

ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



WELCOME | BIENVENIDOS

Aug 13, 2023 | 10 am

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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.

11th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST | ONLINE WORSHIP LINK

OPENING MUSIC | Be Still for the Presence of Lord | David Evans | Jessie Wenchie Lo

WELCOME | Rev. Brenda Loreman

OPENING PRAYER | Pastor Brenda

BIBLE READING | [1 Kings 19:9-18](#) | [Español](#) | Athena Guy Malloy

SERMON | “God is Nowhere” | Rev. Dr. Marvin Lance Wiser

HYMN | God of the Prophets | NCH No. 358 | All Verses

JOYS & CONCERNS | PASTORAL PRAYER | Rev. Dr. Arlene K. Nehring

JESUS' PRAYER | *(in unison)*

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 | Athena

OFFERTORY | Speak O Lord | Townend/Getty | Jessie Wenchie Lo



BLESSING | Pastor Marvin

CLOSING SONG | Revelation Song | Jennie Riddle/Keveren | Jessie Wenchie Lo

GO IN PEACE

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Dr. Arlene K. Nehring, Senior Minister
Rev. Dr. Marvin Lance Wiser, Associate Minister
Rev. Brenda Loreman, Designated Term Associate Minister
Dr. Jessie Wenchieh Lo, Pianist, Organist
Ken Rawdon, Music Director
Athena Guy Malloy, Liturgist
Mike Foster, Greeter-Usher
Bob Turner, 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.

ONGOING ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome, Pastor Brenda: *We are delighted to welcome the Rev. Brenda Loreman to her new role as our Designated Term Associate Pastor. Last Sunday, August 6, was her first Sunday back in the pulpit at Eden. Pastor Brenda has been a member of Eden UCC since 1996 and was mentored in ministry by Pastor Arlene. Following her graduation from the Pacific School of Religion in 2011, she received a call to Niles Discovery Church and was ordained in our sanctuary in 2013. She is thrilled to be "home" at Eden and is looking forward to ministering and serving here. Although she knows many of Eden's long-time members well, there are many new faces that she's looking forward to meeting and getting to know. [Reach out](#) to Pastor Brenda, introduce yourself, and say hello. To make an appointment with her, use her Calendly app: calendly.com/pastorbrenda.*

Please Wear Your Name Tag: *Wearing a name tag is a good way to offer welcome and hospitality to new and returning worshippers, but it seems that many of us got out of the habit of using name tags during the pandemic. Helping Pastor Brenda to get to know our names and faces is a perfect excuse to start wearing them again, and she would be delighted if everyone would wear their name tags during worship and fellowship time on Sundays. Many of the name tags of regular worshippers are hanging on the net at the entrance of the sanctuary; if yours is missing, or you never had one in the first place, [send an email](#) to our office manager, Marianne Lim, and request a replacement.*

Seekers Book Club: *The Seekers* have started a new book: [Trust](#) by Hernan Diaz. It's not too late to join the discussion! The group will discuss Chapter Two (pp. 27-53) on Wed, Aug 16 at 10 am. For info, contact [Pastor Brenda](#).

Church School Families & Volunteers Gathering: People of all ages who have been involved with or are curious about Church School will meet with Pastor Brenda on "the lanai" (under the Oliver Hall Courtyard roof) Sunday, Aug 20, at about 11:30 am to share summer break stories, learn about our curriculum for the coming year, and get to know Pastor Brenda better. Please [let Pastor Brenda know](#) by email how many will attend from your household, so that she can plan accordingly for refreshments. Some quick help with set up and cleanup would be a blessing, too.

Choir Rehearsals Resume: The Eden Choir will resume singing in worship beginning on Sunday, Sep 3, and Choir rehearsals resume on Sunday, Aug 20, at 11:00 am, in the Music Room. For more information, [connect with our Music Director](#), Ken Rawdon.

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 Fruits of the Spirit.

Sanctuary & Accompaniment Appeal: Newcomers to the US face many challenges, especially 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. The contractor for the work has been awarded to Best Construction of Sacramento. The windows have been ordered. Delivery and installation is planned for late summer. Pledge payments and new contributions can be made online using the dropdown menu on the church website, 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 still needs funding to support its semi-monthly operations. While the bulk of our food security programs, like our Cena Caliente and Emergency Prepared Meals are funded by a service contract with Alameda County Social Services Agency, our flagship food security program, Comida Para Cherryland still needs private contributions from members and friends like you in order to continue to provide for families in our area. Please consider giving to the [Comida para Cherryland fund](#) now to help us avoid future 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

Many heartfelt thanks from **Pastor Pepper** and **Scott Swanson** for the love poured out by the congregation and friends at Pepper's retirement tea on Jul 30, 2023.

Thanks to **Pastor Pepper's Party People**, who planned, decorated, shopped, led, and cleaned up after the GREAT retirement send-off for the Swansons.

Big thanks to **Barbara Heimowitz** and friends, the **2023 ChYLIS**, and members and friends of **Eden Church**, whose generous donations of time, talent, and treasure made possible the sharing of over **500 backpacks** filled with love and school supplies for Comida para Cherryland youth on Aug 9, 2023.

Those on the traditional year calendar are going **back to school** this week--or have already started back.

Prayer Concerns

*For the **family and friends of Joyce Bass** who died on July 16, 2023 at the age of ninety-five. Joyce is the mother of **Jan Bass**, mother-in-law of **Dave Wallace**, and grandmother of **Kern Wallace**. Joyce's memorial service will be held on Saturday, Aug 26, 2023, beginning at 2 pm, at Eden Church. A memorial reception will follow the service in the Fireside Room and Courtyard. If you are able to help with the service or reception, please see [Pastor Brenda](#).*

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

*For **Kay**, Margret Felix's stepdaughter, who is on a healing journey from cancer.*

*For the **family and friends of Herb Graw**. Herb died on June 6, 2023. A graveside committal service was held at Sunset View Cemetery in El Cerrito on July 7. A celebration of Herb's life will be held at Eden Church on Saturday, Sep 9, 2023, beginning at 2 pm.*

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

*For **Kate Spencer**, Stephanie's sister, who is convalescing at the home of a friend and starting physical therapy, and who is recovering from an equestrian accident.*

*For **Allie & Bob Turner**, as Allie recovers from radiation treatments.*

Praying with Maui



In these trying times, we all want to be of help to our 'ohana (family) in distress on Maui. Our church leaders in the Hawai'i Conference Office of the United Church of Christ are distributing resources to congregations in greatest need and those poised to serve those in greatest need, such as the [Waiola Church](#) in Lahaina. Please use the QR Code (left) to make a digital gift, or leave a paper check payable to *Eden UCC* in the offering plate on Sunday. Please write "Hawai'i Relief" in the memo section.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, Aug 13

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

Tuesday, Aug 15

10:00 — 11:00 am Eden Crafters | Online
12:00 — 1:00 pm Staff Social | Courtyard

Thursday, Aug 17

6:30 — 8:00 pm Estudio Biblico | Online

Sunday, Aug 20

10:00 — 10:45 am Worship | Sanctuary & Online
10:00 — 10:45 am Church School | Courtyard
10:45 — 11:45 am Fellowship | Courtyard
11:00 — 11:45 am Choir Rehearsal | Music Room
11:30 — 12:30 pm Church School Gathering | Courtyard

COMING ATTRACTIONS

Aug 20 Sunday Worship & Fellowship
 Choir Rehearsal Resumes
 Church School Families & Volunteers Gathering

Aug 23 *Comida para Cherryland*

Aug 26 Memorial Service for Joyce Bass

Sep 3 Sunday Worship & Sacrament of Holy Communion
 (Choir returns to worship)

Sep 4 Labor Day -- Eden Campus Holiday

Sep 5 Board of Trustees Meeting

Sep 9 Memorial Service for Herb Graw

Sep 10 Sunday Worship & Fellowship

Sep 12 Church Council Meeting

Sep 13 *Comida para Cherryland*

Sep 17 Sunday Worship & Fellowship

Sep 27 *Comida para Cherryland*

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
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OFFICE HOURS

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