

AFTER PENTECOST



WELCOME | BIENVENIDOS

Sept 18, 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.



15th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST | [ONLINE WORSHIP LINK](#)

OPENING MUSIC | Nimrod | Edward Elgar | Jessie Lo

WELCOME | Rev. Dr. Arlene K. Nehring

OPENING PRAYER | Pastor Arlene

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

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 as we share the joys and challenges of Christian discipleship, and we pray for the Spirit's guidance and grace, so that together we may grow in the knowledge, love, and service of Almighty God.

BIBLE READING | [Luke 16:1-13](#) | [Español](#) | Rachel Rios-Richardson

SERMON | "Honesty is the Best Policy" | Rev. Pepper Swanson

HYMN | Christian Rise and Act Your Creed | NCH - Page 537 | 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.

OFFERING INVITATION & PRAYER | Rachel

OFFERTORY | Enigma - Theme & Variation I (C.A.E) | Edward Elgar | Jessie Lo

BLESSING | Pastor Pepper



**CLOSING SONG | I Will Sing to My Redeemer | Hyfrydol/Arr. John Wilson |
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

Rachel Rios-Richardson, Liturgist

Allie Turner, Greeter-Ushers

Bob Turner, Trustee on Duty

Jan Bass & Viki Vivaldo, 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.

A NOTE ON TODAY'S MUSIC

In remembrance of Queen Elizabeth II who passed away last week, Jessie Lo will be playing Elgar's Enigma to honor her life and her dedication. Elgar's compositions were played many times at Queen Elizabeth II's coronation on June 2, 1953, including the piece Nimrod. For more information, see this [link](#).

COMMUNITY POTLUCK REUNION

*We're having a **Community Potluck Reunion on Sunday, Oct 2 at 11 am at Meek Estate Park, 240 Hampton Road, in Hayward.** 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 each Sunday: Come join us! 11:00 am in the Music Room.

English Language Bible Study: The **Daytime** group meets every **Thursday at 10:30 am** and the **Evening** group meets every **Monday at 8 pm**. Both groups are studying the Book of Isaiah. 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.

Seekers Book Club: We are starting a new book, "The End of Bias: A Beginning: The Science and Practice of Overcoming Unconscious Bias." Join us on Wednesdays at 10:30 am on Zoom. Email [Pastor Pepper](#) for information.

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.



Join us for a community
potluck reunion on
Sunday, Oct 2
at 11 am to 1 pm
Meek Park
240 Hampton Road,
Hayward

Dress in a rainbow color
and bring:

- an easy entree or side dish with serving utensil
- your own plates, eating utensils, and cloth napkins
- a table decoration that represents friendship, love, or community (photo or object)

#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 on 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.

For **the family and friends of Jan Schumann**, who died around midnight Sept 4, 2022 at Kaiser Hospital in San Leandro. The Schumanns are gathering this weekend to share remembrances and to celebrate Jan's life. Per her wishes, Jan's ashes will be scattered near the Golden Gate Bridge at a later date.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, Sept 18

10:00—10:40 am Worship | Sanctuary & Online
10:00 — 10:45 am Church School | Courtyard
10:45—11:00 am Courtyard Conversations

Monday, Sept 19

8:00 — 9:00 pm Bible Study | Online

Tuesday, Sept 20

10:00 — 12:00 pm Eden Crafters | Online

Wednesday, Sept 21

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

Thursday, Sept 22

10:30 — 11:30 am Bible Study | Online
6:00 — 7:00 pm Estudio Biblico Potluck | Courtyard

Sunday, Sept 25

10:00—10:40 am Worship | Sanctuary & Online
10:00—10:40 am Church School | Courtyard
10:45—11:00 am Courtyard Conversations
11:00—12 noon ESLO Meeting



COMING ATTRACTIONS

Sept 22 First Aid/CPR Class for Employees
Sept 25 ESLO Meeting
Sept 25 Stephanie Cartwright's Memorial Service, 1:30 pm
Sept 28 Comida para Cherryland
Oct 2 World Communion Sunday & All Church 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

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