

## **FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**



**WELCOME | BIENVENIDOS**

**Sep 3, 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.

# 14th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST | [ONLINE WORSHIP LINK](#)

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**OPENING MUSIC | Ancient Words | Lynn DeShazo/Arr. Keveren | Jessie Lo**

**CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP | The Lord Is In The Holy Temple | Floice R. Lund | Eden Church Choir & Friends**

**WELCOME | Rev. Brenda Loreman**

**OPENING PRAYER | Pastor Brenda**

**CONGREGATIONAL HYMN | Come now, Almighty God | NCH No. 275 | Congregation sing verses 1, 2 & 4 | Choir Only sing on Verse 3**

**BIBLE READING | [Ex. 3:1-15](#) | [Español](#) | Mike Foster**

**CHOIR ANTHEM | Now Let Us All Praise God and Sing | Gordon Young | Eden Church Choir & Friends**

**SERMON | “Laboring in Midian” | Rev. Dr. Arlene K. Nehring**

**CONGREGATIONAL HYMN | SING PRAISE TO GOD, OUR HIGHEST GOOD | NCH No. 6 | Verses 1, 2, 3 and 4**

**OFFERING INVITATION & PRAYER | Mike**

**OFFERTORY | Go Down, Moses! (Let My People Go!) | Spiritual/Arr. H.T. Burleigh | Jessie Wenchieh Lo**



**[SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION | Pastors & Deacons](#)**

**INVITATION**

**PRAYER OF BLESSING**

**WORDS OF REMEMBRANCE**

**DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS**

**COMMUNION MUSIC | Ken Rawdon**

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

## **LORD'S PRAYER** (*unison*)

*Our Father/Creator, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.*

*Padre nuestro, que estás en los cielos, santificado sea Tu Nombre; venga Tu reino; hágase Tu voluntad en la tierra como en el cielo. Danos hoy el pan de cada día y perdona nuestras deudas así como nosotros perdonamos a nuestros deudores; y no nos dejes caer en tentación mas líbranos del mal. Amén.*

## **BLESSING | Pastor Arlene**

## **CHORAL BENEDICTION | The Lord Bless You and Keep You | Peter Lutkin | Eden Church Choir & Friends**

## **CLOSING SONG | Here I Am, Lord | Daniel Schutte/Arr. Jack Schrader | Jessie Lo**

## **GO IN PEACE**

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### **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*

*Mike Foster, Liturgist*

*Bob Turner, Acolyte*

*Edith Sánchez, Greeter*

*Daniella Prym, Trustee on Duty*

*Joanne Vorhies & Mike Foster, Deacons*

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## **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.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Texts and Contexts:** Beginning this 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 6:00 pm, in the Fireside Room and via Zoom. This group will also be exploring the Bible & Migration along with the english-language Bible study. To join, send an email to [Pastor Marvin](#).

**Choir Returns to Worship:** Choir rehearsals have recommenced on Sundays at 11:00 am, in the Music Room, and the Eden Choir will be singing in worship two Sundays a month throughout the program year. 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. 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](mailto:marianne@edenucc.com), and request a replacement.

**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.

**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](mailto: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 \$111,535** 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](#).

## **JOYS**

*We have a new baby in the congregation, **Annette Lorraine!** Was born into the **Tucker Figueroa family**, Aug 31, 2023.*

***Suzie Hasselkuss** is home from the hospital and rehab, and on the mend!*

*Happy Birthday to **Pastor Carolyn Candys** on her 70th birthday, August 27, and to our sister church, **Refuge Center Baptist Church**, on the 35th anniversary of their founding and 35 years of partnership in ministry on the Eden Church campus.*

## **PRAYER CONCERNS**

*For the **Bulette & Allen families**.*

*For the **DerMinasian Day family**, who are experiencing health challenges.*

*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 the **Spencer family**.*

*For **Allie & Bob Turner**, as Allie enters a new phase of her healing process.*

## THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

### Sunday, Sep 3

10:00 — 10:45 am      Worship & Holy Communion | Sanctuary & Online  
10:45 — 11:45 am      Fellowship | Courtyard  
11:00 — 11:45 am      Choir Rehearsal | Music Room

### Tuesday, Sep 5

9:30 — 10:55 am      Eden Crafters | Online  
7:00 — 8:30 pm      Board of Trustees | Online

### Wednesday, Sep 6

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

### Thursday, Sep 7

6:00 — 7:15 pm      Estudio Biblico | Fireside & Online  
7:30 — 8:30 pm      English Language Bible Study | Fireside & Online

### Saturday, Sep 9

2:00 — 3:00 pm      Memorial Service | Sanctuary  
Memorial Reception | Oliver Hall

### Sunday, Sep 10

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

## COMING ATTRACTIONS

Sep 4      Labor Day -- Eden Campus Holiday  
Sep 5      Trustees Meeting  
Sep 7      *Estudio Biblico* and English Language Bible Study  
Sep 9      Memorial Service & Reception for Herb Graw  
Sep 10      Sunday Worship, Church School & Fellowship  
Sep 12      Church Council Meeting  
Sep 13      *Comida para Cherryland*  
Sep 14      Estudio Biblico and English Language Bible Study  
Sep 17      Sunday Worship, Church School, & Fellowship  
Sep 24      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

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