



WELCOME | BIENVENIDOS

Mar 27, 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.

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT | [ONLINE WORSHIP LINK](#)

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

**OPENING MUSIC | God Giveth More Grace/No One Ever Cared For Me Like Jesus
| Flint/Mitchell/Arr. Hayes | Jessie Lo**

WELCOME & UPDATE | Pastor Nadia Tavera

OPENING PRAYER | Rev. Marvin Lance Wisner

BIBLE READING | [2 Cor. 5:16-21](#) | [\[Español\]](#) | Rev. Dr. Arlene K. Nehring

MESSAGE | “God’s Re-Creation” | Rev. Pepper Swanson

* **HYMN | Down at the Cross | NCH No. 189 | Verses 1 & 4**

OUR PRAYERS | Joys & Concerns | Rev. Marvin Wisner

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.

OFFERING INVITATION | One Great Hour of Sharing | Pastor Nadia Tavera

(Offerings are received through the [Planning Center \(PC\) app](#) & at the door as you leave worship today. Scan the QR Code to be directed to the secure PC giving portal.)



OFFERTORY | Love Divine, All Love Excelling | Zundel/Arr. Kohlmann | Jessie Lo

* **BLESSING | Pastor Pepper**

CLOSING MUSIC | Higher Ground | Gabriel/Arr. Hayes | Jessie Lo

GO IN PEACE

THIS WEEK @ A GLANCE | See Video Screens

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Special Offering: *One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) is the special mission offering of the United Church of Christ (UCC) and its partner denominations that carries God's message of love and hope to people in crisis. OGHS will be collected **TODAY**.*

The UCC works with international partners to provide sources of: clean water, food, education and health care, small business micro-credit, advocacy and resettlement for refugees and displaced persons, and emergency relief and rehabilitation. OGHS also supports domestic and international ministries for disaster preparedness and response. Over fifty-five percent (55%) of the UCC's offering supports international development initiatives. The offering also funds refugee resettlement, disaster preparedness and response, and disaster-related volunteer initiatives in the U.S. and internationally.

If you would like to contribute to OGHS, please use the OGHS Offering envelope in the bulletin or visit our online giving portal and use the dropdown to select "Sharing-OGHS."

New (and Improving) Livestream Worship: *We re-started in-person worship with livestreaming on Mar 6. Each Sunday, we are making improvements in our livestream as technology permits. We are eagerly awaiting the installation of fiber optic cable, a new camera that allows close-ups of the speakers, and a switching function that will allow viewers to see the video screens up close. Be sure to look for the closed captioning feature during the livestream and on our Facebook post. Here's how to find our livestream on Sunday at 10 am: Vimeo, click this [link](#); for Facebook, click this [link](#).*

If you miss the livestream at 10 am, check your email on Sunday afternoon for a link to the recorded service, or visit the Eden UCC website, go to the dropdown menu under "Worship," and choose "Online Worship."

Flowers for Worship Resumes: *For more information and to sign up for a specific Sunday, click the link to go to our new [Online Flower Calendar](#) or call the Office at (510) 582-9533.*

Lenten Events: "In the Garden"

We have one additional "In the Garden" event in our Lenten series:

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.

Lenten Bible Study: The Evening Bible Study continues their study of the Old Testament and Apocrypha books of Esther this Monday, Mar 28 at 7 pm on Zoom. 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: Storytime continues on Zoom from 9:15 am to 9:45 am every Sunday. Children Pre-K and up are welcome to join us for 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 1:30 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!*

JOYS

Many thanks to our Lenten Gardeners *who have cleaned up, pruned, and planted new perennials in the courtyard garden last Sunday after worship!*

Fiber Optic Cable *is being installed on our campus, so that we can livestream our in-person worship from our Sanctuary.*

Molly Pemberton Davis & Jonathan Davis, and big brother, Maxwell Jonathan Davis, *welcomed Eli Preston Davis into their family on March 18, 2022.*

EUCC's Rent & Utility Relief Team, *in collaboration with Centro Legal de la Rasa, has, to date, helped 740+ families obtain over \$12,556,947.25 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 10,175 community households successfully isolate & quarantine, and has helped distribute more than \$3 million in financial assistance from Al Co 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 **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 who had four disks removed in his neck and a spinal fusion, March 17, 2022.

For **Linda Sheppard**, who is recovering from hip replacement surgery at home.

For the family and friends of **Lillian Timm**, wife of Fred Timm, and one of Eden's Jubilee Members. Lillian died on Mar 7, 2022. Her memorial service will be held at Grace Presbyterian Church in Temecula, CA on April 11, 2022. Lillian and Fred joined Eden Church on Dec. 3, 1967.

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

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

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, Mar 27

9:15 — 9:45 am

Children's Storytime | Online

10:00—10:45 am

Worship | Sanctuary

11:30 — 12:30 pm

Choir Rehearsal | Music Room & Online

Monday, Mar 28

1:30 — 2:30 pm

Bible Study | Online

7:00 — 8:00 pm

Bible Study | Online

Tuesday, Mar 29

10:00 — 12:00 n

Crafters

Wednesday, Mar 30

10:30 — 11:30 am

Seekers

Thursday, Mar 31

6:00 — 7:00 pm

Estudio Biblico

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9:15 — 9:45 am

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COMING ATTRACTIONS

Apr 10

Palm Sunday

Apr 13

Comida para Cherryland

Apr 14

Maundy Thursday Worship (7 pm)

Apr 15

Good Friday Labyrinth Walk (6 pm)

Apr 16

In the Garden 3: Flower Arranging and Display (10 am)

Apr 17

Easter Sunday, Holy Communion, and Easter Egg Hunt (10 am)

Apr 30

COVID-19 Vaccine Pop-Up

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. Robert Parrish | Treasurer
Jan Bass | Associate Treasurer
Kim Shuss | Clerk

OFFICE HOURS

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