

## SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



**WELCOME | BIENVENIDOS**

**Jul 17, 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** | Prelude in F-Sharp Minor BWV883, WTK II | J.S. Bach |  
Jessie Lo

**WELCOME** | Rev. Pepper Swanson

**OPENING PRAYER** | Pastor Pepper

**BIBLE READING** | [Luke 10:38-42](#) | [\[Espanol\]](#) | Yuliana Wiser-Leon

**SERMON** | “Seeking to Balance” | Rev Dr Arlene K Nehring

**HYMN** | Let Justice Flow Like Streams | *NCH* No. 588 vs. 1-3

**RECOGNITION OF REV. ROB PARRISH** | Pastors & Moderator

**JOYS & CONCERNS** | Pastoral Prayer | Rev Mavin Lance Wiser

**OFFERING INVITATION & PRAYER** | Yuliana Wiser-Leon

**OFFERTORY** | My Jesus, I Love Thee | Gordon/Halberg | Jessie Lo

**BLESSING** | Pastor Arlene

**CLOSING SONG** | Praise to the Lord, the Almighty | Stralsund Gesangbuch,  
1665/arr. John Carter | 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*

*Yuliana Wiser-Leon, Liturgist*

*Jessica Shimmin & Olive, Greeters-Ushers*

*John Honerkamp, 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 — New Events**

***Pride Activities at the San Lorenzo Library:*** *In the wake of Proud Boys storming a Drag Queen Storytime at the San Lorenzo library in early June, Alameda County D-3 Supervisor Dave Brown has pledged to fund one Pride focused event per month at the San Lorenzo Library from Jul 2022 to Jun 2023.*

*The Library's Kickoff event will take place on Wed, Jul 27. The day begins with an opening ceremony hosted by Supervisor Brown at which Pastor Arlene has been invited to speak. The Rainbow Families Story Time will follow from 11:30 - 12:30 pm.*

*Pastor Arlene and her spouse, Stephanie, have been asked to share a bit of their story with the public through a facilitated conversation by the Alameda County Librarian Cindy Chadwick. This Oprah-style event will be held from 6-7 pm, in-person at the library and over livestream.*

*Watch for the details in next week's e-Chimes. Meanwhile, check out other [Pride activities](#) being offered by the Library this month.*

***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 Mon, 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 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:** Our just-in-time food pantry is currently projecting a \$150K deficit between Apr 1 and Oct 15, due to an unexpected delay in County emergency food services funding. Now serving five times as many people as we did pre-pandemic, the gap in funding is causing considerable belt-tightening in our community.

Your donations of any amount are gratefully requested to help us sustain our ability to serve our neighbors. Digital donations can be made online using [our giving portal](#). Please use the dropdown to select "Comida para Cherryland." Checks can be made payable to Eden United Church of Christ. Please be sure to note the donation is for "Comida para Cherryland" and mail to the Church's address, 21455 Birch Street, Hayward, CA 94541.

**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 **Narayah Aloo**, who has landed two part-time summer jobs in the Eden Area, one with Umojah and Village Connect supporting our RCD-LF VAXX Coalition and the other with My Eden Voice (MEV), working on tenant protections and fair housing rights.*

*Eden Church has been awarded a **\$100,000 Capacity Building Grant** from Alameda County Housing & Community Development, on July 12, 2022, to strengthen our administrative capacity to continue to serve the wider community at 5X our previous numbers, and to provide fiscal sponsorship sponsorship and incubation support for grassroots community organizations, like Padres Unidos de Cherryland.*

## **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 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 **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.*

## THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

### Sunday, Jul 17

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, Jul 18

### Tuesday, Jul 19

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

### Wednesday, Jul 20

10:30 — 11:30 pm Seekers Book Club | Online  
7:00 — 9:00 pm Eden Area Foundation Board Meeting | Online

### Thursday, Jul 21

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

### Sunday, Jul 24

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



## COMING ATTRACTIONS

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  
Jul 27 Pastor Arlene & Stephanie Featured @SLZ Public Library Pride Event

# 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  
Jana Aloo | Clerk

## OFFICE HOURS

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