

AFTER PENTECOST



WELCOME | BIENVENIDOS

Oct 9, 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.



19th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST | [ONLINE WORSHIP LINK](#)

OPENING MUSIC | Just As I Am | Woodworth/William Bradbury/Arr. Joel Raney | Jessie Lo

WELCOME | Rev. Dr. Marvin Lance Wiser

OPENING PRAYER | Pastor Marvin

CHOIR ANTHEM | Let A Joyful Song Arise! | Carl Nygard, Jr. | Eden Church Choir and Friends

BIBLE READING | [Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7](#) | [Español](#) | Yuliana Wiser-Leon

SERMON | “Thrive Where You Are” | Rev. Pepper Swanson

HYMN | There Is A Balm In Gilead | NCH No. 553 (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 | Yuliana Wiser-Leon

OFFERTORY | Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling | Thompson/Arr. Livvy Huisman | Jessie Lo

BLESSING | Pastor Pepper

CLOSING SONG | Shine, Jesus, Shine | Graham Kendrick | Jessie Lo

GO IN PEACE

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Dr. Arlene K. Nehring, Senior Minister

Rev. Pepper Swanson, Associate Minister

Rev. Dr. Marvin Lance Wiser, Designated Term Associate Minister

Dr. Jessie Wenchieh Lo, Pianist, Organist

Ken Rawdon, Music Director

Yuliana Wiser-Leon, Liturgist

Keith Smith, Greeter-Usher

Daniella Prym, Trustee on Duty

Melissa Josue & Viki Vivaldo, Church School Teachers

FLOWER DEDICATION

*The flowers on the Communion Table were given by Stephanie Spencer
in celebration of 30 amazing and wonderful years with Arlene!*

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.

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.

Reception of New Members: On Sunday, Oct 23 during Worship, we will receive new members! If you are interested in joining the Church or in just learning more about membership, please contact either Pastor Pepper or Pastor Marvin.

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, and to receive and respond to a recommendation from the Church Council regarding the prospect of launching a \$100K capital campaign to replace the opaque windows in the Sanctuary. 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 opened 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 **TODAY** 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!

Pastor Arlene & Stephanie are celebrating their 30th anniversary on Oct 11, 2022. They are out of town on vacation this week.

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.

*Between March 16, 2021 and Sep 30, 2022, Eden UCC and Padres Unidos de Cherryland's ERAP Teams have processed 2,278 rent relief applications, which has resulted in the awarding of **\$21,347,584.37** in **rent relief** for 1,439 tenants and 1,439 landlords.*

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 successful hip replacement surgery, which took place on Oct 4, 2022.*

*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 remains in ICU at Stanford University Hospital, following the second of two cardiac surgeries that took place this summer. The most recent surgery took place on Sep 20. Prayers, calls, and cards are also invited for her mother, **Janna Lusschen**, who has checked in for respite care at Carlton Plaza in San Leandro.*

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

*For **Jim, Jeannie, Tony, and Erica Schumann**, who have all been experiencing health challenges, especially Jim who is recovering from surgery that took place on Sep 30, 2022. Cards and calls are welcome.*

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, Oct 9

9:00 — 9:45 am Choir Rehearsal | Music Room
9:30 — 10:00 am Crafters' Auction Preview | Narthex
10:00 — 10:45 am Worship & Holy Communion | Sanctuary & Online
10:00 — 10:45 am Church School | Courtyard
11:00 — 1:00 pm Community Potluck Reunion | Meek Park

Monday, Oct 10

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

Tuesday, Oct 11

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

Wednesday, Oct 12

10:30 — 11:30 am Seekers | Online
1:30 — 3:30 pm Comida para Cherryland

Thursday, Oct 13

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

Sunday, Oct 16

9:00 — 9:45 am Choir Rehearsal | Music Room
9:30 — 10:00 am Crafters' Auction Preview | Narthex
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 11 Council
Oct 12 Comida para Cherryland
Oct 16 Crafters' Fall Auction Preview Event
Oct 22 Mortgage Relief Seminar (for Spanish speakers)
Oct 23 Reception of New Members
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

Jennifer Vetrovec | Moderator
Carlos Londoño | Vice Moderator
Rev. Robert Parrish | Treasurer
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