

## SEASON OF EASTER



**WELCOME | BIENVENIDOS**

**May 1, 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.



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

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**OPENING MUSIC** | Intermezzo from *Cavalleria Rusticana* | P. Mascagni | Dr. Jessie Lo

**WELCOME** | Rev. Marvin Lance Wiser

**OPENING PRAYER** | Rev. Marvin Lance Wiser

**BIBLE READING** | Acts 9:1–20 | [Español](#) | Athena Guy Malloy

**SERMON** | “Changemakers” | Rev. Dr. Arlene K. Nehring

**HYMN** | Open My Eyes, That I May See | C. Scott | Verses 1 & 3 | insert



**OFFERING INVITATION & PRAYER** | Athena Guy Malloy

**OFFERTORY** | Ніч яка місячна (Nych yaka misyachna) - What a Moonlit Night | Ukrainian Folk Tune | Jessie Lo

**SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

**WORDS OF REMEMBRANCE**

**DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS**

**COMMUNION ANTHEM** | EDEN CHURCH CHOIR & FRIENDS | Lord, Listen To Your Children Praying | Ken Medema, arr. Jack Schrader, Nicco Jaochico - Soloist

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING** | Pastor **Nadia Tavera**

**LORD’S PRAYER** | Unison | Pastor Arlene & Pastor Nadia

**BLESSING** | Pastor Arlene

**CLOSING SONG** | Christ The Lord is Risen | Lyra Davidica | 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*

*Rev. Marvin Lance Wiser, Designated Term Associate Minister*

*Pastor Nadia Tavera, Designated Term Assistant Minister*

*Dr. Jessie Wenchieh Lo, Pianist, Organist*

*Ken Rawdon, Music Director*

*Athena Guy Malloy, Liturgist*

*Pat Payne, Greeter-Usher*

*Julie Booher & Bob Turner, Trustees on Duty*

*Stephanie Spencer, Deacon*

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## **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.*

***Farewell Fiesta Team**: Pastor Nadia will be concluding three years of ministry with Eden Church on May 28, 2022 and returning to Mexico City, where she will continue to pursue ordination in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) denomination and other opportunities in parish ministry. We will celebrate her many contributions to Eden and wish her well through several occasions held throughout this month. Please contact Pastor Arlene if you would like to be part of the planning team.*

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS — Ongoing Events**

***English Language Bible Study**: Our Daytime Bible Study is completing their study of the Book of Esther on **Thursdays at 10:30 am** on Zoom. The Evening Bible Study will also conclude their study of Esther on **Monday, May 9 at 7 pm** on Zoom. Please join either group to help us pick what book to study next.*

***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 through May 27, 2022 with Ms. Samantha, go to our [Facebook page](#). The CCC will close for the summer recess, and reopen in September if sufficient funding is available.

**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. We expect to be able to complete the project by mid-May.

**EUCC's & Padres Unidos ERAP (Rent & Utility Relief) Teams**, in collaboration with Centro Legal de la Raza, 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 **Vicente Flores** who continues to receive chemotherapy treatments for lung cancer.

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.

For **Charlotte Lusschen** who is undergoing surgery on May 4, 2022.

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

For **Marilynn Weatley-Powers**, who is home recovering from surgery that occurred on **Apr 18, 2022**.



## THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

### Sunday, May 1

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

### Tuesday, May 3

10:00 — 12:00 pm Eden Crafters | Online  
7:00 — 9:00 pm Trustees | Online

### Wednesday, May 4

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

### Thursday, May 5

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

### Sunday, May 8

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



## COMING ATTRACTIONS

May 8 Festival of the Christian Home  
May 10 Church Council Meeting  
May 11 Comida para Cherryland  
May 22 Farewell Fiesta Celebrating Pastor Nadia's Ministry  
Stewardship Campaign Kick-Off  
May 23 Evening Bible Study  
May 25 Comida para Cherryland  
May 30 Memorial Day — Campus Closed  
Jun 5 Pentecost & Bravo! Sunday Celebration  
Jun 19 Stewardship: Pledge Dedication Sunday  
Jun 26 157th Annual Meeting

# 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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