

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



WELCOME | BIENVENIDOS

Jul 3, 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.

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OPENING MUSIC | Let There Be Peace On Earth | Jackson/Miller | Jessie Lo

WELCOME | Rev. Marvin Lance Wiser

OPENING PRAYER | Pastor Marvin

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM | Rev. Dr. Arlene K. Nehring

Welcome & Address

Questions of Parents

Baptismal Prayer

Act of Baptism

Prayer of Blessing (*in unison*)

Bless this child, O God. Grant that he may be filled with a spirit of wisdom and understanding, a spirit of counsel and might, and a spirit of the knowledge and the love that you have for him and for all people. Bless his parents and this congregation as we strive to be faithful mentors and examples for him, and for every child whom you have entrusted to our care. Amen.

Baptized today: Khaison-Tam Semanero Vo
Son of Ellen & Jimmy Vo; brother of Brayden-Tien Vo

BIBLE READING | [2 Kings 5:1-14](#) | [\[Español\]](#) | Rev. Rob Parrish

SERMON | “Healing Soldiers” | Rev. Dr. Arlene K. Nehring

HYMN | God of the Ages, Who with Sure Command | *NCH* No. 592 | vs. 1-3

OFFERING INVITATION & PRAYER | Rev. Rob

OFFERTORY | Deep River | African-American Spiritual | Jessie Lo

[SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION](#)

Words of Remembrance | Pastor Arlene & Pastor Marvin

Distribution of the Elements | Deacons

Communion Anthem | Let Us Break Bread Together | Eden Church Choir
& Friends

Prayer of Thanksgiving | Pastor Pepper



Lord's Prayer | Unison | Pastor Pepper

BLESSING | Pastor Arlene

CLOSING SONG | A Patriotic Medley - with melodies from The Star-Spangled Banner, My Country, 'Tis of Thee, and America the Beautiful | Original Music: John Stafford Smith, Samuel A. Ward, Thesaurus Musicus | Arr. Amy Dyk | Jessie Lo

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

Rev. Rob Parrish, Liturgist

Stephanie Spencer & Joanne Vorheis, Deacons

Julie Booher, Greeter-Ushers

Daniella Prym, Trustee on Duty

FLOWER DEDICATION

The flowers today were given by Aisha Knowles in memory of her grandmother Elizabeth Hendrik's birthday and in celebration of Aisha's 10th anniversary of service on the Alameda County Board of Education

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 — New Events

On Sunday, Jul 10, we will celebrate our 27th year of being an Open and Affirming Church. Open and Affirming is the way many in the United Church of Christ (UCC) declare welcome and inclusion of gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender (LGBT), same gender loving (SGL) persons into the full life and ministry of the church.

We are pleased to announce that The Rev. Sophia Hayes-Jackson will join us for our Open and Affirming Anniversary worship. Sophia is founder of Phoenix Outreach, a Recovery and Re-entry program designed to assist those most impacted by incarceration who are seeking change and transformation.

As a formerly incarcerated and substance involved individual, Sophia realized that there was a void in the work of the church regarding how the Church at large was responding to the blight that the Prison Industrial Complex is having on Black and Brown men, women, and youth; while on her journey in answering God's call to ministry, she found that prison ministry was more than just a "call", it was/is a passion.

Sophia is a graduate of Pacific School of Religion where she earned her Master of Divinity and Certificate of Spirituality and Social Change. She is a member of First Christian Church of Alameda and City of Refuge UCC, as well as Moderator for the Bay Association in the Northern California Nevada Conference of the United Church of Christ and clergy lead for WOSA (Women of Spirit Action), a women's ministry group in the Christian Church Disciples of Christ. Her sermon, "How to Leave a Godly Legacy" will explore Deuteronomy 30:9-14 and how to follow, no matter how far, God's command that we love God with all our heart and with all our soul.

Sunday Seekers? *If you are interested in a Sunday book discussion of the Seekers new book, **The Art of Gathering: How We Meet and Why It Matters** by Priya Parker, please contact [Pastor Pepper](#). The book is an exploration of how to create meaningful, memorable gatherings, large or small, for work or play.*

Backpack & School Supplies Collection: *Once again this year, Barbara Heimowitz is organizing the collection of backpacks and school supplies for 400 very promising students whose families participate in Comida para Cherryland, Eden UCC's just-in-time food bank. Collected backpacks and school supplies will be distributed in early August. The need is as great as ever for our local kids!*

Here's how to participate:

1. *Supplies can be mailed directly to Eden UCC, 21455 Birch Street, Hayward, CA, 94541. Attention: Javier Orea. Please order ahead so everything is shipped or delivered to the Church by 4 pm on **Monday, Aug 8**. If you plan to deliver yourself, Church Office hours are M-F, 9 to 5 pm and contributions can be deposited into the big collection box by the Office.*

2. *If you don't want to shop, but would like to donate, Barbara would be glad to order for you. Checks may be sent directly to her, Barbara Heimowitz or you can send your donation directly to Eden UCC, who will notify her. Here's the [link](#) to our online giving portal.*

Not sure what to order or donate? Check out Barbara's Sign Up Genius page [here](#) and sign up to purchase or contribute the items of your choice.

No donation is too small. It's all very much appreciated and will help these students get a great start to the 2022-23 school year!

ANNOUNCEMENTS — Ongoing Events

English Language Bible Study: *The Daytime group meets every **Thursday at 10:30 am** on Zoom and are currently reading I Maccabees. 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

*Congratulations to our 2022 **Graduates and Scholarship recipients.***

*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.*

*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**, who are moving to Florida and for 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, Jul 3

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

Monday, Jul 4 - *Independence Day; Campus Closed*

Tuesday, Jul 5

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

Wednesday, Jul 6

Thursday, Jul 7

6:00 — 7:00 pm Estudio Biblico | Online

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COMING ATTRACTIONS

Jul 4 Independence Day - Campus Closed
Jul 5 Trustees Meeting
Jul 10 27th Open & Affirming Anniversary
Jul 12 Council Meeting
Jul 13-Aug 10 Cherryland Youth Leadership Institute
Jul 13 Comida para Cherryland
July 17-23 [Camp Tamarack - Junior \(Entering grades 3 to 6\)](#)
July 24-30 [Camp Tamarack - Miid 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
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Jan Bass | Associate Treasurer
Jana Aloo | Clerk

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