

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



WELCOME | BIENVENIDOS

Aug 27, 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.

13th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST | ONLINE WORSHIP LINK

OPENING MUSIC | The Church's One Foundation | Tune: Aurelia | Jessie Wenchieh Lo

WELCOME | Rev. Dr. Marvin Lance Wiser

OPENING PRAYER | Pastor Marvin

BIBLE READING | [Matthew 16:13-20](#) | [Español](#) | Dave Wallace

SERMON | "Building on the Rock" | Rev. Dr. Arlene K. Nehring

HYMN | My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less | NCH No. 403 | All Verses

JOYS & CONCERNS | PASTORAL PRAYER | Rev. Brenda Loreman

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 | Dave

**OFFERTORY | 'Ekolu Mea Nui (Three Greatest Things) |
NCH 496 Tune: Nawahine | Jessie Lo, Voice;
Jesse Acker-Johnson Guitar**



BLESSING | Pastor Arlene

**CLOSING SONG | Just As I Am (With Erik Satie's Gymnopédie No.2) |
Bradbury and Satie/Arr. Keveren | Jessie 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

Dave Wallace, Liturgist

Susie Newman, Greeter-Usher

Russ Newman, 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

Choir Choir Returns to Worship: *The Eden Choir will resume singing in worship beginning on Sunday, Sep 3, and Choir rehearsals have recommenced on Sundays at 11:00 am, in the Music Room. For more information, [connect with our Music Director](#), Ken Rawdon.*

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@edenucc.com, and request a replacement.*

Help for Hawai'i: *If you would like to assist those whose lives have been devastated by the fires on Maui, consider donating to the Hawai'i Conference of the United Church of Christ (HCUCC). Donations go directly to the affected churches on Maui to give immediate relief to those in their communities. More information on [the HCUCC response is here](#), and [the donation page link is here](#).*

Eden Crafters: *The Crafters are meeting at a new time: 9:30 am every Tuesday. Check us out in [Groups](#) on Church Center or contact [Pastor Brenda](#) for more information.*

Seekers Book Club: *The Seekers* are continuing a discussion of the novel [Trust](#) by Hernan Diaz. Find us in [Groups](#) in Church Center, or contact [Pastor Brenda](#) for more information.

Texts and Contexts: Beginning Thursday, Sep 7, our English Language Bible Study will begin a new format and series. Whether you are just starting your Christian journey or ready to dive deeper, this is a Bible study for you. Our first theme will be the Bible & Migration. We will meet on Thursdays at 7:30 pm in the Fireside Room and via Zoom. Find us in [Groups](#) in Church Center and contact [Pastor Marvin](#) for more information.

Estudio Bíblico: Our Bible Study in Spanish is held every Thursday at 6:30 pm. To join, send an email to [Pastor Marvin](#). We are currently exploring the Fruits of the Spirit, but will shift to 6:00 pm beginning in September and also explore the Bible & Migration.

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

Congratulations to **Caitlin (Blake) Kilgore**, who recently won Best Lyrics/Lyricist in the Hollywood Independent Music Awards. Caitlin is the daughter of Brian and Kimberly Blake-Kilgore , and Jaqueline and the late Nate Blake's granddaughter.

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.

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 was held on Saturday, Aug 26, 2023, at Eden Church.

*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 **Vai DerMinasian Day**, who has been a patient at Kaiser-San Leandro, this past week.*

*For **Suzie Hasselkuss**, who has been a patient at St. Rose Hospital this past week and is now recovering at East Bay Acute Health Care in Castro Valley.*

*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 **Sandra Nachand and family**, especially her mother, **Alice**, who has moved into a new-to-her skilled nursing home in the Phoenix area.*

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

*For **Beverly Spencer**, Stephanie's aunt, who is living with dementia, and her in-home family care providers.*

*For **Charles Spencer**, Stephanie's father, who has been experiencing several health challenges.*

*For **Charlotte Spencer**, Stephanie's aunt, who is living with dementia, and who recently moved into a new retirement community.*

*For **Daniel Spencer**, Stephanie's uncle, who suffered a major stroke and who is on the long road to recovery at a skilled nursing facility in Montgomery County, MD.*

*For **Kate Spencer**, Stephanie's sister, who has begun the long road to recovery from an equestrian accident.*

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

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, Aug 27

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

Tuesday, Aug 29

9:30 — 10:55 am Eden Crafters | Online

Wednesday, Aug 30

10:00 am — 12:00 noon Seekers | Online

Thursday, Aug 31

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

Sunday, Sep 3

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

COMING ATTRACTIONS

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 7 Estudio Biblico and English-Language Bible Study
Sep 9 Memorial Service for Herb Graw
Sep 10 Sunday Worship, Church School, & Fellowship
Sep 12 Church Council Meeting
Sep 13 *Comida para Cherryland*
Sep 17 Sunday Worship, Church School, & 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
Melissa Josue | Clerk

OFFICE HOURS

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