

AFTER PENTECOST



WELCOME | BIENVENIDOS

Nov 6, 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.



ALL SAINTS | DIA DE LOS MUERTOS | [ONLINE WORSHIP LINK](#)

OPENING MUSIC | How Firm A Foundation | Early American Melody | Jessie Wenchieh Lo

WELCOME | Rev. Dr. Marvin L. Wiser

OPENING PRAYER | Pastor Marvin

CHOIR ANTHEM | Sine Nomine | Ralph Vaughn Williams | Eden Church Choir and Friends | Congregation join on vs. 1, 3, & 5, see *insert*

NECROLOGY | Rev. Dr. Arlene K. Nehring & Rev. Pepper Swanson

- Barbara Fitch (Aug. 18, 2021)
- Kay Crosby (Nov. 21, 2022)
- Stephanie Cartwright (Jan. 25, 2022)
- Lillian Timm (Mar. 7, 2022)
- Jan Schumann (Sep. 4, 2022)

PASTORAL PRAYER | Pastor Arlene

SPECIAL MUSIC | Irreplaceable | Chad Lawson | Jessie Lo

BIBLE READING | [Luke 6:20-31](#) | [Español](#) | Carlos Londoño

SERMON | “Blessed Mourners” | Rev. Dr. Arlene K. Nehring

HYMN | Holy, Holy, Holy | NCH No. 277 (All Verses)

OFFERING INVITATION & PRAYER | Carlos

OFFERTORY | Children of the Heavenly Father | Swedish Folk Song | Jessie Wenchieh Lo

[SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION](#)

Words of Remembrance | Pastor Arlene & Pastor Marvin

Distribution of the Elements | Deacons

Communion Anthem | The Lord Bless You and Keep You | John Rutter | Eden Church Choir and Friends

Prayer of Thanksgiving | Rev. Pepper Swanson

Lord's Prayer | Unison

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 | Shall We Gather at the River? | Robert Rowry | 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

Joanne Vorheis & Stephanie Spencer, Deacons

Carlos Londoño, Liturgist

Yuliana Wiser-Leon & Julie Booher, Greeter-Ushers

John Honerkamp, 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.

TODAY

All Saints - Dia de los Muertos: *We invite you to join us for **Coffee & Conversation in the Courtyard** to share with one another who you are remembering at this special time. Coffee cart and seating available under the Oliver Hall portico.*

*If you placed a photo of a loved one on our Ofrenda in the lobby, you're invited to leave them on the Ofrenda through **Nov. 9**. You can pick up your framed photos on **Sunday, Nov 13**.*

Estate Planning: Our celebrations of Dia de los Muertos and All Saints Day provide important reminders of our finitude and the need to prepare ourselves for that day we go to God. Fortunately, as people of faith, we have the reminder and opportunity to do this in the midst of a supportive community, and with the resources of the church. Eden's Planned Giving Committee is pleased to provide **"Your Estate Planning Record"** to help you get started. We also encourage you to consider including Eden Church and the EAF in your estate plans. As always, be sure to consult your tax or financial planner to determine the best options for your particular financial situation and goals.

Crafters' Holiday Auction: Sneak a peek at this month's Holiday Auction of handmade items **today and next Sunday, Nov 13**. Preview tables, where you can view items and purchase them at their buy now price, are located in the breezeway by the 150th history display. The Auction opens today at 10 am and will close at 10 am on Monday, Nov 21. To go to the auction website, click [here](#).

Thanksgiving Cards: Please take a moment after worship to sign the Thanksgiving cards for our members and friends who are unable to worship with us. This is a special ministry of the Church which is much appreciated by those who receive the cards. The cards will be available to sign in the Narthex by the Office today and Sunday, Nov 13.

Advent Decorating: Advent begins Sunday, Nov 27! To ready the Church for the season, we will be decorating on **Sunday, Nov 20** after worship. We have three trees to assemble and decorate, garlands and bows for the Sanctuary, and paper trees and coloring posters to hang. While parents decorate, there will be supervised crafts for the children. And Pastor Arlene has graciously offered to make everyone her Eden-area famous chili and cornbread.

ANNOUNCEMENTS — Ongoing Events

Our Time to Shine! Window Replacement Campaign: Last Sunday at the Semi-Annual Meeting, the Congregation unanimously approved the launch of a \$100,000 capital campaign to replace the 73-year old opaque windows in the Sanctuary. Thanks to the leadership we have already collected **\$55,100** in pledges and gifts. Additional pledges are needed to reach, and ideally exceed the goal, by **Dec 15, 2023** so that the process of ordering the custom built windows can begin as soon as possible. Pledge forms are included in today's bulletin. Or click [here](#) to access a fillable pdf.. Pledge forms are confidential and should be returned to [Jan Bass](#).

Carnival Planning: Are you interested in contributing your time and talent to help raise funds for the replacement of the opaque Sanctuary windows? Eden's Stewardship Committee & Estudio Biblico are co-sponsoring a Mardi Gras Carnival over President's Day weekend and need volunteers to plan, organize, and work at the Carnivale. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact [Pastor Pepper](#) or [Pastor Marvin](#) and plan to attend a Zoom planning session on **Wednesday, Nov 9 at 7 pm.**

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 Thursday at 6 pm. 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: Newcomers to the US face numerous challenges. Paramount among them is the challenge of finding affordable housing. If you know a landlord who is able to rent a room or an apartment at an affordable price, please speak with one of our pastors. If you are able to fund a night of lodging or subsidize rent for a family whose members are not yet eligible for a work permit, 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 online, 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 of God.

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

Our \$100,000 "Our Time to Shine!" Capital Campaign was unanimously approved last Sunday. To date, **\$55,100** in pledges have been received.

[Our COVID Story](#) of community resiliency is now a published page on our website. Please read and reflect during this season of remembering and thanksgiving.

On Nov 2, Pastora **Nadia Tavera** was approved by the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) Northern California-Nevada Region's Training & Care Committee to move forward with her ordination process!

Congratulations to **Darcy Malloy** whose California Crosspoint Academy volleyball team won their Conference Championship!

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

The **Eden Crafters** raised nearly \$1,000 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 Mar 16, 2021 and Oct 26, 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 1,440 tenants and 1,440 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.

For **Joyce Bass**, Jan Bass's mother, and the Arcadian Residential Community which is currently undergoing a lockdown due to a COVID outbreak at their facility.

For our members — **Laura Lee Kent, Sally Kusalo, and Carol Roach** - and other friends at **Baywood Court Residential Community**, who were recently advised to stay home due to a COVID outbreak at their facility.

For **Ruth and Mike Baratta's 2-year old grandson Jack** who is ill with RSV.

For **Vicente Flores** who was transferred from Highland Hospital to the San Leandro 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 has been a patient in the ICU at Stanford University Hospital since Sep 20. 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.

For **Becky Wilson**, who suffered a broken kneecap on Oct 22, and who is on an estimated 9-month road to recovery.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, Nov 6 — All Saints/Dia de los Muertos Worship

9:00 — 9:45 am Choir Rehearsal | Music Room
10:00 — 10:45 am Worship & Holy Communion | Sanctuary & Online
10:45 — 11:30 am Coffee & Conversation | Courtyard
11:00 — 11:45 am Choir Rehearsal | Music Room

Monday, Nov 7

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

Tuesday, Nov 8

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

Wednesday, Nov 9

10:30 — 11:30 am Seekers | Online
7:00 — 8:00 pm Carnival Planning | Online

Thursday, Nov 10

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

Sunday, Nov 13

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

COMING ATTRACTIONS

Nov 8 *Church Council Meeting*
Nov 9 *Stewardship/Carnivale Meeting*
Nov 13 *Crafters Holiday Auction Preview*
 Eden Area Interfaith Council - Annual Meeting
Nov 20 *Advent Decorating — Pastor Arlene's Chili*
Nov 21 *Crafters Holiday Auction Closes*
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

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Carlos Londoño | Vice Moderator
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