

## SEASON OF EASTER



**WELCOME | BIENVENIDOS**

**May 29, 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.



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

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**OPENING MUSIC** | Prelude XI in F Major | Bach | Dr. Jessie Lo

**WELCOME & OPENING PRAYER** | Rev. Pepper Swanson

**MISSION MOMENT** | Food Security | Jan Bass

**BIBLE READING** | [Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21](#) | [Español](#) |  
Jennifer Vetrovec

**SERMON** | “Washing Our Robes” | Rev. Pepper Swanson

**HYMN** | Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning | *NCH*, No. 369 | Vs. 1-4

**JOYS & CONCERNS** | Pastoral Prayer | Rev. Marvin Lance Wisner

**OFFERING INVITATION & PRAYER** | Jennifer Vetrovec

**OFFERTORY** | More Precious Than Silver | Lynn DeShazo |  
Jessie Lo

**BLESSING** | Pastor Pepper

**CLOSING SONG** | Ancient of Days | Sadler/Harvill | Jessie Lo

**GO IN PEACE**

## **TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS**

*Rev. Dr. Arlene K. Nehring, Senior Minister*

*Rev. Pepper Swanson, Associate Minister*

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

*Dr. Jessie Wenchieh Lo, Pianist, Organist*

*Ken Rawdon, Music Director*

*Jennifer Vetrovec, Liturgist*

*Susie Newman, Greeter-Ushers*

*Russ Newman, Trustee on Duty*

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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**

Our **Annual Pledge Campaign** is underway! Our theme this year, celebrating the tremendous service Eden UCC has provided the community and its members during COVID, is "Together, We Will Serve."

Each Sunday from **May 22 to Jun 12**, we will have a video Mission Moment highlighting one of the Church's ministries: worship & music, food security, health education & COVID vaccination, and youth service & scholarships. Eden swag, such as travel mugs, hot pads, and related items, will be on sale on **Sundays, May 29, Jun 5, & Jun 12**. See our display and pick up everything you need to embark on another year of service.

On **Sunday, Jun 19**, we will dedicate our 2022-23 Pledges. For a fillable pdf of this year's Pledge Form, click [here](#). Completed forms should be returned to Jan Bass, Associate Treasurer by **Jun 19**.

**Bravo! Sunday:** Help us recognize our 2022 high school and college graduates as well as honor and thank Eden's Church School teachers, choir members, and musicians, by giving them a round of applause on **Sunday, Jun 5**, after worship. **If you or a member of your family is completing a program of study, please let [Pastor Pepper](#) or [Pastor Arlene](#) know so that we can include you in our celebration.**

In addition, we will be recognizing the **2022 Eden Area Foundation Scholarship Program recipients** -- all 20 of them! Thanks to the Eden Area Foundation and many Church members and Eden Area residents, twenty Eden Area students will be receiving a \$2,000 scholarship to help pay for tuition, books, computers, and/or housing. Come meet the students and their families at our annual Bravo! Sunday celebration.

**FESCO Shelter Shuffle:** The Family Emergency Shelter Coalition's annual fundraiser has begun. To help raise funds for our local emergency shelters that house families in crisis, you can join Team Eden by clicking [here](#). The finale event is **Jun 11, 8 to 11 am** at Moreau Catholic High School. Please note: no dogs are allowed at the finale.

## **CALL TO THE 157TH ANNUAL MEETING OF EUCC**

*The 157th Annual Meeting of Eden United Church of Christ will be held on **Sunday, Jun 26**, beginning at **11 am**, via Zoom. The agenda includes the following items:*

1. Reception of the 2021-2022 Annual Report
2. Recognition of elected leaders who have completed a term of service
3. Election and installation of officers and board and committee members
4. 2021-2022 Treasurer's Report
5. Adoption of the 2022-2023 Budget
6. Action on the Updated 2022-2024 Strategic Plan

**Pre-Registration Required:** Participants must pre-register at this [link](#) to assist the Clerk in determining if a quorum of members is in attendance. On Jun 26, members may either dial in by phone or video conference using your computer or mobile device. **Important:** we must be able to hear you, so please be sure to select an audio option when entering the meeting and be prepared to unmute yourself for roll call and voting.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS — Ongoing Events**

**English Language Bible Study:** *Both our Daytime and Evening Bible Study are starting a new book — the Book of Daniel. The Daytime groups meets every **Thursday at 10:30 am** on Zoom. The Evening Bible Study meets every other Monday at 7 pm and their next session is Monday, May 23. 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 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:** *The Cafe is now closed 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 small groups. See Pastor Marvin for more details.*

## JOYS

**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 **\$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, 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.

**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!

## TRANSITIONS

**Zachary Sherwood**, Billie and Cliff's grandson, is graduating from California State University at Long Beach in Chemical Engineering on Monday, May 16. Thank you for all your prayers for Zachary as he was struggling with cancer 12 years ago. Prayers work!

Jim Fryer's granddaughter, **Alina Christin Fryer**, is graduating on May 22, 2022 with a BA in Spanish and English from Kenyon College in Ohio.

Congratulations to **Estefani Villagomez Rosas**, who graduated from Mills College with a degree in marketing, and started a new position as Office & Marketing Assistant at Darian

*Realty and Loan Inc. Estefani is a ChYLI Alum, and a former Childcaregiver and COVAXX Team member for Eden Church.*

## **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 **Stephanie Andrade**, who is recovering from cornea replacement surgery that took place on May 23, 2022.*

*For **Mark Bove**, who is recovering from spinal surgery.*

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

*For **Sally Kusalo** who is facing some health challenges.*

*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, and who is home recovering from surgery.*

*Eden Church **members and friends who are sick** with the Coronavirus, and for all of us who are affected by the virus.*

*For **Brian and Carolyn Nachand-Boddy** and their children, **Rachel and RJ**, whose father/father-in-law/grandfather, **Don Boddy**, died unexpectedly on May 10, 2022.*

*For **Launey Rivers** and **the Rev. Rob Parrish**. Launey at home receiving physical therapy and recovering from surgery and a spinal fusion that took place in mid-March.*

*For **Pat Payne's** brother **George Clifford** who is undergoing chemotherapy for cancer.*

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

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

*For **Kent, Rozetta, and Izzi Walth**, whose mother/mother-in-law/grandma died on Saturday, May 7, 2022, following a long decline into dementia.*

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

## THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

### Sunday, May 29

10:00—10:45 am

Worship | Sanctuary & Online

10:45—11:00 am

Courtyard Conversations

### Monday, May 30 — Memorial Day; Campus Closed

### Tuesday, May 31

10:00 — 12:00 pm

Eden Crafters | Online

### Wednesday, Jun 1

10:30 — 11:30 pm

Seekers Book Club | Online

### Thursday, Jun 2

10:30 — 11:30 am

Bible Study | Online

6:00 — 7:00 pm

Estudio Biblico | Online

### Sunday, Jun 5

9:15 — 9:45 am

Children's Storytime | Online

10:00—10:45 am

Worship | Sanctuary & Online

11:00 — 11:30 am

Bravo! Sunday | Sanctuary



## COMING ATTRACTIONS

May 30 Memorial Day — Campus Closed

Jun 6 Evening Bible Study

Jun 7 Trustees Meeting

Jun 8 Comida para Cherryland

Jun 14 Pentecost & Bravo! Sunday Celebration

Jun 8 Council Meeting

Jun 17-19 NCNC UCC Annual Gathering

Jun 19 Stewardship: Pledge Dedication Sunday

Jun 20 Evening Bible Study

Jun 22 Comida para Cherryland

Jun 26 157th Annual Meeting

Jul 4 Independence Day - Campus Closed

Jul 10 Open & Affirming Anniversary

July 17-23 [Camp Tamarack - Junior \(Entering grades 3 to 6\)](#)

July 24-30 [Camp Tamarack - Middle School/High School \(Entering grades 7 to 12\)](#)

# 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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