

## SEASON AFTER PENTECOST



**WELCOME | BIENVENIDOS**

**Nov 14, 2021 | [ONLINE WORSHIP LINK](#)**

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.

*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.*



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## **25TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST | [ONLINE WORSHIP LINK](#)**

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

**OPENING MUSIC | Solvejg’s Song from *Peer Gynt* | E. Grieg | Dr. Jessie Lo**

**WELCOME & UPDATE | Pastor Nadia Tavera**

**BIBLE READING | [1 Sam. 1:4-20](#) | [\[Español\]](#) | Jennifer Vetrovec**

**MESSAGE | “Hannah in Her Anguish” | Rev. Pepper Swanson**

**HYMN | “O God, Whose Steadfast Love” | NCH 426, v. 1 & 4**

**OUR PRAYERS: JOYS & CONCERNS | Rev. Dr. Arlene K. Nehring**

**[ONLINE OFFERING](#) | Jennifer**

**OFFERTORY | How Can I Keep From Singing? | R. Lowry | Dr. Jessie Lo**

**BLESSING | Pastor Pepper**

**CLOSING MUSIC | The King of Love My Shepherd Is | Baker/Dykes**

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### **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*

*Nadia Tavera, Designated Term Assistant Minister*

*Ken Rawdon, Music Director*

*Dr. Jessie Wenchieh Lo, Pianist*

*Jennifer Vetrovec, Liturgist*

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Today's Events**

**ESLO Committee Meeting:** *The ESLO Committee will meet **TONIGHT at 7 pm** on Zoom to finalize plans for Advent decorating, programs, and fellowship.*

**Eden Area Interfaith Council's Annual Meeting for 2021:** *The theme is "Renewal" - as we've been thinking about how caterpillars cocoon for a while before transforming into butterflies, and thinking about how we are coming through the pandemic, hopefully transforming ourselves and our communities for the better. The meeting is scheduled for Nov 14, 3:00 pm – 4:30 pm. There is both a Zoom option and an in-person option - details are listed below.*

#### *Zoom option*

<https://zoom.us/j/97037590551?pwd=QkZ1Y1JIRURpZ29YRVRvcHV4RkhjQT09>

Meeting ID: 970 3759 0551

Passcode: EAIC2021

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#### *In-person option*

*Starr King Unitarian Universalist Church, 22577 Bayview Avenue, Hayward, CA 94541 — All in-person attendees must wear masks, practice social distancing, and be vaccinated (bring your card). No food is allowed.*

### **Advent & Christmas Activities**

**Advent Decorating:** Join us for the 2021 Advent Decorating Event on Saturday, Nov 27 at 10 am After missing last year (2020), we are decorating the Sanctuary and Narthex for Open House visitors to view and creating an outdoor Nacimiento for the community to enjoy as well as decorating the Tot Lot fence for our Comida clients. Help us plan by pre-registering at this [link](#).

Meet at 10 am in the parking lot for hot drinks then receive a decorating assignment in our spacious sanctuary (max 25) or outdoors on our Plaza or around our tot lot. We have trees to decorate, bows and garlands to hang, angels to install, and outdoor decorating as well as family craft projects.

For safety's sake, masks will be required inside the Church for everyone age 2 and up. Families with partially or unvaccinated children will need to decorate in their respective POD. And, other Public Health guidelines will be adhered to, e.g.,

physical distancing, hand-washing, parental/guardian attestations that children are symptom free of the virus or other communicable diseases, etc.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS — Ongoing Events**

**English Language Bible Study:** *The 1:00 pm (new time) Monday Bible Study is studying a Letter to the Galatians. The Evening Bible Study meets on the 2nd and 4th Monday evenings at 7 pm in the Church Courtyard or Fireside Room and have just started their discussion of Sarah Rudin's Paul Among the People. The next meeting is Monday, Nov 22 at 7 pm. To join either study, send an email to [Pastor Pepper](#).*

**Children's Storytime:** *Please join us online at 10:30 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.*

**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](#).*

**COVID-19 Testing** at 20095 Mission Blvd remains open. To make an appointment at this site, click [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:** *Seekers meet at 10:30 am every Wednesday. We are starting a new book on Wednesday, Nov 17. In **The Journey**, author Adam Hamilton travels from Nazareth to Bethlehem in a fascinating look at the birth of Jesus Christ. Using historical information, archaeological data, and a personal look, Hamilton makes the Gospel stories more real and heart-felt.*

**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 website's 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! Church Center now allows SMS text messaging, so we are transitioning from Textedly to Church Center (by Planning Center) for text messaging services to be utilized for urgent updates. No action is needed on your part other than to keep your mobile number and carrier updated in your Church Center profile section. Thanks for making sure we're always connected!

## **GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS — Opportunities to Give or Serve**

**Save the Date: Helping Hands 2 Virtual Concert:** On **Sunday, Dec 5** at 3 pm, there will be a fundraiser to support wildfire victims in Northern California. We are all aware of the devastation that has been caused by the wildfires up north. Over 831,000 acres of land has been destroyed, including over 42,000 people being evacuated from their homes. Due to climate change and a two-year drought, the fires are worse and more intense this year. You can help in four ways:

- You can purchase tickets for the concert through [Eventbrite](#).
- If you can't attend the virtual concert, you can make a direct donation on the [NCNC website](#) and choose "Disaster Relief".
- If you would like to participate in the concert, please contact [Dick Hom](#)
- Please share this information with your church, your association, family, friends, neighbors, etc. The more who know, the more we can help those in need.

**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](mailto: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**

***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.\* To inquire about meal delivery service in Castro Valley, Hayward, San Leandro, San Lorenzo, or Oakland, call 510-582-1263. For food assistance in other areas of Alameda County-- or for any other senior services-- call the county’s info line for Senior Information & Assistance at 1-800-510-2020 or 510-577-3530.*

## **JOYS**

**Sheila Hardy** is recovering well from heart transplant surgery performed at Stanford on Sunday, May 30. She came home from the hospital on Jun 11, 2021, and celebrated her 68th birthday this past week.

**Team EUCC** has, to date, helped **523+ Alameda County families** successfully obtain rent relief through the Alameda County Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP), including one of the families in our Accompaniment Ministry, who was profoundly affected by COVID-19, and whose landlord received \$11,000 in rent and utilities relief.

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.

## **PRAYER CONCERNS**

Countless families in our county are in need of **affordable housing**. If you have a lead on a room, an apartment, or a house to rent, please contact Pastor Arlene.

**Afghan Refugees** who are moving into our community and country, and for the many thousands left behind who are living under the oppression of the Taliban.

Surviving loved ones of the nearly **5 million** who have succumbed to COVID-19.

**Vicente Flores** completed chemotherapy treatments for lung cancer last month.

## THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

### Sunday, Nov 14

10:00—10:45 am	Worship   Video
10:30—11:00 am	Children's Storytime   Zoom
11:00—12 noon	Fellowship   Zoom
3:00--4:00 pm	Eden Area Interfaith Council Annual Meeting   Zoom or In-Person
7:00—8:00 pm	ESLO Meeting   Zoom

### Monday, Nov 15

1:00—2:00 pm	English Language Bible Study   Zoom
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### Tuesday, Nov 16

10:00—12:00 pm	Eden Crafters   Zoom
6:00—7:00 pm	Estudio Bíblico   Online

### Wednesday, Nov 17

10:30—11:30 pm	Seekers Book Club   Zoom
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### Sunday, Nov 21

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

## COMING ATTRACTIONS

- Nov 14 *ESLO Meeting (Zoom)*
- Nov 24 *Comida para Cherryland (Drive-Thru)*
- Nov 25 *Thanksgiving Day (Eden Church Campus Closed)*
- Nov 26 *Eden Church Campus Holiday*
- Nov 27 *Campus Decorating (Meet in the OH Parking Lot)*
- Nov 28 *First Sunday in Advent (Online Worship & Zoom Fellowship)*
- Dec 5 *Second Sunday in Advent (Online Worship & Zoom Communion)*
- Dec 8 *Comida para Cherryland (Drive-Thru)*
- Dec 12 *Third Sunday in Advent, Pastorela (Online)*
- Dec 19 *Fourth Sunday in Advent - Pageant & Happy Birthday, Jesus (Online)*
- Dec 22 *Comida para Cherryland (Drive-Thru)*
- Dec 24 *Christmas Eve Services (Online & On Campus)*
- Dec 25 *Christmas Day (Online Worship)*
- Dec 26 *First Sunday after Christmas (Online Worship & Zoom Fellowship)*
- Jan 2 *Tres Reyes Fiesta/Three Kings Day Celebration (Online Worship & Zoom Communion)*





# 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

Jennifer Vetrovec | Moderator  
Carlos Londoño | Vice Moderator  
Rev. Rob Parrish | Treasurer  
Jan Bass | Associate Treasurer  
Kim Shuss | Clerk

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