

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JUNETEENTH

FREEDOM DAY



WELCOME | BIENVENIDOS

Jun 19, 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.



2nd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST | [Juneteenth 2022](#)

OPENING MUSIC | “Freedom” - “Freedom is Coming” - “Oh, Freedom” |
Zeigler - South African - Spiritual | Jessie Lo

WELCOME | Rev. Marvin Lance Wiser

OPENING PRAYER | Pastor Marvin

BIBLE READING | [1 Kings 19:1-15a](#) | [Español](#) | Stephanie S. Spencer

SERMON | “Listening for the Still, Small Voice” | Rev. Dr. Arlene K. Nehring

HYMN | Dear God, Embracing Humankind | *NCH* No. 502 vs. 1, 4, 5 |
Susan MacDonald, Song Leader

JOYS & CONCERNS | Pastoral Prayer | Rev. Pepper Swanson

OFFERING & PLEDGE INVITATION | Stephanie S. Spencer

DEDICATION OF PLEDGES & GIFTS

OFFERTORY | This Is My Father’s World | Sheppard/Zisi

BLESSING | Pastor Arlene

CLOSING SONG | How Deep the Father’s Love For Us | Townend/Keveren

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

Dr. Jessie Wenchieh Lo, Pianist, Organist

Ken Rawdon, Music Director

Stephanie S. Spencer, Liturgist

TBD, Greeter-Ushers

Julie Booher, Trustee on Duty

FLOWER DEDICATION

Flowers today are given by Stephanie celebrating the 34th anniversary of Pastor Arlene's ordination. Your ministry is a blessing and an inspiration!

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

Today is Pledge Dedication Sunday. We will dedicate our 2022-23 Pledges. For a fillable pdf of this year's Pledge Form, click [here](#) or pick up a hard copy from the Stewardship Swag Table in the Narthex.

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**. Members may attend in person or by Zoom. The agenda includes the following items:

- Reception of the 2021-2022 Annual Report
- Report on Implementation of the 2022-2024 Strategic Plan
- 2021-2022 Treasurers' Reports (Video Available in mid-June)
- Adoption of the 2022-2023 Budget
- Recognition of elected leaders who have completed a term of service
- Election and installation of officers and board and committee members

Zoom Pre-Registration Required: If you plan to participate by Zoom, please pre-register at [this link](#) to assist the Clerk in determining if a quorum of members is in attendance and in order to vote on business items. On Jun 26, Zoom participants may either dial in by computer (preferred) or by phone 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 — New Events

Seekers will begin a new book on Wednesday, Jun 29: **The Art of Gathering: How We Meet and Why It Matters** by Priya Parker. The book is an exploration of how to create meaningful, memorable gatherings, large or small, for work or play. Contact [Pastor Pepper](#) for more information.

ANNOUNCEMENTS — Ongoing Events

English Language Bible Study: The Daytime group meets every **Thursday at 10:30 am** on Zoom and will complete their reading of Daniel next week. Next up: the Apocrypha's additions to Daniel. 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

Bravo! And a million thank yous to all our **musicians, our choir, and our Church School teachers.**

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 **Clarissa Cisneros**, who graduated from Chabot College, May 27, 2022, with her Associates degree, and who will be matriculating at San Francisco State, where she will be majoring in Social Work. Clarissa is a ChYLI Alum, and a current member of Eden's Emergency Food Service Delivery Team.

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.

Congratulations to **Litzy Rodriguez**, who graduated from Chico State on May 21, 2022 with the BA in Political Science. Litzy is a ChYLI Alum and a Comida volunteer. Litzy is pursuing employment in her field while preparing for the LSAT and applying to law school.

Congratulations to **Jamison Rose** who graduated from James Logan High School and will be matriculating at UC Merced this fall where he will be majoring in engineering.

Congratulations to **Miriam Oseguera**, one of our former Cherryland Computer Cafe instructors who went on to join the Rent Relief Team, OHE, and COVAXX Teams last summer. She is preparing to become a registered nurse, and has landed a job with a bio-tech research project at the University of California San Francisco.

Congratulations to **Tristan Sanchez**, son of Vicki Vivaldo, who graduated from Hayward High School and is planning to work next year before going to college.

Congratulations to **Miles Vetovec**, who is graduating from California High School on Jun 3, 2022 and will be continuing his education at Las Positas Community College, majoring in theatre.

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!

Congratulations to our Confirmands **Miles Vetovec** and **Darcy Malloy**!

Congratulations to the 2022 Eden Area Foundation Recipients: **Ajitpal Singh, Araceli Villagomez Rosas, Denise Cuevas, Elisha Green, Estefani Villagomez Rosas, Evelyn Villanueva Barajas, Gurpal Kaur, Jamison Rose, Jessica Hernandez-Barajas, Jose Luis Avalos Gutierrez, Julian Orea, Kimberly Cabrera, Lacy Victorio, Litzy Venegas Rodriguez, Lizbeth Oseguera, Lorena Espinoza Valdez, Mark Justin V. Salvador, Miles C. Vetovec, Redneka Kajiru, and Seth Mijares.**

Congratulations to **Billie Sherwood**, who was the 2022 recipient of the Maggie Rowell Ranch Cowgirl Spirit Award! This award was presented to Billie in recognition of her tireless promotion of the Rowell Ranch Rodeo and its many good causes, including the Rodeo scholarship program and the Rodeo's long-time partnership with the Alameda County Fair.

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, and a broken arm incurred on June 6, 2022.

Prayers for traveling mercies **for the Barattas**, who are cruising to Alaska and back.

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

For **Vicente Flores** who is receiving 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.

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 **Linda Sheppard**, who is at home recovering from a heart procedure and her recent hip replacement surgery.

For **Amelia Smith**, Keith Smith's mother, who will undergo surgery in the next few weeks.

For **Viki Vivaldo**, whose grandmother died in Mexico this past week.

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, Jun 19

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

Monday, Jun 20

Tuesday, Jun 21

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

Wednesday, Jun 22

10:30 — 11:30 pm Seekers Book Club | Online
1:30 — 4:00 pm Comida para Cherryland | OH Parking Lot

Thursday, Jun 23

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

Sunday, Jun 26

9:15 — 9:45 am Children's Storytime | Online
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COMING ATTRACTIONS

Jun 19 Juneteenth Remembrance & Pledge Dedication Sunday
Jun 22 Comida para Cherryland
Jun 26 157th Annual Meeting (Sanctuary & Zoom)
Jul 4 Independence Day - Campus Closed
Jul 5 Trustees Meeting
Jul 10 26th Open & Affirming Anniversary
Jul 13 Comida para Cherryland
July 17-23 [Camp Tamarack - Junior \(Entering grades 3 to 6\)](#)
July 24-30 [Camp Tamarack - Middle School/High School \(Entering grades 7 to 12\)](#)
Jul 27 Comida para Cherryland

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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