



WELCOME | BIENVENIDOS

Apr 10, 2022 | [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.



PALM SUNDAY | [ONLINE WORSHIP LINK](#)

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

OPENING MUSIC | All Glory, Laud, and Honor | Teschner | Dr. Jessie Lo

WELCOME | Rev. Marvin Wiser

OPENING PRAYER | Pastor Nadia Tavera

BIBLE READING | [Luke 19:21-40](#) | [[Español](#)] | Yuliana Wiser-León

SERMON | “The Prophetic Journey” | Rev. Pepper Swanson

+ HYMN | All Glory, Laud, and Honor | NCH No. 216 | vs, 1, 2, & 3



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

OFFERING INVITATION | Yuliana

(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](#).)

CHOIR ANTHEM OFFERING | Open the Gates! | Joel Raney | Eden Choir

+ BLESSING | Pastor Pepper

CLOSING MUSIC | Hosanna, Loud Hosanna | Tune: Ellacombe | Dr. Jessie Lo

RECESSION WITH PALMS

THIS WEEK @ A GLANCE | See the video screens upfront

+ GO IN PEACE

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Dr. Arlene K. Nehring, Senior Minister

Rev. Pepper Swanson, Associate Minister

Rev. Marvin Lance Wiser, Designated Term Associate Minister

Pastor Nadia Tavera, Designated Term Associate Minister & Presentation Prep

Dr. Jessie Wenchieh Lo, Pianist, Organist & Ken Rawdon, Music Director

Yuliana Wiser-Leon, Liturgist

Julie Booher & Pat Payne, Greeter-Ushers,

Bob Turner, Trustee on Duty

FLOWER DEDICATION

The flowers were given today by Jan Bass in appreciation of all Eden Church does to help our community.

For more info and to sign up to bring flowers 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"

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 garden. 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. Please RSVP to [Pastor Pepper](#).

HOLY WEEK & EASTER SCHEDULE

Please join us for worship during Holy Week and for Easter Sunday. Our services will be in-person and will also be livestreamed and recorded for later viewing.

- *Today at 10 am*, we will celebrate **Palm Sunday** and Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem. We offer both baptism and the reception of new members on this Sunday. If you are interested in baptizing your child or joining us as a member, please contact [Pastor Arlene](#). There will also be a palm procession & fellowship.
- Our **Maundy Thursday** worship will begin at 7 pm in Sanctuary on **Thursday, Apr 14** and include a homily, congregational and choral music, and the celebration of the Last Supper. Participate in this ancient ritual of remembering Christ's final evening with his disciples, and his great commandment that we love and serve one another.
- A bilingual guided **Good Friday Labyrinth Walk** will be held **Friday, Apr 15** in the Eden Church Courtyard at 6 pm. A brief introduction to this ancient, ecumenical, and cross-cultural prayer practice will be provided by Pastor Marvin. PPE will be provided for all participants.
- Holy Week culminates with the most sacred of celebrations in the Christian faith - the festival of **Easter** - on **Sunday, Apr 17 at 10 am**. Come as you are to participate in worship and Holy Communion. Our traditional Easter Egg Hunt will be a family affair. Children will hunt the entire campus in their family group to ensure social distancing & mask wearing. And because when you have the world's hardest Easter egg hunt, the eggs are not in plain sight.
- The **Easter Offering** will be received on **Palm Sunday, Easter Sunday, and the Second Sunday of Easter**. Keith Smith, Chair of the Stewardship Team, invites you to read his Easter Offering Letter [here](#).

ANNOUNCEMENTS — Ongoing Events

English Language Bible Study: Our Daytime Bible Study is beginning their study of the Book of Esther on **Thursday at 10:30 am** on Zoom. The Evening Bible Study will continue their study of Esther on **Monday, Apr 11 at 7 pm** on Zoom. Please join either group as we explore who Esther was and how she was called to help her people.

Children's Storytime: Storytime continues on Zoom from 9:15 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.

Estudio Biblico: Our Bible Study in Spanish is every Thursday at 6 pm. 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. It's 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. 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!

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 Mar 18, 2022.

EUCC's & Padres Unidos ERAP (Rent & Utility Relief) Teams, in collaboration with Centro Legal de la Rasa, have, to date, helped **1200+ families** obtain over **\$17M** 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 **1,292 Vaccination Appointments** in 2021. Registrations and work with the TVHC-led Coalition, including HARD, Kidango, Rosey's Place is well underway.

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 **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 **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, Apr 10 — Palm Sunday

9:15 — 9:45 am Children's Storytime | Online
10:00—10:45 am Worship | Sanctuary & Livestream/Recorded
11:00 — 12:00 noon Choir Rehearsal | Choir Room & Online
11:00 — 11:30 pm Stewardship Committee | Fireside

Monday, Apr 11

7:00 — 8:00 pm Evening Bible Study | Online

Tuesday, Apr 12

10:00 — 12:00 pm Eden Crafters | Online

Wednesday, Apr 13

10:30 — 11:30 am Seekers Book Club | Online

Thursday, Apr 14 — Maundy Thursday

10:30 — 11:30 am Daytime Bible Study | Online
7:00 — 8:00 pm Maundy Thursday Worship | Sanctuary & Livestream/Recorded

Friday, Apr 15 — Good Friday

6:00 — 7:00 pm Good Friday Worship | Labyrinth

Saturday, Apr 16 — Holy Saturday

10:00 — 11:00 am Flower Arranging

Sunday, Apr 17 — Easter Sunday

9:15 — 9:45 am Children's Storytime | Online
10:00—10:45 am Easter Worship & Holy Communion
11:00 — 11:30 am Family Easter Egg Hunt | Campus



COMING ATTRACTIONS

Apr 11 Evening Bible Study
Apr 13 Comida para Cherryland
Apr 14 Maundy Thursday Worship, Sanctuary (7 pm)
Apr 15 Good Friday Labyrinth Walk, Courtyard (6 pm)
Apr 16 In the Garden 3: Flower Arranging and Display (10 am)
Apr 17 Easter Sunday, Holy Communion, and the World's Hardest Family
Easter Egg Hunt (10 am)
Apr 27 Comida para Cherryland
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
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OFFICE HOURS

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