

SEASON OF EASTER



WELCOME | BIENVENIDOS

Apr 24, 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.



SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER | [ONLINE WORSHIP LINK](#)

OPENING MUSIC | Allegro Maestoso from *Water Music* | G. Händel | Dr. Jessie Lo

WELCOME | Pastor Nadia Tavera

OPENING PRAYER | Pastor Nadia Tavera

BIBLE READING | [John 20:19-31](#) | [Español](#) | Allie Turner

SERMON | “Seeing is Believing?” | Rev. Marvin Lance Wiser

HYMN | Yours Is The Glory, Resurrected One! | NCH No. 253, v. 1 (Spanish) followed by v.1 (English)

JOYS & CONCERNS | Rev. Pepper Swanson

OFFERING INVITATION & PRAYER | Allie Turner

OFFERTORY | Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain | A. Sullivan (Tune: St. Kevin) | Dr. Jessie Lo



BLESSING | Pastor Marvin

CLOSING SONG | The Day of Resurrection | H. Smart (Tune: Lancashire) | Dr. Jessie Lo

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 & Presentation

Rev. Marvin Lance Wiser, Designated Term Associate Minister

Pastor Nadia Tavera, Designated Term Associate Minister

Dr. Jessie Wenchieh Lo, Pianist, Organist

Ken Rawdon, Music Director

Allie Turner, Liturgist

Suzie Newman, Greeter-Usher

Russ Newman, Trustee on Duty

FLOWER DEDICATION

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The **Easter Offering**: Keith Smith, Chair of the Stewardship Team, invites you to read his Easter Offering Letter [here](#) and to make an Easter Offering.

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 25 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 24

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

Monday, Apr 25

7:00 — 8:30 pm Bible Study | Online

Tuesday, Apr 26

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

Wednesday, Apr 27

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

Thursday, Apr 28

10:30 — 11:30 am Bible Study | Online
6:00 — 7:00 pm Estudio Biblico | Online

Sunday, May 1

9:20 — 9:50 am Children's Storytime | Online
10:00—10:30 am Worship & Holy Communion



COMING ATTRACTIONS

Apr 27 Comida para Cherryland
Apr 30 COVID-19 Vaccine Pop-Up
May 3 Trustees Meeting
May 8 Festival of the Christian Home
May 10 Church Council Meeting
May 11 Comida para Cherryland
May 22 Farewell Pastor Nadia Tavera
May 22 Stewardship Pledge Kick-Off
May 23 Evening Bible Study
May 25 Comida para Cherryland
May 30 Memorial Day — Campus Closed
Jun 5 Pentecost, Confirmation & Bravo! 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
Rev. Robert Parrish | Treasurer
Jan Bass | Associate Treasurer
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OFFICE HOURS

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