

SEASON OF EASTER



WELCOME | BIENVENIDOS

May 8, 2022 | [WORSHIP VIDEO](#)

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.



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

**OPENING MUSIC | Like as a Mother God Comforteth The Children
| Mendelssohn/Maria Louise Baum | Dr. Jesse Acker-Johnson**

WELCOME | Rev. Marvin Lance Wiser

OPENING PRAYER | Pastor Nadia Tavera

BIBLE READING | Acts 9:36-43 | [Español](#) | Dave Wallace

SERMON | “Living Legacies” | Rev. Dr. Arlene K. Nehring

HYMN | I Want to Be Ready | NCH No. 616 | Verses 1 & 5

JOYS & CONCERNS | Pastoral Prayer | Rev. Pepper Swanson

**SPECIAL MUSIC | Angel | Jimmy Hendrix | Dr. Jesse
Acker-Johnson**

OFFERING INVITATION & PRAYER | Dave Wallace

**OFFERTORY | Calling My Children Home | Doyle Lawson/Charles
Waller/Robert Yates | Dr. Jesse Acker-Johnson**

BLESSING | Pastor Arlene

CLOSING SONG | Let It Be | Beatles | Dr. Jesse Acker-Johnson

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

Dr. Jesse Acker-Johnson, Guitar

Ken Rawdon, Music Director

Dave Wallace, Liturgist

Bill Adam, Greeter-Ushers

Bob Turner, 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

Choir Performance: *The Chabot College Concert Choir, under the direction of Eden's very own Ken Rowden, invites you to its end-of-year concert, "Homeward Bound!" on Monday, May 16 at 7:30 pm in the Eden Sanctuary. Tickets are just \$10, and can be purchased in advance or at the door (proof of vaccination or negative Covid test is required to attend). For more information, contact [Ken Rowden](#).*

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) 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 starting a new book — the Book of Daniel — on **Thursdays at 10:30 am** on Zoom. The Evening Bible Study will also conclude their study of the Book of Esther on **Monday, May 9 at 7 pm** on Zoom. Contact [Pastor Pepper](#) for more info.*

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

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 this month.

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 **\$18.1M** 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.

In 2021, **EUCC** and our partners **vacianted 1,292** friends and neighbors. Our work with the **TVHC-led Coalition**, including HARD, Kidango, Rosey's Place serving 94544, and the **RCD-La Familia-led Coalition**, including Eden Church, the SF Public Health Foundation, RPITF, and Umoja, and serving the **Unincorporated Communities**, are underway.

Our **Children's Day Celebration on Apr 30, 2022**, which is part of the RCD-LF Coalition's work, proved that "every bunny loves Eden." We had great community turnout, with about **250 families** in attendance, and we and our partners were able to share 82 vaccinations, 240 food boxes and meal kits, 200 toys, and stacks of books. And everyone enjoyed a visit from the Easter Bunny! Thanks to our staff, our community partners, and the many volunteer hours that went into the planning and production of this community health event.

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 recovering from surgery and outpatient cancer treatments.*

*For **Charlotte Lusschen** who underwent successful surgery at Stanford on May 5, 2022. She hopes to return home this coming week.*

*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 8

10:00—10:40 am Worship | Sanctuary & Online
10:45—11:00 am Courtyard Conversations
11:00—12:00 noon Choir Rehearsal | Choir Room & Online

Monday, May 9

Tuesday, May 10

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

Wednesday, May 11

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

Thursday, May 12

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

Sunday, May 15

9:15 — 9:45 am Children's Storytime | Online
10:00—10:40 am Worship | Sanctuary & Online
10:45—11:00 am Courtyard Conversations
11:00 — 12:00 noon Choir Rehearsal | Choir Room & Online



COMING ATTRACTIONS

May 8 Festival of the Christian Home
May 9 Evening Bible Study
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 Londoño | Vice Moderator
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