

## AFTER PENTECOST



### WELCOME | BIENVENIDOS

Sept 4, 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.



# 13th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST | [ONLINE WORSHIP LINK](#)

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**OPENING MUSIC | Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing | Tune:  
Nettleton/Arr. Becki Mayo | Jessie Lo**

**WELCOME | Rev. Marvin Wiser**

**OPENING PRAYER | Pastor Marvin**

**CHOIR ANTHEM | Now Let Us All Praise God And Sing | Gordon Young |  
Eden Church Choir and Friends**

**BIBLE READING | [Jeremiah 18:1-11](#) | [Español](#) | Jennifer Vetovec**

**SERMON | “Pottery Lessons” | Rev. Dr. Arlene K. Nehring**

**HYMN | Children of God | NCH - Page 533 | All Verses**

**OFFERING INVITATION & PRAYER | Jennifer Vetovec**

**OFFERTORY | Broken Vessels (Amazing Grace) | Joel  
Houston/Jonas Myrin/Arr. Keveren**



## **SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

**Words of Remembrance | Pastors Arlene & Marvin**

**Distribution of the Elements | Deacons**

**Communion Music | How Beautiful | Twila Paris/Arr. Lloyd Larson |  
Jessie Lo**

**Prayer of Thanksgiving | Pastor Marvin**

**Lord's Prayer | Unison | Pastor Marvin**

*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 Arlene**

**CLOSING SONG | I'm Gonna Sing/Ain't-a That Good News? | Traditional Spiritual/Arr. Larry Shackley | 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*

*Joanne Vorheis & Stephanie Spencer, Deacons*

*Jennifer Vetrovec, Liturgist*

*Kim Seebeck & Laura Nelson Lof, Greeter-Ushers*

*Daniella Prym, 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.*

**SAVE THE DATE**

*We're having a **Community Potluck Reunion on Sunday, Oct 2 at 11 am.** Wear one of the rainbow colors, bring an entree with a serving utensil, and, to minimize waste, bring your own plate, cup, and eating utensils. To share with others, bring a photo or other object to decorate your picnic table. For more information, contact [Pastor Pepper](#).*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS — Ongoing Events**

**Eden Church Choir Rehearsal Resumes today:** Come join us! 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 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](mailto: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 later this month 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.

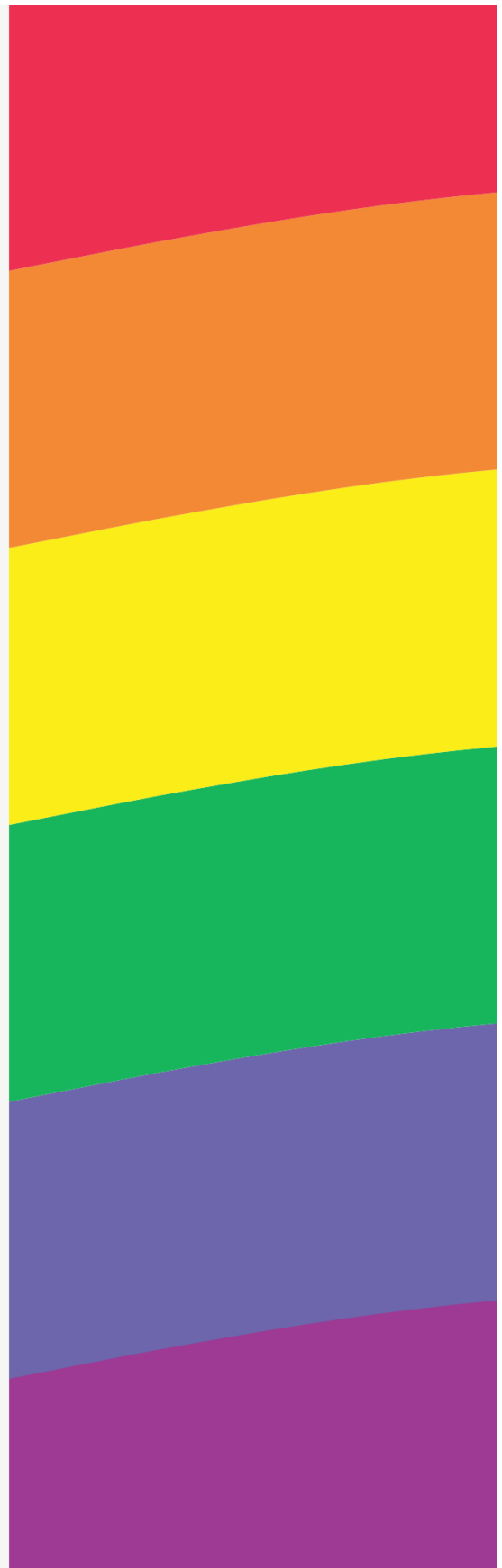


Eat good  
food.

Play fun  
games.

One is yellow  
and the other  
green.

Save the Date  
Community Potluck Reunion  
Oct 2, 2022, 11 am  
#EUCCMeekPark



## **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 our **Eden UCC VAXX Team**, and the whole RCD-LF Coalition who drew 150 attendees for the Summer Celebration on Aug 27. Approximately 20 people received a vaccination. Eighty families received free food boxes and seventy families received gift cards.

**Pastor Marvin** successfully defended his dissertation this past Friday, Sep 2, 2022, at the Graduate Theological Union in Berkeley.

## **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 that is scheduled for September 20, 2022 at Stanford.

For **Pat Payne's** brother **George Clifford** who is undergoing chemotherapy.

## THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

### Sunday, Sept 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

### Monday, Sept 5

Labor Day — Campus Closed

### Tuesday, Sept 6

10:00 — 10:45 am Crafters | Online  
11:00 — 12:00 pm Estudio Biblico | Online  
7:00 — 9:00 pm Trustees | Online

### Wednesday, Sept 7

### Thursday, Sept 8

### Sunday, Sept 11

9:00 — 9:45 am Choir Rehearsal | Music Room  
10:00 — 10:45 am Worship | Sanctuary & Online  
10:00 — 10:45 am Church School | Courtyard  
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 & All Church Picnic  
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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