

AFTER PENTECOST



WELCOME | BIENVENIDOS

Sept 11, 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.



14th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST | [ONLINE WORSHIP LINK](#)

OPENING MUSIC | Pie Jesu from *Requiem* | Andrew Lloyd Webber | Jessie Lo

WELCOME | Rev. Dr. Arlene K. Nehring

OPENING PRAYER | Pastor Arlene

BIBLE READING | [Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28](#) | [Español](#) | Keith Smith

SERMON | “Reckoning with God’s Wrath” | Pastor Arlene

HYMN | Great Is Your Faithfulness | *NCH* - Page 423 | 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.

CHOIR ANTHEM | Lord, For Thy Tender Mercies’ Sake | Richard Farrant (1530-1580)

OFFERING INVITATION & PRAYER | Keith Smith

OFFERTORY | My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less | William Bradbury/*NCH* No.403 | Jessie Lo

BLESSING | Pastor Arlene

CLOSING SONG | Living Hope | Phil Wickham/Brian Johnson/Arr. Phillip Keveren | 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

Keith Smith, Liturgist

Jessie Shimmin & Miss Olive, Greeter-Ushers

John Honerkamp, Trustee on Duty

Rev. Pepper Swanson & Melissa Josue, Church School Teachers

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.

WORLD PEACE DAY

*The Eden Area Interfaith Council, East Bay Regional Parks, and the Martin Luther King Center are co-hosting the fifth annual World Peace Day, **Sat, Sep 17, 10 am to 1:30 pm** at Lake Chabot Regional Park in Castro Valley.*

Program activities include Peace messages from youth and faith leaders; singing, a one-hour Peace Walk alongside Lake Chabot led by Director Dennis Waespi; a gathering around the Peace Pole. A light lunch will be provided. Please register at: <https://www.ebparks.org/2022PeaceDay>

The PEACE POLE is a symbol of the hope of our community and the global family for Peace on Earth. The Peace Pole is 12' tall, showcasing 31 languages, including Chochenyo, Nahuatl, American Sign language, and Braille. Learn more about the Lake Chabot Peace Pole.

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. 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.

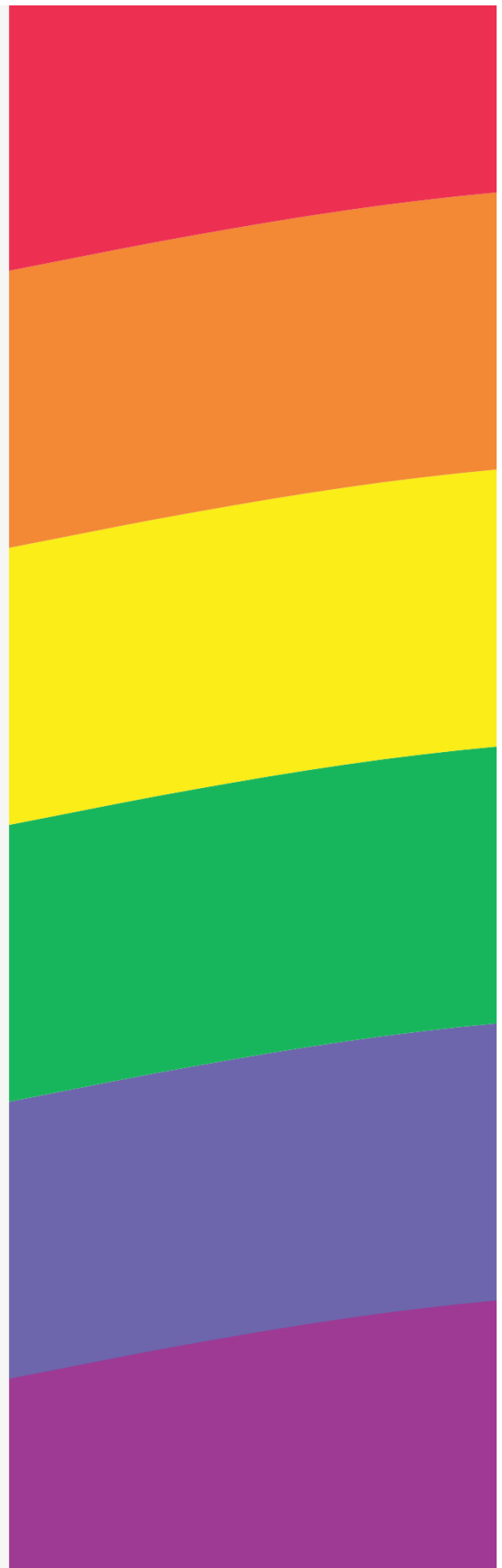


Build a life
you love.

Build a
community
of hope.

One is blue
and the other
purple.

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 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 — 11:45 am Choir Rehearsal | Music Room

Monday, Sept 12

8:00 — 9:00 pm Bible Study | Online

Tuesday, Sept 13

10:00 — 11:00 pm Eden Crafters | Online
11:00 — 12:00 pm Estudio Biblico | Online
7:00 — 8:00 pm Council | Online

Wednesday, Sept 14

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

Thursday, Sept 15

10:30 — 11:30 am Bible Study | Online

Saturday, Sep 17

10:00 — 1:30 pm World Peace Day Celebration | Chabot Park

Sunday, Sept 18

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 — 11:45 am Choir Rehearsal | Music Room



COMING ATTRACTIONS

Sep 12 Evening Bible Study Resumes
Sep 13 Council Meeting
Sep 14 Comida para Cherryland
Sep 17 World Peace Day Celebration
Sep 18 First Aid/CPR Class for Volunteers
Sep 22 First Aid/CPR Class for Employees
Sep 25 Stephanie Cartwright's Memorial Service, 1:30 pm
Sep 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

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