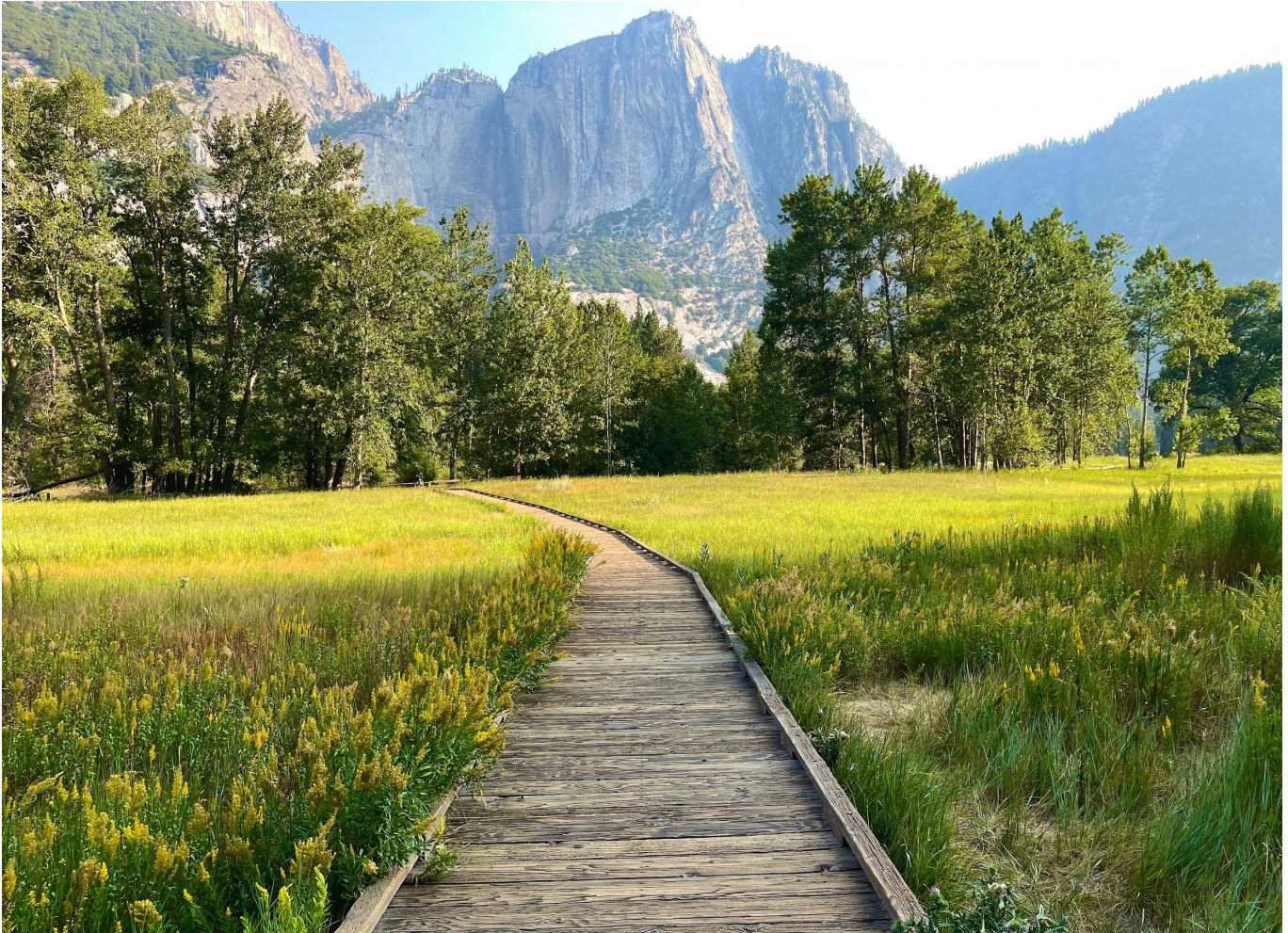


AFTER PENTECOST



WELCOME | BIENVENIDOS

Jul 9, 2023 | 10 am

Watch Live on [Facebook](#) or [Vimeo](#)

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.

6th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST | [ONLINE WORSHIP LINK](#)

PRELUDE | Onaona I ka hala | Hawaiian Welcome Chant
GLBTQ+ Asian Pacific Alliance Men's Chorus
Randy Kikukawa, Conductor

OPENING MUSIC | Gao Shan Qing | Traditional Taiwanese Folk Song
GLBTQ+ Asian Pacific Alliance Men's Chorus
Randy Kikukawa, Conductor

WELCOME | Rev. Dr. Marvin Wiser

OPENING PRAYER | Pastor Marvin

BIBLE READING | [Matt. 11:16-19, 25-30](#) | [Español](#) | Athena Guy Malloy

CHOIR ANTHEM | Pobreng Alindanaw | Visayan Folk Song
GLBTQ+ Asian Pacific Alliance Men's Chorus
Randy Kikukawa, Conductor

SERMON | "Heavy Yoke, Light Burden" | Rev. Dr. Arlene K. Nehring

+HYMN | What a Friend We Have in Jesus | NCH No. 506 | all verses |
Earnest Little, Guest Pianist

JOYS & CONCERNS | Pastoral Prayer | Pastor Marvin

OFFERING INVITATION & PRAYER | Athena Guy Malloy

OFFERTORY | Lupa | Filipino Ballad
GLBTQ+ Asian Pacific Alliance Men's Chorus
Randy Kikukawa, Conductor

BLESSING | Pastor Arlene

POSTLUDE / CLOSING SONG | True Colors | Cyndi Lauper
GLBTQ+ Asian Pacific Alliance Men's Chorus
Randy Kikukawa, Conductor

GO IN PEACE

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Dr. Arlene K. Nehring, Senior Minister

Rev. Pepper Swanson, Associate Minister

Rev. Dr. Marvin Lance Wiser, Associate Minister

Ken Rawdon, Music Director

Dr. Jessie Wenchieh Lo, Pianist

Earnest Little, Guest Pianist

Randall Kikukawa, GAPA Conductor

Athena Guy Malloy, Liturgist

Suzie Newman, Greeter-Ushers

Russ Newman, Trustee on Duty

Rev. Pepper Swanson & Suzie Newman, Church School Teachers

FLOWER DEDICATION

The flowers on the Communion Table were given by Pastor Pepper in honor of the Eden Crafters and all the creativity, beauty, and fellowship they have given to Eden Church.

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

*We are honored to have the **GLBTQ+ Asian Pacific Alliance Men's Chorus** conducted by Randall Kikukawa with us today! Please join us for Asian food after worship in the Courtyard to thank them for the gift of their presence with us as we begin our 28th anniversary celebration of being an Open & Affirming Church.*

UPCOMING EVENTS

Castro Valley Pride: *On **Saturday, Jul 15**, Eden UCC will have a booth at the Castro Valley Pride celebration, which is located at Castro Valley High School. If you are interested in being part of our team, please contact [Pastor Pepper](#) or [Athena Malloy](#). We need people to help set up between 11 am to 12 noon, when Pride opens and to work in shifts until 5 pm when the event closes and we can pack up and return everything to the Church. It's a fun event with lots of opportunity to meet others as you walk around or serve at our booth.*

28th O&A Anniversary: *On **Sunday, Jul 16**, we will celebrate our 28th Anniversary of being an Open and Affirming Congregation, happily welcoming LGBTQ+ people as ministers and members. We will have a special guest preacher, Ashley Wai'olu Moore, an accomplished musician and minister, followed by a Gospel Brunch. Let your friends & neighbors know and come join the celebration.*

Calling all Party People: this is an official “all call” for party planners, party promoters, gift getters, food makers, day-of-decorators, emcees and entertainers, setter-uppers, cleaner uppers, and more--who will help send Pastor Pepper and her beloved husband, Scott, into retirement in style. Our all church celebration of the Swansons will be held **Sunday, Jul 30**. Please contact **Daniella Prym**, or **Pastor Arlene** or **Pastor Mavin** to get involved.

Backpack and School Supplies Event: Once again, we are joining forces with Barbara Heimowitz to collect backpacks and school supplies for 450 very promising students whose families participate in Comida para Cherryland, our just-in-time food pantry.

The giveaway day will be **Wednesday, Aug 9** so everything needs to be received and ready to distribute by **4 pm on Friday, Aug 4**. If you plan to order or purchase backpacks or supplies, you can have them shipped directly to Eden United Church of Christ, 21455 Birch Street, Hayward, CA, 94541. Attention: Julian Orea. You can also drop off supplies at the Church Office, which is open 9 to 5, Monday thru Friday. Wondering what to buy? Use this [SignUp Genius link](#) to browse what is needed and to reserve what you plan to purchase.

If you prefer to make a donation, you can make a donation through our online giving portal. The direct link to the Backpack Program is here. No donation is too small and all donations are very much appreciated!

ONGOING ANNOUNCEMENTS

Seekers Book Club: The Seekers are reading a great book: “They Were Christians: The Inspiring Faith of Men and Women Who Changed the World” by Cristóbal Krusen. Join us **every Wednesday at 10:00 am** (new time) on Zoom.

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

Sanctuary & Accompaniment Appeal: Newcomers to the US face numerous challenges, especially 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 a pastor. 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, email yuliana@edenucc.com.

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.

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.

Our Time to Shine! Window Replacement Campaign: Thanks to everyone's support we have now collected **over \$110,435** in pledges and gifts. If you haven't begun your pledge payments yet, we ask that you begin payment now, according to the preferences you indicated on your pledge form. We anticipate that the contractors will be selected and the replacement work initiated this summer. You can pay online using the dropdown menu or by sending a check to the church, Attn: Jan Bass, made payable to Eden UCC. Haven't pledged yet but would like to contribute to the window campaign? Click [here](#) to access a fillable pdf windows pledge form. Pledge forms are confidential and should be returned to [Jan Bass](#).

Comida para Cherryland is currently operating on short-term funding from Alameda County and private contributions from members and friends like you while we await a longer-term funding contract to provide more stable funding for families in our area. Please consider giving to the [Comida para Cherryland fund](#) now to help us avoid service interruptions for our food insecure neighbors. 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.

JOYS

On Tuesday, Jun 27, the **Alameda County Board of Supervisors** adopted a resolution officially apologizing for seizing and destroying **Russell City**, causing harm to families and descendants. They acknowledged the historic racism and aim to address inequities through dialogue and reparations as part of broader reconciliation efforts.

Alameda County Economic & Community Development has announced their intent to award Eden Church a **\$523,000** contract to provide financial literacy and micro-economic development programs for Spanish-speaking residents in the Eden Area. The program will be implemented by Eden's Newcomer Navigation

Center Team, which is directed by Yuliana Wiser-Leon. Funding of the award is contingent upon contract approval by the Board of Supervisors. The program is scheduled to roll out on Jul 1, 2023.

*The **California Accountable Communities for Health Initiative (CACHI)** has awarded the RCD and Eden UCC a three-year contract to address emotional well-being, financial security, and economic empowerment for Latino, Black, and Asian households in the Ashland-Cherryland community. Its initial focus is on the implementation of the state's Children and Youth Behavioral Health Initiative (CHYBI).*

*Patria and Jenna, daughter and her partner of **Nadia Pereira**, had a healthy baby boy, **Forrest Antonio**, on June 22, 6 lbs 4oz. Everyone is doing great and beyond thrilled! They all live in New Jersey now.*

***Vai DerMinasian Day** is home recovering from surgery to remove a cancerous kidney, and happy to have received an encouraging report from her surgeon.*

*The **Kaiser Permanente Community Health Program** has awarded Comida para Cherryland **\$25,000** from their Food with Dignity Fund.*

***The Rev. Karen Georgia Thompson** was elected general minister and president of the United Church of Christ on Monday, July 3, 2023. Her election marks the first time a woman--and a woman of African descent--has held this role.*

Prayer Concerns

*For **John Bulette's family**, especially his son-in-law **Richard Allen**, who is home from the hospital recovering from heart surgery to implant a mechanical heart. Recently, he has been able to leave the house to attend his children's special activities.*

*For the friends and family of **Bernie Tansey, Pat Payne's brother-in-law**, who died last month. Bernie is the husband of Pat's brother George Clifford, who is also recovering from chemotherapy.*

*For **the family of Herb Graw**. Herb died on June 6, 2023. A graveside committal service was held this past Friday in El Cerrito. A celebration of Herb's life will be held at Eden Church on Saturday, Sep 9, 2023.*

*For **Charlie Smith**, who is at Windsor Gardens Care Center in Hayward for rest and rehabilitation.*

*For **Allie & Bob Turner**. as Allie continues her chemotherapy and radiation treatments.*

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, Jul 9 — *GLBTQ+ Asian Pacific Alliance Men's Chorus*

10:00 — 11:00 am Worship | Sanctuary & Online
10:00 — 11:00 am Church School | Courtyard
11:00 — 12:00 noon Asian Food Fellowship | Courtyard

Tuesday, Jul 11

10:00 — 12:00 pm Eden Crafters | Online
7:00 — 9:00 pm Council | Online

Wednesday, Jul 12

10:00 — 11:30 am Seekers Book Club | Online
1:30 — 4:00 pm *Comida para Cherryland* | OH Parking Lot

Thursday, Jul 13

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

Saturday, Jul 15

12 noon — 5:00 pm Castro Valley Pride | CVHS Parking Lot

Sunday, Jul 16 — *28th Open & Affirming Anniversary*

10:00 — 10:45 am Worship | Sanctuary & Online
10:00 — 10:45 am Church School | Courtyard
11:00 — 11:45 am Choir Rehearsal | Music Room

COMING ATTRACTIONS

Jul 12 *Comida para Cherryland*
Jul 15 Castro Valley Pride
Jul 16 Worship & EUCC's 28th Open & Affirming Anniversary
Jul 19 EAF Board Meeting
Jul 23 Worship & Fellowship
Jul 26 *Comida Para Cherryland*
Jul 30 Celebration Sunday with the Swansons
Aug 1 Pastor Brenda begins as Designated Term Associate Minister
Aug 4 Deadline for Donation to Backpack & School Supplies
Aug 6 Worship & Sacrament of Holy Communion
Aug 9 ChYLI Ends
Aug 9 *Comida para Cherryland* with Backpack & School Supplies Distribution
Aug 20 Choir Rehearsal Resumes
Sep 3 Worship & Sacrament of Holy Communion (Choir returns to worship)
Sep 4 Labor Day -- Eden Campus Holiday
Sep 9 Memorial Service for Herb Graw

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

Carlos Londoño | Moderator
Jana Aloo | Vice Moderator
Rev. Robert Parrish | Treasurer
Jan Bass | Associate Treasurer
Melissa Josue | Clerk

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