

AFTER PENTECOST



WELCOME | BIENVENIDOS

Oct 2, 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.



18th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST | [ONLINE WORSHIP LINK](#)

OPENING MUSIC | Intermezzo from *Fantasien* in E Major Op. 116 No. 6 | Johannes Brahms | Jessie Lo

WELCOME | Rev. Marvin Wiser

OPENING PRAYER | Pastor Marvin

HYMN | We Plant A Grain of Mustard Seed | NCH No. 540

BIBLE READING | [Luke 17: 5-10](#) | [Español](#) | Sandy Nachand

SERMON | “Mustard Seed Faith” | Rev. Dr. Arlene K. Nehring

CHOIR ANTHEM | How Can I Keep From Singing? | Arr. Andy Beck

OFFERING INVITATION & PRAYER | Sandy

OFFERTORY | In This Very Room | Ron & Carol Harris | Beverly Kae McKnight, Soloist



SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Words of Remembrance | Pastors Arlene & Marvin

Distribution of the Elements | Deacons

Communion Anthem | My Shepherd Will Supply My Need | Isaac Watts, arr. Mark Patterson | Eden Church Choir and Friends

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 | Come Christians, Join to Sing | Madrid/Traditional Spanish Melody/Arr. Becki Mayo | 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

Sandra Nachand, Liturgist

Alliene Turner, Greeter-Ushers

Bob Turner, 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.

COMMUNITY POTLUCK REUNION TODAY

*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 are 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 are 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.*

Neighbors In Need Offering: Today, **Sunday, Oct 2**, we 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.

Mortgage Relief Workshop: On **Saturday, Oct 22**, from 10 am to noon, Eden Church will co-host a Mortgage Relief Seminar in the sanctuary about the [Urban County Mortgage Assistance Program](#). This event is co-sponsored with ACHCD (Alameda County Housing & Community Development) & HERA (Housing and Economic Rights Advocates.) The event is being offered for Spanish-speaking homeowners who have suffered economic losses due to the pandemic. Similar seminars will be hosted in other languages in accordance with public requests and needs. Help us get the word out to those who may benefit from mortgage relief.

Taller para el Alivio de Hipotecas: **El Sábado, Octubre 22**, de las 10 a Mediodía, la Iglesia Eden va a co-presentar un seminario de alivio de hipotecas en el santuario que se trata del Urban County Mortgage Assistance Program (Programa Condado Urbano para Asistencia de Hipotecas.) Este evento es co-patrocinado con ACHCD (Desarrollo de Vivienda y Comunidad en El Condado de Alameda) y HERA (Defensores de Viviendas y Derechos Económicos.) Este evento es ofrecido para dueños/as de casa que hablan Español quienes sufrieron pérdidas económicas por causa de la pandemia. Seminarios similares serán ofrecidos en otros idiomas basado en lo que pida y necesite la comunidad. Ayúdenos a informarle a todas las personas que podrían beneficiarse del alivio hipotecario.

Call To The Semi-Annual Meeting: The Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting will be held on **Sunday, Oct 30**, beginning at 11 am. This meeting is called by the Church Council in accordance with the Church bylaws. The meeting purpose is to receive a report from the Eden Area Foundation (EAF) Board of Directors regarding the 2023 grants. Guests are welcome and members are expected. For more information, contact Moderator Jennifer Vetrovec or Pastor Arlene.

Eden Crafters Fall Auction: The Eden Crafters' Fall Auction features Fall & other-themed items handmade by Eden Church's Crafters and will benefit Comida para Cherryland, Eden's just-in-time food bank, which serves 225 to 300 families in the Eden Area. Our auction features sewn and crocheted items for both home decor and gifts. Bidding opens on **Monday, Oct 3** at 10 am and will close on **Monday Oct 17** at 10 am. To view items and place your bids, go to the [auction website](#). Bidding for the first time? A simple login involving your email and password are all that are required. Payments are made by check to Eden UCC and mailed or handed to our Treasurer Jan Bass.

Would you like to see the items in person? Come to one of our preview events on Sunday, Oct 9 or Sunday, Oct 16 at Church before and after worship. View our items and receive a quick tutorial on the auction website. Watch for our Holiday Auction in Nov for additional holiday-theme handmade items for the holidays, all made with love by the Eden Crafters.

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 book of Esther.

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.

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

Congratulations to **Stephanie Andrade & Brian Reynolds**, who recently announced their engagement and approach to marriage.

The **FY21 Eden Church single audit** was successfully completed this past week, and filed with the federal government!

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.

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 **Debby Andrade**, who is recovering from hip replacement surgery.

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 **Alex Muñoz and children**, the brother of Theresa Collier, whose wife was killed by a drunk driver on Sep 23.

For **Charlotte Lusschen**, who has been in ICU at Stanford University Hospital, since Sep 20, and her mother, **Janna Lusschen**, and their family and friends.

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

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, Oct 2

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

Monday, Oct 3

8:00 — 9:00 pm Evening Bible Study | Online

Tuesday, Oct 4

10:00 — 10:45 am Crafters | Online
7:00 — 9:00 pm Trustees | Online

Wednesday, Oct 5

10:30 — 11:30 am Seekers | Online

Thursday, Oct 6

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

Sunday, Oct 9

9:00 — 9:45 am Choir Rehearsal | Music Room
9:30 — 10 am Auction Preview
10:00 — 10:45 am Worship | Sanctuary & Online
10:00 — 10:45 am Church School | Courtyard
10:45 — 11:00 am Auction Preview & Courtyard Conversations
11:00 — 11:45am Choir Rehearsal | Music Room

COMING ATTRACTIONS

Oct 9 Crafters' Fall Auction Preview Event
Oct 12 Comida para Cherryland
Oct 16 Crafters' Fall Auction Preview Event
Oct 22 Mortgage Relief Seminar
Oct 26 Comida para Cherryland
Oct 30 Semi-Annual Meeting



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

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