

## Season After Christmas | Epiphany | Tres Reyes Magos



**WELCOME | BIENVENIDOS**

Jan 2, 2022 | [ONLINE WORSHIP LINK](#)

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.*



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

**OPENING MUSIC | Adelita | Francisco Tarrega**

**WELCOME & UPDATE | Rev Marvin Lance Wiser**

**BIBLE READING | [Juan 1:1-18](#) | [[English](#)] Yuliana Wiser-Leon**

**MESSAGE | “A Culture of Grace” | Pastor Nadia Tavera**

**CAROL | Los magos que llegaron a Belén | NCH No. 155 | Led by guest artist Alessandra Eiras**

**OUR PRAYERS | Joys & Concerns | Rev. Dr. Arlene K Nehring**

Submit your prayers digitally to the clergy. Digital prayer requests are sent directly to the pastors and remain confidential. You may also share your prayer requests with others during our Fellowship time at 11 am.

**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](#) | Yuliana Wiser-Leon**



**OFFERTORY | Lagrima | Francisco Tarrega**

**BLESSING | Pastor Pepper Swanson**

**CLOSING MUSIC | Guárdame las Vacas | Luis Narvaez**

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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*  
*Pastor Nadia Tavera, Designated Term Assistant Minister*  
*Ken Rawdon, Music Director*  
*Dr. Jesse Acker-Johnson, Guest Guitarist*  
*Yuliana Wiser-Leon, Liturgist*

## HOLIDAY THANK YOUS

*...for the **Worship Team, Liturgists, and Choir**, who planned, led, recorded, and edited our Advent and Christmas worship services.*

*...for **Pastor Pepper**, who wrote the Christmas pageant, and for all of our **Church School teachers and families** who performed in this much loved holiday tradition.*

*...for the members of **Estudio Biblico**, who created and performed the Pastoral.*

*...for our **Trustees**, who spruced up the campus by scheduling the tree trimming, gutter cleaning, and fertilizing of the shrubs and flowerbeds.*

*...**ESLO Committee Members and their friends**, who planned, decorated, and carried out two new Advent Open Houses and our other Christmas traditions.*

*...for the **Deacons, Trustees, Compañeras Team, and the Padre Unidos volunteers** who organized the Nacimiento and Christmas decorating around the campus.*

*...for **Jan Bass**, who produced our church Christmas card for the Eden diaspora and our homebound members near and far.*

*...for **Mary Graw**, who ordered and arranged the poinsettias, and **Jana and Tabitha Aloo, Allie and Bob Turner, Pastor Pepper, and Pastor Arlene**, who delivered poinsettias to our home-bound members, and those who lost loved ones during the holidays.*

*...for the **Stewardship Committee**, who coordinated the Christmas Offering, and **Jan Bass** who accounted for it all and prepared and distributed our quarterly pledge reports.*

*...for the **Alameda County Fire Fighters**, for **Fremont Fire's PIO Aisha Knowles**, for the **Danville Congregational Church UCC**, and for **Eden's own EFD, QIS, and CoVAXX Teams** and members and friends for planning, organizing, and providing and distributing pozole, PPE, COVID-19 Test Kits, Quarantine & Isolation Support Kits, and TOYS for the Drive-Thru Tres Reyes Fiesta!*

*...for our hard-working **Church staff** who rise to every challenge presented by the daily routine and the extra duties associated with the Advent and Christmas seasons.*

*...**God Bless you all!***

## TODAY

**Epiphany/Tres Reyes Magos Worship & Fiesta:** Pastor Nadia Tavera will lead our Tres Reyes Online Worship **TODAY**. A bilingual Online Celebration of Holy Communion will follow at 11 am on Zoom with Rev. Dr. Arlene K. Nehring presiding. At **12 noon**, there will be a Tres Reyes Drive-Thru Fiesta in the Oliver Hall Parking Lot. Hot posole, toys, diapers, and groceries will be placed in your car. Open until supplies run out.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS — Ongoing Events

**English Language Bible Study:** Bible Study is on vacation until **Monday, Jan 10**. When they return, our daytime group meets Mondays at 1 pm on Zoom and is beginning a new book of the Bible (TBD). Our 7 pm group will continue their study of **Paul Among the People** by Sarah Ruden.

**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 center. 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 resume on **Wednesday, Jan 12** at 10:30 am. We are starting a new book, **Fuzz: When Nature Breaks the Law** by Mary Roach, a humorous and scientific look at God's creation, especially its anomalies.

**Cherryland Computer Café Hours: Physical location CLOSED until otherwise noted.** To schedule online tutoring with Ms. Samantha, go to our [Facebook page](#).

**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**

**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.

**Eden Crafters' Holiday Auction** raised \$850 for Comida para Cherryland.

**Team EUCC** has, to date, helped **630+ Alameda County families** successfully obtain rent relief through the Alameda County Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP).

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.

For **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.

For **the Aloo family**, who are grieving the death of Peter's brother, Marvin, and the news that his brother, Steve, has lung cancer. Peter flew back to Kenya last month to attend Marvin's funeral services and to be with family. He will return in the new year.

For the family and friends of **Kay Crosby**, who slipped away to Jesus on Nov 23, 2021. An in-person memorial service is being planned for Saturday, Feb 5, at Eden Church. Watch the bulletin for further updates.

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

***Vicente Flores** who continues to receive chemotherapy treatments for lung cancer, and is preparing to celebrate 50 years of marriage with **Edalid (Nena) Flores**.*

***Lucy S.**, a mother of three children whose family has been part of our accompaniment ministry, received her temporary work permit this past week after being in the process for 2 ½ years.*

*For the family and friends of **Lucy Norman Spencer**, Stephanie Spencer's mother, who died on Nov 29, 2021 in Arlington, V. Stephanie will be working remotely from her parents' home until arrangements for her father's care are settled.*

*For the family and friends of **Ginny Richardson**, Rachel Rios-Richardson's mother, who died at home on Dec 11, 2021, where she was receiving hospice care from her family.*

## THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

### Sunday, Jan 2

10:00 — 10:45 am      Worship | Online  
10:30 — 11:00 am      Children's Storytime | Online  
11:00 — 12 noon        Communion & Fellowship | Online  
12 noon — 2 pm         Tres Reyes Fiesta | Oliver Hall Drive-Thru

### Tuesday, Jan 4

6:00 — 7:00 pm        Estudio Bíblico | Online  
7:00 — 9:00 pm        Trustee Meeting | Online

### Sunday, Jan 9

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

## COMING ATTRACTIONS

*Jan 5        Trustees Meeting*  
*Jan 12      Council Meeting*  
*Jan 12      Comida para Cherryland*  
*Jan 17      MLK, Jr. Holiday*  
*Jan 26      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

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

## OFFICE HOURS

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