

AFTER PENTECOST



WELCOME | BIENVENIDOS

Sept 25, 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.



16th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST | [ONLINE WORSHIP LINK](#)

OPENING MUSIC | Pie Jesu from *Requiem* | Gabriel Faure/Arr. Emile Naoumoff | Jessie Lo

WELCOME | Rev. Marvin Wiser

OPENING PRAYER | Pastor Marvin

BIBLE READING | [Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15](#) | [Español](#) | Rev. Rob Parrish

SERMON | “Buy the Farm” | Rev. Dr. Arlene Nehring

HYMN | On Eagle’s Wings | Bulletin Insert | All verses

JOYS & CONCERNS | Rev. Pepper Swanson

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 | Rob

OFFERTORY | Sun of My Soul | Hursley/Arr. Gail Smith | Jessie Lo

BLESSING | Pastor Arlene

CLOSING SONG | Here I Am, Lord | Daniel Schutte/Arr. Jack Schrader | 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

Rev. Rob Parrish, Liturgist,

Susie Newman, Greeter-Ushers & Russ Newman, Trustee on Duty



ON EAGLE'S WINGS

Michael Joncas

VERSE 1:



1. You who dwell in the shel-ter of the Lord, who a-bide in his shad-ow for

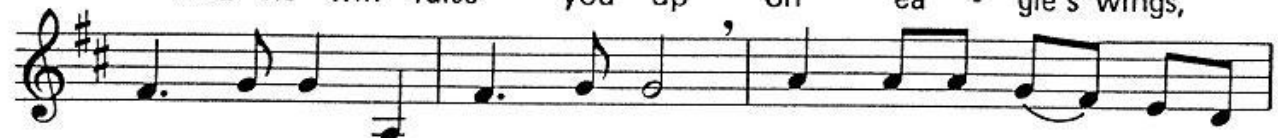


1. life, say to the Lord: "My ref-uge, my rock in whom I trust!"

REFRAIN:



And he will raise you up on ea - gle's wings,



bear you on the breath of dawn, make you to shine — like the



sun, and hold you in — the — palm of his hand.

VERSE 2:



2. The snare of the fowl-er will nev-er cap-ture you, and fam-ine will

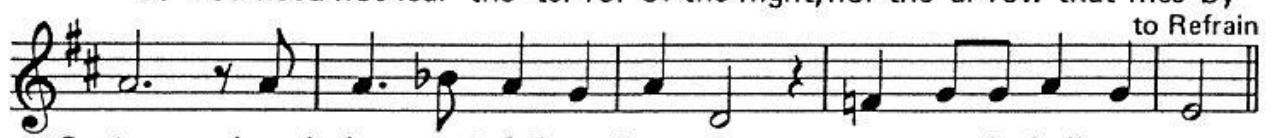


2. bring you no fear: un-der his wings your ref-uge, his faith-ful-ness your shield.

VERSE 3:



3. You need not fear the ter-ror of the night, nor the ar-row that flies by



3. day; though thou-sands fall a - bout you, near you it shall not come.

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.

NEIGHBORS IN NEED OFFERING

On **Sunday, Oct 2**, we will invite your participation in the UCC's 2022 Neighbors in Need (NIN) Offering. The NIN Offering goes two-thirds to the UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries to fund a wide array of local and national justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects and one-third to UCC's Council for American Indian Ministries (CAIM). This year's theme for NIN is Behold! (James 5:4) and the focus is on economic justice, especially fair and just wages. See the bulletin insert for more information and links. To make an offering, use the NIN Offering envelope in next week's bulletin or go to [our online giving portal](#) and select Neighbors in Need in the drop down menu.

COMMUNITY POTLUCK REUNION

Whether you are a Church member, a long-time friend, a volunteer with our community programs or a newcomer, you are invited to reunite with us at Meek Park on **Sunday, Oct 2 at 11 am to 1 pm**. This is not your standard issue potluck. At least we hope it won't be! We asking you to participate in making this an extra special community building event by **dressing yourself and your kids in one of the rainbow colors (red, orange, yellow, green, blue, or purple) and by bringing a table decoration that represents friendship, love, or community.** (Think either a photo or an object that reminds you of a special time or maybe just flowers in a favorite vase or cup.)

Also, to make this potluck reflect our environmental values by minimizing waste, **we asking each family to bring their own plates and utensils, as well as an entree or side dish to share.** For fun and games, we'll be telling stories at the table and playing picnic games. **And there will be free ice cream!** Our picnic sites (No. 1 & 2) are adjacent to the tot lot. Meek Park is at 240 Hampton Road. From Hampton Road, turn into the park, travel one block, and turn right into the large parking lot. Look for the Eden UCC canopy with rainbow balloons. Be sure to check in for your seat assignment and to take a family photo. 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.

JOYS

The Alameda County Board of Supervisors approved \$300,000 in ARPA funding for Eden Church in July and Sep 2022 to cover economic losses incurred during the pandemic. Three supervisors earmarked \$100K to benefit the Church including: Districts 2 (Supervisor Richard Valle), District 3 (Supervisor Dave Brown), and District 4 (Supervisor Nate Milley). The allocation from D4 was received last month. The allocations from D3 and D4 are scheduled for payment this fall.

*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 the **family and friends of Stephanie Cartwright**, especially her husband Allan and her children Tasha and Chris, who will celebrate her life today at 1:30 pm in the Sanctuary.*

*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 recovering from another successful surgery 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 25

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
10:45 — 11:45 am	ESLO & E-Team Meeting Courtyard
11:00 — 11:45 am	Choir Rehearsal Music Room
1:30 — 2:30 pm	Stephanie Cartwright Memorial Sanctuary

Monday, Sept 26

8:00 — 9:00 pm	Bible Study Online
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Tuesday, Sept 27

10:00 — 11:00 pm	Eden Crafters Online
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Wednesday, Sept 28

10:30 — 11:30 pm	Seekers Book Club Online
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Thursday, Sept 29

10:30 — 11:30 am	Bible Study Online
6:00 — 7:00 pm	Estudio Biblico Fireside

Sunday, Oct 2 — World Communion Sunday

9:00 — 9:45 am	Choir Rehearsal Music Room
10:00 — 10:45 am	Worship & Holy Communion Sanctuary & Online
10:00 — Communion	Church School Courtyard
11:00—1:00 pm	Community Potluck Reunion Meek Park



COMING ATTRACTIONS

Sept 28	Comida para Cherryland
Oct 2	World Communion Sunday & All Church Community Potluck Reunion
Oct 9	Crafters' Fall Auction Preview Event
Oct 30	Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting
Nov 1-15	Crafters' Holiday Auction
Nov 6	All Saints Sunday Worship & Holy Communion & Ofrenda
Nov 24	Thanksgiving
Nov 18-26	Advent Decorating

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

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