

AFTER PENTECOST



WELCOME | BIENVENIDOS

Aug 7, 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.



NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST | [ONLINE WORSHIP LINK](#)

**OPENING MUSIC | How Firm a Foundation | NCH 407/Early American
Melody/Arr. Keveren | Jessie Lo**

WELCOME | Rev. Marvin Wiser

OPENING PRAYER | Pastor Marvin

BIBLE READING | [Luke 12:22-34](#) | [Español](#) | Athena Guy Malloy

SERMON | “What Me Worried?” | Rev. Pepper Swanson

HYMN | Come, O Fount of Every Blessing | NCH No. 459

[THE RITE OF CONFIRMATION](#) | Rev. Dr. Arlene K. Nehring



INVITATION

QUESTIONS OF THE CANDIDATES

BLESSING THE ELEMENTS

CHRISMATION

WELCOME (*in unison*)

Today we welcome you as full partners in the ministry of Eden United Church of Christ. We promise you our continuing friendship and prayers as we share the joys and challenges of life in the faith. We pray that by God's grace we may continue to grow in the knowledge, love, and service of God.

PRESENTATION

OFFERING INVITATION & PRAYER | Athena Guy Malloy

**OFFERTORY | God Will Take Care of You | NCH No.460/Martin/Arr. Keveren |
Jessie Lo**

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Words of Remembrance | Pastor Arlene & Pastor Marvin

Distribution of the Elements | Deacons

**Communion Music | Let Us Break Bread Together | Traditional
Spiritual/Arr. Carter | Jessie Lo**

Prayer of Thanksgiving | Pastor Pepper

Lord's Prayer | Unison | Pastor Pepper

Our Father/Creator, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Padre nuestro, que estás en los cielos, santificado sea Tu Nombre; venga Tu reino; hágase Tu voluntad en la tierra como en el cielo. Danos hoy el pan de cada día y perdona nuestras deudas así como nosotros perdonamos a nuestros deudores; y no nos dejes caer en tentación mas líbranos del mal. Amén.

BLESSING | Pastor Pepper

CLOSING SONG | Holy, Holy Holy! Lord God Almighty | Dykes/Larson

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

Joanne Vorheis & Stephanie Spencer, Deacons

Athena Guy Malloy, Liturgist

Darcy Malloy, Greeter-Ushers

Daniella Prym, 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

Backpack & School Supplies Collection: Donate by Monday, Aug 8 at 4 pm to ensure local children are well equipped for the 2022-23 School 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.

Here's how to participate:

- 1. Supplies can be dropped off at Eden UCC, 21455 Birch Street, Hayward, CA, 94541. Attention: Javier Orea. Church Office hours are M-F, 9 to 5 pm.*
- 2. If you don't want to shop, but would like to donate. You can send your donation directly to Eden UCC. 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!

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.

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 Tuesday at 11 am. 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 **Tabitha Aloo**, who is confirming her faith and being received into church membership today.

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

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 and incubation support for grassroots community organizations, like Padres Unidos de Cherryland.

Congratulations to **John Honerkamp** who was recently appointed Special Education Principal for the Santa Clara County Office of Education.

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 **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 moved to Florida this past 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 **Amelia Smith**, Keith Smith's mother, who is home from the hospital, recovering from surgery.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, Aug 7

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, Aug 8

Tuesday, Aug 9

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

Wednesday, Aug 10

10:30 — 11:30 pm Seekers Book Club | Online
1:30 — 3:30 pm Comida para Cherryland | Backpack Giveaway

Thursday, Aug 11

10:30 — 11:30 am Bible Study | Online

Sunday, Aug 14

10:00—10:40 am Worship | Sanctuary & Online
10:45—12 noon Church School Meeting, Water Balloons, & Ice Cream | Courtyard
10:45—12 noon Courtyard Conversations | Courtyard

COMING ATTRACTIONS

Aug 8 Backpack & School Supplies Donation Deadline
Aug 9 Council Meeting
Aug 10 Comida para Cherryland & Backpack Distribution
Aug 14 Church School Parents 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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