

## TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



**WELCOME | BIENVENIDOS**

**Oct 29, 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.

## 22nd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST | [ONLINE WORSHIP LINK](#)

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OPENING MUSIC | “Sweet, Sweet Spirit” | Doris Akers | Dr. Jessie Wenchieh Lo

WELCOME | Rev. Brenda Loreman

OPENING PRAYER | Pastor Brenda

HYMN | “O God, Our Help In Ages Past” | NCH No. 25 | Verses 1-6

BIBLE READING | [Matthew 22:34-46](#) | [Español](#) | Yuliana Wisser-León

SERMON | “Final Exam” | Pastor Brenda

HYMN | “Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love” | NCH No. 498 | Verses 1-5

JOYS & CONCERNS | PASTORAL PRAYER | Pastor Brenda

### 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

OFFERTORY | “As The Deer” | Martin Nystrom/Arr. Douglas Wagner | Jessie



BLESSING | Pastor Brenda

CLOSING SONG | “All Creatures of Our God And King - Lasst uns erfreuen”  
| *Geistliche Kirchengesang*/Arr. Phillip Keveren | Jessie

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*

*Yuliana Wiser-León, Liturgist*

*Athena Malloy, Greeter-Ushers*

*Russ Newman, Trustee on Duty*

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## **FLOWER DEDICATION**

*The flowers today were given by Brenda Loreman, in memory of her mother Rosemary, who would have been 91 today.*

*For more info and to sign up to bring flowers for a specific Sunday, click the [link](#) to go to our Online Flower Calendar or call the Office at (510) 582-9533.*

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

***Craft Auction Preview Sale Today:*** *The Eden Crafters' annual holiday auction begins today with an opportunity to see up close some of the Crafters' fabulous work and assure that you get your favorite items by purchasing in person for the "buy it now" price. A selection of items—including table decor, wall hangings, baskets, tote bags, and jewelry—are available for purchase in the breezeway behind the sanctuary after worship. Cash or check are accepted for this in-person preview sale. Any items not sold will be up for sale on our online auction, which runs from **Nov 1 through Nov 16** on the 32Auctions platform. [Use this link](#) to access the auction and view the items. You'll need to create a login and password to be able to bid on items (or use your login from last year). We encourage you to bid often and generously! Your contributions to this auction will go to support the distribution of diapers and wipes at Comida para Cherryland. For more information, reach out to [Pastor Brenda](#) or [Jan Bass](#).*

***Call to the Semi-Annual Meeting:*** *The Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting will be held on **Sunday, Nov 12**, beginning at 11 am in the Sanctuary. This meeting is called by the Church Council in accordance with the Church bylaws. The meeting purpose is to receive a report from the Eden Area Foundation (EAF) Board of Directors regarding the 2024 grants, and to receive a report from the Trustees regarding the Sanctuary window replacement project. Guests are*

welcome and members are needed. For more information, contact Moderator [Carlos Londoño](#), Trustee Co-Chairs [Bob Turner](#) and [Julie Booher](#), or [Pastor Arlene](#). Plan to participate by Zoom? [Click here to pre-register \(required\)](#).

**Día de los Muertos Ofrenda:** Our beautiful ofrenda has been created in the niche near the main office, ready to receive our offerings as we remember loved ones during Día de los Muertos and All Saints Day. Everyone is welcome to bring a photo or image of loved ones who have gone to God, as well as flowers or other remembrances to add to the altar. In addition to the ofrenda, we will have a special time of remembrance during worship on **Sunday, Nov 5**. The ofrenda will remain up through mid-November. Please bring **copies** of your photos, rather than irreplaceable originals; connect with [Pastor Brenda](#) if you'd like help getting a copy made.

**Save the Date:** Watch this space for details about our next baby sprinkle for the Tucker Figueroa family, which will happen after worship on **Sunday, Nov 19**.

**It's Time to Get "Boo-sted":** The CDC, CDPH, and ACPHD recommend that all persons 6 months and older receive the newly updated COVID-19 vaccine, just authorized last month. This new monovalent vaccine targets the more recent dominant circulating strains of Omicron, and will help boost our immunity that attenuates with time. If it has been more than two months since you received the previous (last year's bivalent or any previous) COVID-19 vaccine, you are eligible now. Contact your primary care provider for questions and appointments or contact our own vaccine navigation hotline numbers: (510) 214-2855 (English) or (510) 214-2256 (Español).

**Texts and Contexts:** Our English Language Bible Study continues with a new format and series for the fall. Whether you are just starting your Christian journey or ready to dive deeper, this is a Bible study for you. The current theme is the Bible & Migration. The group meets 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. Note that there will be **no class on Nov 2**.

**Estudio Bíblico:** Our Bible Study in Spanish is held every Thursday at 6:00 pm, in the Fireside Room and via Zoom. This group is also exploring the Bible & Migration along with the English-language Bible study. To join, send an email to [Pastor Marvin](#). Note that there will be **no class on Nov 2**.

**Choir Rehearsals & Performances:** Choir rehearsals continue on Sundays at 11:00 am, in the Music Room; the Eden Choir sings in worship two Sundays a

month throughout the program year. For more information, [connect with our Music Director](#), Ken Rawdon.

**Eden Crafters:** The Crafters meet at 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 beginning a new book: *Overthrow* by Stephen Kinzer. Now's a great time to join this group or reconnect. Find us in [Groups](#) in Church Center, or contact [Pastor Brenda](#) for more information.

**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.

**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 was awarded to Best Construction of Sacramento. The windows have been manufactured, and are ready for delivery and installation as soon as we receive our permit from AC Public Works. 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!** Annette was born into the **Tucker Figueroa family**, Aug 31, 2023.

We were delighted to celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism with **Rheina-Diem Semanero Vo** and her parents, Ellen and Jimmy, and brothers Brayden-Tiem and Khaison-Tam this month.

## PRAYER CONCERNS

For the family of **the Rev. Kay McFarland**, who died on October 21. Kay was an Interim Minister for First Christian Church of Fremont, one of the predecessor congregations of Niles Discovery Church, and was an associate member at Eden UCC.

For Grace Moremen and the family of **the Rev. Bill Moremen**, who died peacefully on October 17 from advanced Parkinson's. Bill was the Senior Minister of Eden UCC from 1983-1993.

**For the Bulette & Allen families.**

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

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

**For the elder Spencers and their caregivers**, as they grapple with several life changing health episodes, and transition into higher levels of care.

**For Allie & Bob Turner**, as Allie recovers from surgery.

For extended family members of **Keith Smith's**, one who is having surgery and some who are grieving the death of parents.

*For the family of **Lorenzo Canlas**, as they help Lorenzo's father, Lesander Canlas, manage treatments for brain cancer.*

## **THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE**

### **Sunday, Oct 29**

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

### **Tuesday, Oct 31**

9:30 — 10:55 am	Eden Crafters   Online
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### **Wednesday, Nov 1**

10:00 — 12:00 noon	Seekers   Online
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### **Sunday, Nov 5**

9:00 — 9:50 am	Choir Rehearsal   Music Room
10:00 — 10:45 am	Worship, Holy Communion, & All Saints Remembrance   Sanctuary & Online
10:45 — 11:45 am	Fellowship   Courtyard & Fireside
11:00 — 11:45 am	Choir Rehearsal   Music Room

## **COMING ATTRACTIONS**

Nov 4	Bay Association Fall Meeting
Nov 5	Sunday Worship, Holy Communion, & All Saints Remembrance   Fellowship & Choir Rehearsal
Nov 10	Veterans Day Holiday   Office Closed
Nov 12	Sunday Worship   Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting
Nov 19	Sunday Worship & Church School   Baby Sprinkle & Adorning the Sanctuary
Nov 23/24	Thanksgiving Holiday   Office Closed
Nov 26	Sunday Worship & Church School   Fellowship & Choir Rehearsal
Dec 3	Sunday Worship & Holy Communion   First Sunday of Advent
Dec 17	Sunday Worship & Pageant   Happy Birthday, Jesus Party

# 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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