

LENT



WELCOME | BIENVENIDOS

Mar 6, 2022 | 10 am

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.

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

OPENING MUSIC | Jesus, Keep Me Near The Cross | Crosby/Doane | Jessie Lo

WELCOME & UPDATES | Rev. Pepper Swanson

OPENING PRAYER | Rev. Marvin Lance Wiser

BIBLE READING | Luke 4:1-13 | [\[Español\]](#) | Jan Bass

MESSAGE | “What’s the Devil Doing?” | Rev. Dr. Arlene K. Nehring

HYMN | O Love, How Vast, How Flowing Free | NCH No. 209 | vs. 1 & 4

JOYS & CONCERNS | PASTORAL PRAYER | Pastor Nadia Tavera

Submit your prayers digitally to the clergy. Digital prayer requests are sent directly to the pastors and remain confidential.

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](#) | Jan Bass

OFFERTORY | Forty Days and Forty Nights | Smyttan/Pott/Herbst | Jessie Lo

BLESSING | Rev. Dr. Arlene K. Nehring

SENDING SONG | In The Cross of Christ I Glory | Bowring/Conkey | Jessie Lo

THIS WEEK @ A GLANCE | See the Video Screens upfront

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
Dr. Jessie Wenchieh Lo, Organist & Music Director
Ken Rawdon, Music Director
Jan Bass, Liturgist

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lent: Lent begins today and extends for 40 days (not including Sundays and Holy Days) until the end of Holy Saturday before Easter. Historically, Lent was a time of preparation for baptism and entering into full membership in the Church. Today, it is also a time for all of us to deepen and nourish our spiritual lives. Eden UCC offers a range of activities during this Lenten season to encourage spiritual growth for all of our members and friends. We hope you'll join us as we move through this most important holy season. To access a digital version of this year's Lenten devotional from Illustrated Ministry: click [here](#).

Live-streaming/Hybrid Worship Begins: On **Sunday, Mar 6 at 10 am**, we begin a new form of Sunday worship. We will have in-person worship that will be live-streamed via the internet to those at home. It will also be recorded for later viewing as usual via our website. To access the live-stream at **10 am on Sunday, Mar 6** on Vimeo, click this [link](#) to be taken to our Vimeo page. You'll find a video box and will press play to begin the livestream. If you prefer Facebook, click this [link](#) to be taken to our Facebook page where a video box will display. Press play to see worship live. If you miss the live-stream at 10 am, rest assured you will be able to catch the recorded version at your leisure through the Eden UCC website or through your usual method of watching (ie smart tv). And, we will continue to gratefully accept your pledges, offerings, and donations both at in-person worship or via our online giving portal.

In the Garden Lenten Events

This year for the season of Lent we will be hosting a series of garden-related events, in keeping with this season's theme of "In the Garden." Please save these dates and let [Pastor Pepper](#) know if you are interested in participating. **Can't come but want to support the replanting effort by making a donation? Use [our giving portal](#) to donate to the "Garden and Flowers" Fund.**

In the Garden 1: Saturday, Mar 12 at 10 am, we will gather to prepare the Labyrinth Courtyard for re-planting. Come do a little maintenance and bring your ideas for what new plants should be purchased to refresh the Courtyard.

In the Garden 2: Sunday, Mar 20 at 11 am, we will gather in the Labyrinth Courtyard to plant the new plants selected at our workshop above. Conveniently timed for after worship, drop by, do some planting, or just come and see how it's going.

In the Garden 3: Saturday, Apr 16 (Holy Saturday) at 10 am, we will gather on the Church's front patio to arrange and display flowers, either purchased or from your own gardens. Arrangements will be displayed on Easter Sunday. Please bring three to five "statement" blooms as well as a variety of greens and other items. Floral foam, wire, and tape will be available as well as some vases.

Seekers Lenten Study: Also for Lent, Seekers will be reading ***Earth Keeper: Reflections on the American Land*** by N. Scott Momaday. Come join us on Wednesdays at 10:30 am.

Lenten Bible Study: The Evening Bible Study will begin a special study of the Old Testament and Apocrypha books of Esther. Please join us as we explore who Esther was, how she became a queen, and how she was called to help her people.

ANNOUNCEMENTS — Ongoing Events

Children's Storytime: Beginning Sunday, Mar 6, Storytime is moving to a new time: 9:20 am to 9:50 am. New time, same great content for children Pre-K and up: a story about people in the Bible or a storybook touching on Christian themes, and games and prayers.

English Language Bible Study: Daytime Bible Study meets Mondays at 1 pm on Zoom each week and is studying 1 Corinthians. Our 7 pm group will meet **Monday, Mar 14** to begin their study of the story of Esther.

Estudio Biblico: Our Bible Study in Spanish is every Thursday at 6pm. To join, send an email to [Pastor Nadia](#) or [Pastor Marvin](#). We are exploring the books of Esdras and Acts of the Apostles.

COVID-19 Testing at 20095 Mission Blvd remains open. To make an appointment, 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.

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!

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. You may also access your giving record in the "My Giving" section of your Church Center App. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact our Associate Treasurer Jan Bass at jan@sebastian9.com.

JOYS

The Moreau Catholic High School Girls Basketball Team, including Eden's own **Tabitha Aloo #23**, won the 2022 NCS Division 3 Championship on Feb 26, and is headed to the State Tournament! And, congratulations to **Darcy Malloy** for being selected as Team Captain of the Crosspoint High Girls Soccer Team this year!

Fiber Optic Cable is being installed on our campus, so that we can begin holding in-person worship and livestreaming worship from our Sanctuary.

EUCC's Rent & Utility Relief Team, in collaboration with Centro Legal de la Rasa, has, to date, helped **720+ families** obtain over **\$12,332,332.64** in relief through the Alameda County Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP). The Alameda County Board of Supervisors approved a resolution last year to provide **\$65M** in rent relief for tenants who have been severely impacted economically by the pandemic.

EUCC's Vaccination Team completed 488 Vaccination Appointments during December 2021 to end the year with **1,292 Registrations** and their work TVHC-led Coalition, including HARD, Kidango, Rosey's Place, began in earnest last month.

EUCC's Case Investigation / Contact Tracing & Resource Navigation Team has now helped more than **10,000 community members** successfully isolate & quarantine, and has helped distribute more than **\$2.5 million** in financial assistance from Alameda County Social Services Agency.

EUCC's Emergency Food Distribution & Delivery Team has now distributed more than **1,000,000 pounds** of food and cooked meals since the beginning of 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 family and friends of Stephanie Cartright**. Stephanie died on January 25, 2022. An outdoor memorial will be held in the spring.

For **Suzie Hasselkuss**, who is home recovering from hip replacement surgery.

For **Vai DerMinasian Day and her extended family**, and **the people of Tonga** and their loved ones, who have suffered numerous losses resulting from volcanic eruption, tsunamis, and earthquakes.

For **Mel Lewis**, and his wife, **Lynn Albert-Lewis**. Mel is participating in six weeks of radiation treatments at Stanford University Hospital that began on January 28, 2022, following surgery on Dec 17, 2021 to remove a tumor from his palate.

Eden Church **members and friends who are sick** with the Coronavirus, and for all of us who are affected by the virus.

For Carol Roach's grandson, **Montana**, who suffered multiple injuries in a motorcycle accident on Feb 21, 2022.

For **Launey Rivers and the Rev. Rob Parrish**. Launey will be having four disks removed in his neck and that portion of his spine fused, March 17, 2022. After a night in the hospital, he'll return home and participate in physical therapy on an outpatient basis. The Caring Circle is organizing meal deliveries to Launey and Rob's home in Union City. To get involved, join the Caring Circle group in the Planning Center app or contact one of the pastors.

For **the people of Ukraine**, and for all who are striving to protect, defend, and accompany them through the Russian invasion.

Vicente Flores who continues to receive chemotherapy treatments for lung cancer.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, Mar 6

9:20 — 9:50 am Children's Storytime | Online
10:00—10:45 am Worship | Sanctuary
11:30 — 12:30 pm Choir Rehearsal | Music Room & Online

Monday, Mar 7

1:00 — 2:00 pm Bible Study | Online

Tuesday, Mar 8

10:00 — 12:00 noon Crafters | Online
7:00 — 9:00 pm Council | Online

Wednesday, Mar 9

10:30 — 11:30 am Seekers | Online
1:30 — 4:00 pm Comida para Cherryland | OH Parking Lot

Thursday, Mar 10

6:00 — 7:00 pm Estudio Biblico | Online

Saturday, Mar 12

10:00 — 11:00 am In the Garden 1: Prepare the Labyrinth Courtyard for Planting

Sunday, Mar 13

9:20 — 9:50 am Children's Storytime | Online
10:00—10:45 am Worship | Sanctuary
11:30 — 12:30 pm Choir Rehearsal | Music Room & Online

COMING ATTRACTIONS

Mar 8 Council Meeting
Mar 9 Comida para Cherryland
Mar 12 In the Garden 1: Prepare the Labyrinth Courtyard for Planting
Mar 23 Comida para Cherryland
Mar 20 In the Garden 2: Re-planting the Labyrinth Courtyard
Mar 27 One Great Hour of Sharing - Special Offering
Apr 10 Palm Sunday
Apr 13 Comida para Cherryland
Apr 14 Maundy Thursday Worship
Apr 15 Good Friday Labyrinth Walk
Apr 16 In the Garden 3: Flower Arranging and Display
Apr 17 Easter Sunday

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
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