

AFTER PENTECOST



WELCOME | BIENVENIDOS

Oct 23, 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.



21st SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST | [ONLINE WORSHIP LINK](#)

OPENING MUSIC | Gather Us In | Marty Haugen | Jessie Lo

WELCOME | Rev. Pepper Swanson

OPENING PRAYER | Pastor Pepper

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS | Rev. Dr. Arlene K. Nehring

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 18:9-14](#) | [Español](#) | Allie Turner

SERMON | "Living with Integrity" | Pastor Arlene

HYMN | Have Thine Own Way, Lord | See Bulletin Insert | All verses

JOYS & CONCERNS | Pastoral Prayer | Rev. Dr. 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 | Allie Turner

OFFERTORY | Humbly I Adore Thee (Adoro te devote) | NCH No. 339/Plainsong melody from Paris, 1697 | Jessie Lo

BLESSING | Pastor Arlene

CLOSING SONG | To God Be the Glory | William Doane | 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

Allie Turner, Liturgist

Susie Newman, Greeter-Ushers

Russ Newman, Trustee on Duty

Yuliana Wiser-Leon & Suzie Hasselkuss, 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.

Reception of New Members: TODAY 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.*

All Saints - Dia de Los Muertos: *In many religious traditions, including the Christian tradition, those who have gone to God in the last year are remembered and the grief of survivors is acknowledged in special ways. At Eden UCC, we honor our loved ones' memories during our All Saints worship and place a photo of them on our Ofrenda in the lobby, which will be built by the Companeras Ministry on **Wednesday, Oct 26**. All Saints Sunday is **Sunday, Nov 6** and you are invited to leave your treasured photos on display on the Ofrenda through **Nov. 9**. To make a color copy of your photo, please see Marianne Lim in the Church Office during the week or one of our Pastors on Sunday.*

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 Trustees & Church Council to launch 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, Trustee Daniella Prym, or Pastor Arlene. Plan to participate by Zoom? Click [here](#) to pre-register (required).

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.

Congratulations to **Darcy Malloy** whose California Crosspoint Academy volleyball team made the playoffs.

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

The **Eden Crafters** raised \$878 for Comida para Cherryland at their most recent auction of handmade items.

The Alameda County Board of Supervisors approved **\$300,000 in ARPA funding** for Eden Church to help cover financial losses incurred during the pandemic. Three supervisors earmarked \$100K to benefit Eden Church including: Districts 2 (Sup. Valle), District 3 (Sup. Brown), and District 4 (Sup. Milley).

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 has been a patient at Highland Hospital this past week.*

*For **Mel Lewis**, and his wife, **Lynn Albert-Lewis**. Mel is recovering from surgery and outpatient cancer treatments.*

*For **Charlotte Lusschen**, who remains in ICU at Stanford University Hospital. Prayers, calls, and cards are also invited for her mother, **Janna Lusschen**, who has checked in for respite care at Carlton Senior Living in San Leandro.*

*For the family and friends of **Isamaeli (“Eli”) Semaia Mataafa**, the 29-year-old seminarian from Pacific School of Religion, who was shot and killed near the intersection of Telegraph and Durant Ave in Berkeley on Thursday, Oct 8. Eli was a member and youth pastor at the Samoan Community Church in San Lorenzo.*

*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. Cards and calls are welcome.*

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, Oct 23

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, Oct 24

8:00 — 9:00 pm Bible Study | Online

Tuesday, Oct 25

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

Wednesday, Oct 26

10:30 — 11:30 pm Seekers Book Club | Online
7:00 — 8:00 pm Stewardship Committee | Online

Thursday, Oct 27

10:30 — 11:30 am Bible Study | Online

Sunday, Oct 30

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
11:00 — 11:30 am Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting | Sanctuary
11:30 — 12:00 Noon Choir Rehearsal | Music Room



COMING ATTRACTIONS

Oct 26 *Comida para Cherryland*
Oct 26 *Stewardship Meeting*
Oct 26-Nov 9 *All Saints | Dia de Los Muertos Ofrenda*
Oct 30 *Semi-Annual Meeting*
Nov 6 *All Saints | Dia de Los Muertos Worship*
Nov 20 *Advent Decorating — Pastor Arlene's Chili*
Nov 24 *Thanksgiving - Campus Closed*
Nov 25 *Thanksgiving Holiday - Campus Closed*
Nov 27 *First Sunday in Advent — Cocoa & Cookies*
Dec 4 *Second Sunday in Advent — Cocoa & Cookies*
Dec 11 *Third Sunday in Advent — Cocoa & Cookies*
Dec 18 *Fourth Sunday in Advent - Christmas Pageant & Happy Birthday, Jesus -
Pastor Arlene's Chicken Soup*
Dec 24 *Christmas Eve Worship & Holy Communion*
Dec 25 *Christmas Day Worship & Holy Communion*

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
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