

AFTER PENTECOST



WELCOME | BIENVENIDOS

Jul 31, 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.



EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST | ONLINE WORSHIP LINK

OPENING MUSIC | O Love That Will Not Let Me Go | NCH 485/Arr. Keveren | Jessie Lo

WELCOME | Rev. Dr. Arlene K. Nehring

OPENING PRAYER | Pastor Arlene

BIBLE READING | [Luke 12:13-21](#) | [Espanol](#) | Allie Turner

SERMON | “An Excessive Problem” | Rev. Pepper Swanson

HYMN | Like A Tree Beside the Waters | NCH 313 | All verses

JOYS & CONCERNS | Pastoral Prayer | Rev. Marvin Wiser

JESUS' PRAYER

Our God, in whom is heaven, blessed be your name. Your presence come, your will be done, both here and everywhere. May your realm of peace and freedom sustain our hopes and come on earth. May we be fed today with the bread that we need, and may forgiveness be ours in the same measure we give. In times of temptation, strengthen us. From the grip of all that is evil, free us. For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, now and forever. Amen.

OFFERING INVITATION & PRAYER | Allie Turner

**OFFERTORY | Danzas Españolas No.2 | Enrique Granados
| Jessie Lo**



BLESSING | Pastor Pepper

CLOSING SONG | The Power of Your Love | Bullock/Arr. Holstein | 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

Allie Turner, Liturgist

Susie Newman, Greeter-Ushers

Russ Newman, 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 — New Events

Church School Meeting: *Do you remember Noah's Ark? How about Jonah & the Big Fish? Eden's Church School for pre-K to 8th grade teaches children the classic Bible Stories and the important values (honesty, courage, faithfulness) that those stories inspire.*

*To celebrate the summer and plan the Church School year ahead, we will have an outdoor Parent Meeting on **Sunday, Aug 14 after worship (about 10:45 am)** on our Courtyard Labyrinth. While the parents talk, our youth leaders will engage the kids in a water balloon contest, followed by ice cream and popsicles.*

Whether your kids are already involved or you are interested in finding out more information, you are invited to join us for some very wet fun and some good conversation about kids, fun, and faith. Contact Pastor Pepper for more info.

National Open and Affirming (ONA) Gathering: *Join our Watch Party and help us celebrate the **50th Anniversary of the ONA Coalition's founding.***

National ONA Gathering is the biennial family reunion of the Open and Affirming movement in the United Church of Christ! This virtual Gathering is our first since the COVID-19 outbreak in 2020. Members of any church—ONA or not-yet ONA—are invited to attend. Expect a celebration with exuberant music and inspiring preaching.

This year is the 50th anniversary of the ONA Coalition's founding in 1972—and the Rev. William R. Johnson's ordination as the first openly gay man chosen for Christian ministry earlier that year. The theme, "Shaping Generations," will celebrate

our movement's founders—among them, Bill Johnson, the Rev. Anne Holmes, Ann B. Day and Donna Enberg—and many others.

To join the Watch Party on **Friday, August 5, Saturday, August 6, and Sunday, August 7, beginning at 4 pm PDT**, contact arlene@edenucc.com. Venue depends on the number of participants. You can also watch from home by registering at this [link](#).

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 will 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

*For **Bill Adam**, who has retired to Reading, Pennsylvania.*

*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 is preparing for another surgery in September.*

*For **Launey Rivers** and **the Rev. Rob Parrish**, who are moving to Florida this week, and for Launey who is on the long road to recovery from 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 is home from the hospital, recovering from surgery.*

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, Jul 31

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

Monday, Aug 1

Tuesday, Aug 2

10:00 — 12:00 pm Eden Crafters | Online
11:00 — 12:00 pm Estudio Biblico | Online
7:00 — 9:00 pm Trustees | Online

Wednesday, Aug 3

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

Thursday, Aug 4

10:30 — 11:30 am Bible Study | Online

Sunday, Aug 7

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



COMING ATTRACTIONS

Aug 2 Trustees Meeting
Aug 8 Backpack & School Supplies Donation Deadline
Aug 9 Council Meeting
Aug 10 Comida para Cherryland
Aug 14 Church School Parent Meeting & Water Balloon Contest
Aug 24 Comida para Cherryland
Sept 5 Labor Day — Campus Closed

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

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