

TRES REYES WORSHIP



WELCOME | BIENVENIDOS

Jan 8, 2023 | 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.



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OPENING MUSIC | Galliard | Anthony Holborne

WELCOME | Rev. Dr. Arlene K. Nehring

OPENING PRAYER | Pastor Arlene

BIBLE READING | [Matthew 3:13-17](#) | [Español](#) | Yuliana Wiser-León

SERMON | “Field Trip!” | Rev. Dr. Arlene K. Nehring

HYMN | Los magos que llegaron a Belén | NCH No. 155 | Led by Alessandra Eiras (recording)

JOYS & CONCERNS | PASTORAL PRAYER | Rev. Dr. Marvin Lance 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-León

**OFFERTORY | Melancholy Galliard | John Dowland |
Jesse Acker-Johnson**



BLESSING | Pastor Arlene

CLOSING SONG | Sarabande | Silvius Leopold Weiss | Jesse Acker-Johnson

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

Yuliana Wiser-León, Liturgist

Jennifer Vetrovec & Liam, Greeter-Ushers

Charles Johnson & Viki Vivaldo, Church School Teachers

Daniella Prym, Trustee on Duty

TRES REYES WORSHIP & GIFTING

*Eden Church will observe Three Kings Day / Tres Reyes / Twelfth Night 2022 (Jan 6, 2022) **TODAY** in worship and by sharing toys, groceries, and diapers with our neighbors on Wednesday, Jan 11, 2023, as part of our Comida para Cherryland food distribution.*

MUSICAL TRIBUTE TO DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

Hayward will pay tribute to the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. with a program of music and song, poetry, community-award recognitions, a keynote address by Chief of Police Toney Chaplin and other activities starting at 4:30 pm on Monday, Jan. 16, 2023, at Chabot College Performing Arts Complex.

The program is sponsored by the Hayward South Alameda County NAACP, Chabot College, Hayward Unified School District and the City of Hayward and will feature performances by the Mt. Eden High School Choir, Hayward High School Jazz Band and Brett Harte Middle School Slam Poets. Keynote speaker Chief Chaplin is the first African-American leader of the Hayward Police Department.

For more information on the annual Hayward Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday Celebration—including how to reserve a seat for this free event—go online here on the City of Hayward website.

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 **\$71,700** in pledges and gifts. Additional pledges are needed to reach, and ideally exceed*

the goal, 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](#).

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.

Spring Fiesta 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 and our Compañeras leaders are sponsoring a Spring Fiesta on **Saturday, Mar 18** and need 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 y líderes de compañeras está patrocinando un Festival de Primavera **en sábado, 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 on a Christmas break until the week of Jan 23. Contact [Pastor Pepper](#) for more info.

Estudio Biblico: Our Bible Study in Spanish is held every Thursday at 6 pm. To join, send an email to [Pastor Marvin](#). We are exploring the book of Esther.

Seekers Book Club: The Seekers are beginning a new book in Jan 2023, *The Sentence* by Louise Erdrich, a novel set in Minneapolis during the time of COVID and George Floyd's murder. Join us on Wednesday, Jan 11 at 10:30 am on Zoom for our first discussion. 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, **\$71,700** in pledges have been received.

Our **Christmas Pageant**, "Just A Little Christmas" was a smashing success. Bravo! to all our **children and youth** for dressing in costumes and acting in the Christmas story for the whole congregation.

[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.

Franklin Lopez, an asylum-seeker from Columbia, for whom we raised funds for legal aid, just received notice that his I-589 has been lodged, and that he will be eligible for a temporary green card in April 2023. Many thanks to all who contributed prayers and funds!

The **Eden Crafters** raised an additional \$500 for Comida para Cherryland at their most recent auction of handmade items, bringing their total for this fall to over \$1,500.

Thank you all to everyone who contributed to the Estudio Bíblico's Tamales-to-go fundraiser for funeral expenses for late member **Vicente Flores**. We raised **\$1,500** after the tamales expenses.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to **the Mario Lopez Family Fundraiser** (Nicaraguan Take-Out)! Together with the family we raised **\$825** toward this asylum-seeking family's first and last month's rental deposit.

Between Mar 16, 2021 and Dec 21, 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 **\$22,725,316.34** in **rent relief** for **1,575** tenants and **1,575** 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 Pat Payne's brother **George Clifford** who is undergoing chemotherapy.

For **George Day**, who has been a patient at Washington Hospital in Union City.

For **the Rev. George & Lourdes Harris**, whose 20-year old daughter, **Abigail Harris**, succumbed to brain cancer on Dec 29, 2022. Abby's memorial service was held at First Church of Simsbury, Simsbury, CT, on Jan 7, 2023. Rev. Harris served as a Minister In Training at Eden Church from Sep 2005 to May 2007.

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

For **Charlotte Lusschen** who was transferred from ICU at Stanford University Hospital in Palo Alto to ICU at Stanford Pleasanton Hospital, on Dec 26, 2022. Prayers, calls, and cards are also invited for her mother, **Janna Lusschen**, who is receiving respite care at Carlton Senior Living in San Leandro.

Jeannie, Jim, Tony, and Erica Schumann, who have all been experiencing health challenges. Cards and calls are welcome.

For **Charlie Smith**, who is at Windsor Gardens Care Center for rest and rehabilitation following a health event.

For **Allie & Bob Turner**. Allie began chemotherapy treatments this past Friday.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, Jan 8 - Tres Reyes Magos Worship & Celebration

10:00 — 10:45 am Worship | Sanctuary & Online
10:00 — 10:45 am Church School | Courtyard
10:45 — 11:00 am Courtyard Conversations

Monday, Jan 9

Tuesday, Jan 10

10:00 — 12 noon Crafters | Online
7:00 — 8:30 pm Board of Trustees | Online

Wednesday, Jan 11

10:30 — 11:30 am Seekers | Online
1:30 — 3:30 pm Comida | OH Parking Lot

Thursday, Jan 12

6:00 — 7:00 pm Estudio Bíblico | Online

Sunday, Jan 15

10:00 — 10:45 am Worship | Sanctuary & Online
10:00 — 10:45 am Church School | Courtyard
10:45 — 11:00 am Courtyard Conversations

COMING ATTRACTIONS

Jan 10 Trustees Meeting | Zoom
Jan 11 Comida para Cherryland (Grocery, Diaper, and Toy Sharing)
Jan 15 SLZ CC UCC | First Sunday in Pioneer Chapel
Jan 16 MLK, Jr. Birthday Observed - Eden Campus Closed
Musical Tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. | Chabot College
Jan 18 EAF Board Meeting | Zoom
Jan 21 Church Council Retreat | Hybrid
Jan 25 Comida para Cherryland (Grocery & Diaper Sharing)
Feb 7 Trustees Meeting | Zoom
Feb 8 Comida para Cherryland (Grocery & Diaper Sharing)
Feb 14 Church Council Meeting | Zoom
Feb 22 Comida para Cherryland (Grocery & Diaper Sharing)
Ash Wednesday Service | Pioneer Chapel | 7 pm
Mar 18 Spring Fiesta | Festival de Primavera



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

OFFICE HOURS

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