marvin Wiser

OFFERING INVITATION | Allie Turner

OFFERTORY | *June from Seasons* | Tchaikovsky | Jessie Lo

BLESSING | Pastor Arlene

POSTLUDE | Song of India | Nikilay Rimsky-Korsakov | 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

Nadia Tavera, Minister In Training

Dr. Jessie Wenchieh Lo, Organist & Music Director

Allie Turner, Liturgist

HOLY COMMUNION

Today at 11 am, we will celebrate **Holy Communion** before we begin our Bravo Sunday recognition. Come as you by joining the [Zoom link](#) for Fellowship and be sure to bring a glass of wine or juice and bread, cracker, or tortilla.

BRAVO! Sunday

Today is Bravo! Sunday . Please join us at [Zoom Fellowship](#) at 11:15 am, following Holy Communion, as we recognize our Eden Area scholarship recipients, celebrate our high school and college graduates, and thank our musicians and Church School teachers.

IT'S NEVER TOO LATE TO PLEDGE

Thank you to everyone who submitted their pledge form. And congratulations to our Gift Raffle winners: Jana Aloo, Julie Booher, Theresa Collier, Juliette Morser & Karla Vega, Susan MacDonald, Billie Sherwood, Jennifer Vetrovec, and Debbie Williams. And a big thank you to all the small groups who donated a gift.

If you haven't had the opportunity to complete your pledge form, no worries. Pledges are accepted on an ongoing basis, but receiving them by mid-June helps Council determine the Church's annual budget. **Please complete [our fillable pdf Pledge Form](#) and return it to Associate Treasurer Jan Bass.** For more information on pledging, including frequently asked questions and printable "I Pledge" signs, please see [this e-chimes](#).

ANNOUNCEMENTS — Upcoming Events

CALL TO THE 156TH ANNUAL MEETING OF EUCC

The **156th Annual Meeting** of Eden United Church of Christ will be held on **Sunday, Jun 27**, beginning at **11 am**, via Zoom. The agenda includes the following items:

- Reception of the 2020-2021 Annual Report
- Recognition of elected leaders who have completed a term of service
- Election and installation of officers and board and committee members
- 2020-2021 Treasurer's Report
- Adoption of the 2021-2022 Budget
- Action on the Proposed 2021-2024 Strategic Plan
- Action on a Recommendation from the Church Council to Extend the DTAM's Letter of Call through June 30, 2024
- Action on a Recommendation from the Church Council to Call a Designated Term Assistant Minister for a term of 18 months or more

Participants must pre-register at this [link](#) to assist the Clerk in determining if a quorum of members is in attendance. On Jun 27, members may either dial in by phone or video conference 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 2021-2022 Pledge Campaign**, please watch the **Treasurers' videos** (available after the June 8, 2021 Church Council Meeting).*

*To join an informal conversation about the Budget & Strategic Plan, mark your calendar for **Sunday, Jun 13 at 11:00 am** and use the Fellowship zoom link sent by email.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS — Ongoing Events

New Eden UCC Logo Apparel Store: *Looking for the perfect polo, vest, or jacket to wear as you volunteer or participate in outreach events for Eden Church? How about replacing that broken coffee cup? Or buying a gift for a hard-working employee? Look no further than Eden's new [Lands End business storefront](#) where you can select your item, in your size, in your color, and apply either a dark or light rainbow logo. To get started click this [link](#). If you have questions, contact [Pastor Pepper](#).*

COVID-19 Testing @ Eden: *The testing center at Eden UCC closed on Saturday, Apr 10. The testing center at 20095 Mission Blvd remains open. To make an appointment at this site, click [here](#).*

Music Weekly Online on Fridays at 3 pm - BRING YOUR VOICE & 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 a 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: *Please join us online at 10:15 am on Sunday, immediately prior to Fellowship 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 10:30 am Wednesday Seekers are beginning a new book, **A Lesson Before Dying by Ernest Gaines**, the story of a young black man sentenced to death and the man who forges a bond with him in prison. Be in touch with Pastor Pepper if you are interested in participating in either group.*

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, [Denise Cuevas](#). Due to the impact of the pandemic on our community's educational life, the CCC will **remain virtually OPEN** throughout the winter break to continue to help students catch up and remain on track with their classes, and to assist residents in Unincorporated Alameda County apply for rent relief.*

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 our high school graduates: **Lauren Smith-Bove**, San Leandro High School; **Quinn Malloy**, California Crosspoint High School; **Isabel Walth**, Castro Valley High School, **Lorena Miroslava Espinoza Valdez**, Hayward High; and **Araceli Villagomez Rosas**, Kipp King Collegiate.

Congratulations to our college graduates: **Natalie Guier** (details to come); **Nicolai Vetovec** received his A.A. and A.S. degrees in Mathematics from Las Positas Community College and will be transferring to UC Santa Cruz in the fall; our ministerial intern **Nadia Tavera Medina** received her MDiv from the Pacific School of Religion, **Miriam Oseguera** received her B.S. in Integrative Human Biology and CalTeach Science and Math Education, and **Edith Zaragoza** received her B.A. in Anthropology from UC Berkeley.

Congratulations to our fifteen Eden Area Scholarship recipients: **Alicia Oseguera**, St. Mary's College, MBA Accounting; **Maritza Rodriguez**, Chabot College, Criminal Justice & Psychology; **Miriam Oseguera**, UC Berkeley, Integrative Human Biology & CalTeach Science & Math; **Carlos M. Uribe Perez**, CSU-East Bay, Business Administration; **Julian Orea**, San Jose State, Business Administration Accounting; **Karen Roxana Victorio**, CSU-Chico, Art Studio; **Nicolai Michael Vetovec**, UC Santa Cruz, Mathematics; **Gustavo Alvarez, Jr.**, Community College TBD, Welders Certificate (then Civil Engineering); **Kimberly Aridey Cabrera**, UC Davis or UCLA, Medical Field TBD; **Denise Cuevas**, CSU-East Bay, Science Teaching Credential; **Isabel Walth**, Chabot College, Environmental Engineering; **Arlene Marisol Cisneros**, UC Davis, Psychology; **Lorena Miroslava Espinoza Valdez**, Holy Names, Political Science; **Araceli Villagomez Rosas**, San Francisco State, Sociology; and **Narayah Aloo**, UC Riverside, Psychology & African-American Studies. And, special thank you to all the individual donors who contributed to the Eden Area Scholarship program, especially Dianne Dorn who matched all the Spring donations.

Thank you and Bravo! to our hardworking choir who provided us with anthems and solo sermon hymns all year as well as performed in our Christmas and Easter pageants: **Mary Bradford**, **Miles Vetovec**, **Rob Parrish**, **Suzie Hasselkuss**, **Susan MacDonald** and to our wonderful music director **Dr. Jessie Wenchieh Lo**.

Thank you to our stellar Church School teachers **Jana Aloo**, **Jan Bass**, and especially to **Suzie Hasselkuss** who taught every Sunday and who assisted with our Gen-Z youth group.

Mary and Herb Graw have moved to Stoneridge Creek Retirement Community in Pleasanton.

Eden Church has been able to co-sponsor a variety of **COVID-19 Vaccination Clinics** so that **over 1300 clients** have been vaccinated at our sites thus far, and many others have been provided with outreach, education, registration and navigation services. These three vaccination clinics have been operated with TVHC at EUCC on April 17, Curative at Tennyson High School for UIY & CMF students and their caregivers on April 24, and Haller's Pharmacy at Eden UCC on April 28 and May 19.

The Alameda County Board of Supervisors has approved a resolution to provide **\$65M in rent relief** for tenants who have been severely impacted economically by the pandemic.

Centro Legal has extended a **\$153,600** contract to Eden Church to provide multilingual, paralegal services for Alameda County residents seeking rent and utility relief through the [County's Emergency Rent Assistance Program](#).

Over \$4,000 was raised for **Eden Area Scholarships** by Church members and friends of the Church. This amount was matched by generous donor **Dianne Dorn**, making a total of over \$8,000 raised since April 18. With support from the Eden Area Foundation, about \$16,000 in scholarships will be awarded this June.

Baby Francella arrived May 10, 2021 and was the best Mother's Day gift ever for her mom, Edith Sánchez, and dad, Osvaldo Campos. The jury is still out on her siblings' view of all this and more.

Congratulations to **Amy Servas and Jacob Smith**, who welcomed their second daughter, **Madeleine Grace Smith**, into the world on June 1, 2021. According to FB, her almost two-year old big sister, **Emily Elizabeth Smith**, is OK with her.

Our envisioned **Transitional Age Youth Shelter**, which will be operated by Covenant House California at the SIAC site owned by Hayward Unified School District, has been chosen as one of 10 finalist organizations under consideration for federal funding by the United States Congress.

PRAYER CONCERNS

For **Joyce Bass**, who has been recovering from surgery.

For all of our **Contact Tracers** who are contacting community members testing positive for COVID-19, assisting them with Isolation and Quarantine protocols and local resources.

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 **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 **Sheila and Ralph Hardy**. Sheila received a heart transplant at Stanford on Sunday, May 30 and is recovering in ICU.

For **Sally Kusalo**, who is recovering from a recent cardiac procedure.

For **Carlos Londoño** and his family. Carlos' father passed away on Saturday, May 22, 2021 in Houston, Texas where he was receiving hospice care at the home of Carlos' brother.

For **Dennis & Marlene Schwerin**, whose home near Gentry, Arkansas was struck by lightning and destroyed by the subsequent fire last Thursday night. No one was injured. Marlene is Pastor Arlene's twin sister.

For **Charlie Smith**, who is in a rehab hospital in Santa Clara.

For **Kimberly Victorio**, who is recovering from a broken foot and surgery.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, Jun 6 — Bravo! Sunday

10:00—10:30 am Worship | Video Link
11:00 — 12:00 pm Holy Communion & *Bravo!* Sunday | Online

Monday, Jun 7

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

Tuesday, Jun 8

10:00 — 12:00 pm Eden Crafters | Online
4:00 — 7:00 pm Cherryland Computer Café | Online
7:00 — 9:00 pm Council | Online

Wednesday, Jun 9

10:30 — 11:30 pm Seekers | Online
1:30 — 4:00 pm Comida para Cherryland | Online
1:30 — 4:00 pm Cherryland Computer Café | Online

Thursday, Jun 10

6:00 — 8:00 pm Estudio Biblico | Online

Friday, Jun 11

3:00 — 4:00 pm Eden Choir Practice | Online

Sunday, Jun 13

10:00—10:30 am Worship | Video Link
11:00 — 12:00 pm Budget & Strategic Plan Workshop | Online



COMING ATTRACTIONS

Jun 8 *Council Meeting*
Jun 9 *Comida para Cherryland*
Jun 13 *Church Budget Info Session*
Jun 23 *Comida para Cherryland*
Jun 27 *156th Congregational Meeting*
Jul 1 *Pastor Pepper's Sabbatical Begins*
Jul 4 *Independence Day*
Jul 5 *Independence Day Observed --Campus Closed*
Jul 6 *Trustee Meeting*
Jul 11 *Eden's 26th Open & Affirming Anniversary*
Jul 13 *Council Meeting*
Jul 14 *Comida para Cherryland*
Jul 28 *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

OFFICERS

Jana Aloo | Moderator
Jennifer Vetovec | Vice Moderator
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Jan Bass | Associate Treasurer
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OFFICE HOURS

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