

AFTER PENTECOST



WELCOME | BIENVENIDOS

Aug 14, 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.



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

**OPENING MUSIC | Great Is Your Faithfulness | Runyan/Arr. Shackley |
Jessie Lo**

WELCOME | Rev. Pepper Swanson

OPENING PRAYER | Pastor Pepper

BIBLE READING | [Hebrews 11:29-12:2](#) | [Español] Dave Wallace

SERMON | “A Cast of Characters” | Rev. Dr. Arlene K. Nehring

HYMN | Called as Partners in Christ’s Service | NCH No. 495 (all verses)

JOYS & CONCERNS | Pastoral Prayer | Rev. Marvin Lance 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 | Dave Wallace

OFFERTORY | Lift Every Voice and Sing | NCH No. 593 | Jessie Lo

BLESSING | Pastor Arlene

**CLOSING SONG | Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ | Jamaican Folk
Tune/Arr. 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

Dave Wallace, Liturgist

Allie Turner, Greeter-Ushers

Bob Turner, 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.

The flowers on the Communion Table were given by Stephanie Spencer in celebration of Pastor Arlene's birthday on Aug 16.

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 **TODAY 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 for all.*

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

*Over **450 backpacks** were distributed for local children at last week's Comida para Cherryland. Big thanks to Barbara Heimowitz and her friends and all the donors from Eden Church and the Cherryland community for making this year's backpack drive a success.*

*Congratulations to **Tabitha Aloo**, who confirmed her faith and was received into church membership on Aug 7, 2022.*

*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.*

*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 14

10:00—10:40 am

10:45—11:00 am

Worship | Sanctuary & Online
Church School Families Meeting
Water Balloons in the Courtyard:-)
Courtyard Conversations

Monday, Aug 15

Tuesday, Aug 16

10:00 — 11:00 am

11:00 — 12:00 am

Eden Crafters | Online
Estudio Biblico | Online

Wednesday, Aug 17

10:30 — 11:30 am

Seekers Book Club | Online

Thursday, Aug 18

10:30 — 11:30 am

Bible Study | Online

Sunday, Aug 19

9:15 — 9:45 am

10:00—10:40 am

10:45—11:00 am

Children's Storytime | Online
Worship | Sanctuary & Online
Courtyard Conversations



COMING ATTRACTIONS

Aug 14 Church School Parents Meeting & Water Balloon Contest
Aug 21 ESLO Committee Meeting
Aug 24 Comida para Cherryland
Aug 28 Choir Rehearsal Resumes
Sept 5 Labor Day — Campus Closed
Sept 6 Trustees Meeting
Sept 12 Evening Bible Study Resumes
Sept 13 Council Meeting
Sept 14 Comida para Cherryland
Sept 28 Comida para Cherryland
Oct 2 World Communion Sunday & Picnic

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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