

AFTER PENTECOST



WELCOME | BIENVENIDOS

Aug 28, 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.



12th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST | [ONLINE WORSHIP LINK](#)

OPENING MUSIC | Together We Have Met to Worship | Holy Manna/Arr. Smith | Jessie Lo

WELCOME | Rev. Pepper Swanson

OPENING PRAYER | Pastor Pepper

BIBLE READING | [Jeremiah 2:4-13](#) | [Español](#) | Herb Graw

SERMON | “Cracked Pots” | Rev. Dr. Arlene Nehring

HYMN | Like A Tree Beside the Waters | NCH - Page 313 | All Verses

JOYS & CONCERNS | Pastoral Prayer | Rev. Marvin Wiser



JESUS' PRAYER | Unison

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 | Herb Graw

OFFERTORY | Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling | Thompson/Arr. Helgen | Jessie Lo

BLESSING | Pastor Arlene

CLOSING SONG | Like a River Glorious | Mountain/Arr. Smith | 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

Herb Graw, 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.

The flowers on the Communion Table were given by Rozetta Walth in celebration of good health.

ANNOUNCEMENTS — Ongoing Events

Eden Church Choir Rehearsal: *Come join us! Every Sunday at 11:00 am in the Music Room.*

English Language Bible Study: *The **Daytime** group meets every **Thursday at 10:30 am** on Zoom and are currently reading I Maccabees. The **Evening** group will resume on **Monday, Sept 12** at 8 pm. Contact [Pastor Pepper](#) for more info.*

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](#).

Sanctuary & Accompaniment Appeal: *It's the fourth week of August--the most wonderful time of the year for parents who are more than ready for their children to return to school. Even the students whose favorite subject is recess can't help but be caught up in the excitement. We certainly are, and yet, the news that some recently arrived students in our school district have nowhere to live has given us pause.*

If you have a room to rent, or know someone who does, please tell one of the pastors. If you are able to fund a night of lodging or help pay rent, please use the QR code to make a digital gift, or deliver your offering to the church office. (Please reference the Sanctuary / Accompaniment Ministry in the on-line, drop-down menu, or the memo of your check.) If you are able to help with a fundraiser, please email yuliana@edenucc.com. And pray without ceasing for the healing of the nations and a safe and sound home for every child.

Comida para Cherryland: *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 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.*

*Congratulations to **Holly Bowers Guier** and **Robert Lynch** on their recent engagement and approach to marriage.*

*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 **Stephanie Andrade**, who is experiencing more health challenges.*

*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 last month, 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.*

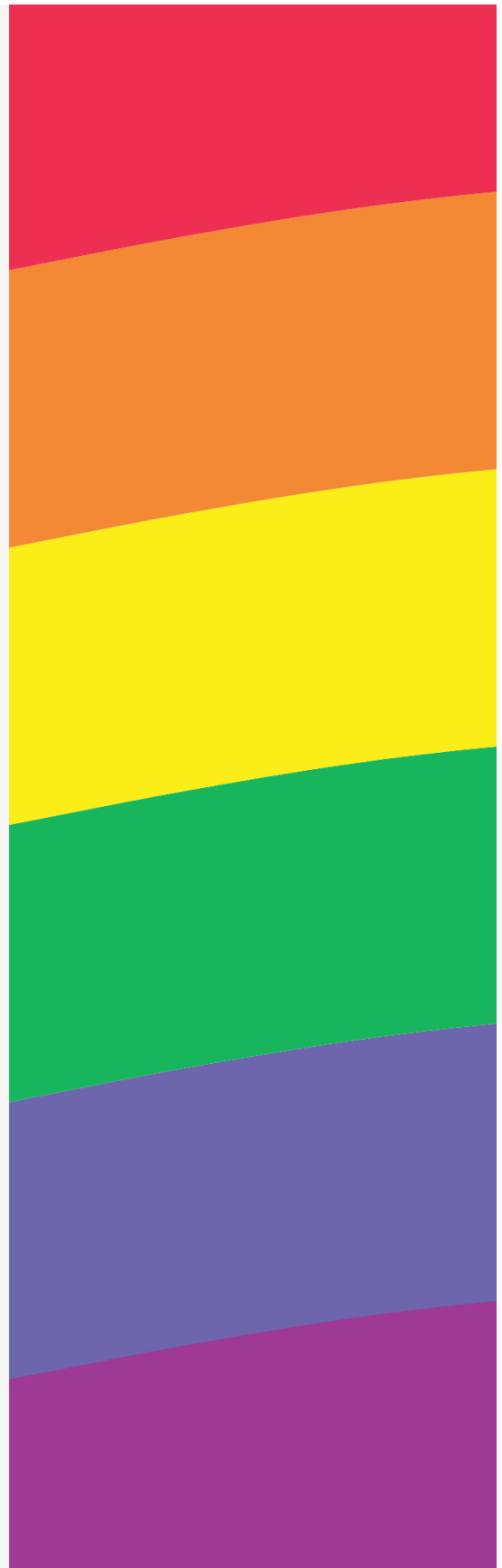


Make new
friends.

Keep the
old.

One is red
and the other
orange.

Oct 2, 2022, 11 am
#EUCCMeekPark



THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, Aug 28

10:00—10:40 am

Worship | Sanctuary & Online

10:45—11:00 am

Courtyard Conversations

11:00 — 11:45 am

Choir Rehearsal Resumes | Music Room

Monday, Aug 29

Tuesday, Aug 30

10:00 — 11:00 am

Eden Crafters | Online

11:00 — 12:00 pm

Estudio Biblico | Online

Wednesday, Aug 31

10:30 — 11:30 am

Seekers Book Club | Online

Thursday, Sept 1

Sunday, Sep 4

9:00 - 9:45 am

Choir Rehearsal | Music Room

10:00 - 10:40 am

Worship & Holy Communion | Sanctuary & Online

10:45 - 11:00 am

Courtyard Conversations

11:00 - 11:45am

Choir Rehearsal | Music Room

COMING ATTRACTIONS

Sept 5 Labor Day — Campus Closed

Sept 6 Trustees Meeting

Sept 11 Church School Resumes

Sept 12 Evening Bible Study Resumes

Sept 13 Council Meeting

Sept 14 Comida para Cherryland

Sept 18 First Aid/CPR Class for Volunteers

Sept 22 First Aid/CPR Class for Employees

Sept 25 Stephanie Cartwright's Memorial Service, 1:30 pm

Sept 28 Comida para Cherryland

Oct 2 World Communion Sunday & Community Potluck Reunion

Oct 9 Crafters' Fall Auction Preview 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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