

## **AFTER PENTECOST**



**WELCOME | BIENVENIDOS**

**Nov 13, 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.



## **24th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST | [ONLINE WORSHIP LINK](#)**

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**OPENING MUSIC | We Gather Together | Netherlands Folk Hymn | Jessie Lo**

**WELCOME | Rev. Pepper Swanson**

**OPENING PRAYER | Pastor Pepper**

**BIBLE READING | [Isaiah 65:17-25](#) | [Espanol](#) | Dave Wallace**

**SERMON | “Toiling with a Purpose” | Rev. Dr. Marvin Lance Wiser**

**HYMN | O Love That Will Not Let Me Go | *NCH* No. 485 | (all verses)**

**JOYS & CONCERNS | Pastoral Prayer | Pastor Pepper**

### **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 | Dave**

**OFFERTORY | Isaiah the Prophet Has Written of Old |  
*NCH* No.108 | Jessie Lo**



**BLESSING | Pastor Marvin**

**CLOSING SONG | Behold, I Make All Things New | Bruce Harding | 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*

*Dave Wallace, Liturgist*

*Alliene Turner, Greeter-Ushers*

*Bob Turner, Trustee on Duty*

*Melissa Josue and Viki Vivaldo, Church School Teachers*

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## **FLOWER DEDICATION**

*The flowers on the Communion Table were given by Jan Bass in honor of her mother Joyce's 95th birthday.*

*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.*

**Crafters' Holiday Auction:** *Sneak a peek at this month's Holiday Auction of handmade items **TODAY**. Preview tables, where you can view items and purchase them at their buy now price, are located in the Narthex. The Auction opened last Sunday and will close at **10 am on Monday, Nov 21**. To go to the auction website, click [here](#). All proceeds benefit Comida para Cherryland.*

**Thanksgiving Cards:** *Please take a moment after worship **TODAY** 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 breezeway.*

**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 for lunch.*

**Holiday Choral Concerts:** *On **Wednesday, Dec 7**, the Mt. Eden High School Choir will present their winter concert in the Sanctuary (time tbd) and on **Monday, Dec 12**, the Chabot College Concert Choir, with special guest soloist Raquel Jeter, will present their annual winter concert, "GAUDETE!" at **7 pm** in the Sanctuary.*

**Estate Planning:** 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.

## **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 **\$55,450** 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](#).

**Spring Festival 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 is sponsoring a Spring Festival on Mar 18 and needs volunteers to plan, organize, and work the festival. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact [Pastor Pepper](#) or [Pastor Marvin](#).

**Festival de Primavera:** ¿Está interesado en contribuir con su tiempo y talento para ayudar a recaudar fondos para el reemplazo de las ventanas del Santuario? El Comité de Administración de Edén está patrocinando un Festival de Primavera el 18 de marzo y necesita voluntarios para planificar, organizar y trabajar en el festival. Si está interesado en ser voluntario, comuníquese con [Pastor Pepper](#) o [Pastor Marvin](#).

**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 currently reading, "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](mailto: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, **\$55,450** 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!

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 of 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 **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 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

### Monday, Nov 14

8:00 — 9:00 pm	Bible Study   Online
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### Tuesday, Nov 15

10:00 — 11:00 pm	Eden Crafters   Online
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### Wednesday, Nov 16

10:30 — 11:30 pm	Seekers Book Club   Online
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### Thursday, Nov 17

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

### Sunday, Nov 20 — Advent Decorating Day

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 — 12:30 pm	Lunch & Advent Decorating
11:00 — 11:45 am	Choir Rehearsal   Music Room



## COMING ATTRACTIONS

Nov 21	<i>Crafters Holiday Auction Closes</i>
Nov 24	<i>Thanksgiving - Campus Closed</i>
Nov 25	<i>Thanksgiving Holiday - Campus Closed</i>
Nov 27	<i>First Sunday in Advent — Cocoa &amp; Cookies</i>
Dec 4	<i>Second Sunday in Advent — Cocoa &amp; Cookies</i>
Dec 7	<i>Mt. Eden High School Concert</i>
Dec 11	<i>Third Sunday in Advent — Cocoa &amp; Cookies</i>
Dec 12	<i>Chabot College Choral Concert</i>
Dec 18	<i>Fourth Sunday in Advent - Christmas Pageant &amp; Happy Birthday, Jesus - Pastor Arlene's Chicken Soup</i>
Dec 24	<i>Christmas Eve Worship &amp; Holy Communion</i>
Dec 25	<i>Christmas Day Worship &amp; Holy Communion</i>

# 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  
Jan Bass | Associate Treasurer  
Jana Aloo | Clerk

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