

EPIPHANY SUNDAY



WELCOME | BIENVENIDOS
JAN 7, 2024 | 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.

EPIPHANY SUNDAY | [ONLINE WORSHIP LINK](#)

OPENING MUSIC | “Break Forth, O Beauteous, Heavenly Light” from “The Christmas Oratorio” | Johann Schop | Dr. Jessie Wenchieh Lo

WELCOME | Rev. Dr. Arlene K. Nehring

OPENING PRAYER | Pastor Arlene

OPENING HYMN | “Los magos que Llegaron a Belén” | *NCH* No. 155 | Verse 1 in English, followed by verse 1 in Spanish

CHILDREN’S GATHERING | Rev. Brenda Loreman | *Children may remain in worship with their families following the gathering time*

BIBLE READING | [Matthew 2:1-12](#) | [Español](#) | Stephanie Spencer

SERMON | “Better Together” | Rev. Dr. Marvin Lance Wisner

SERMON HYMN | “As With Gladness, Those of Old” | *NCH* No. 159 | v. 1-4

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION | Pastors & Deacons

INVITATION

PRAYER OF BLESSING

WORDS OF REMEMBRANCE

DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

COMMUNION MUSIC | Ken Rawdon

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING | Pastor Brenda

LORD’S PRAYER | *Unison* | Pastor Brenda

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.

OFFERING INVITATION & PRAYER | Stephanie

OFFERTORY | “Watchman, Tell Us of The Night”/ “Sing We Now of Christmas” | Jacob Hintze/Traditional French Carol | Jessie



BLESSING | Pastor Marvin

CLOSING SONG | “We Three Kings of Orient Are” | John Hopkins Jr. | Jessie

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

Ken Rawdon, Music Director

Stephanie Spencer, Liturgist

Jana Aloo, Greeter

Bob Turner, Trustee on Duty

Stephanie Spencer, Mike Foster, and Joann Vorheis, Deacons

FLOWER DEDICATION

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

New Year, New Opportunities: *The New Year is a great time to commit to a new project or opportunity. If you’ve made a resolution to develop a deeper connection with your spiritual community, see below for some easy and fun ways to act on that resolve.*

Choir Rehearsals & Performances: Choir rehearsals resume on Sundays, beginning **Jan 21**, at 11:00 am (following worship), 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.

Texts & Contexts Bible Study: The Texts and Contexts Bible Study will reconvene with a new subject, **“Wisdom & Theodicy,”** on Thursday **Feb 1**, 6:00 pm in Spanish and 7:30 pm in English. For more info, [find the groups on our website](#), or connect with [Pastor Marvin](#).

Eden Crafters: The Crafters meet on Zoom at 9:30 am every Tuesday to craft and chat together, and occasionally contribute their crafty creations to fundraisers for the church or other nonprofit organizations. Check us out in [Groups](#) on Church Center or contact [Pastor Brenda](#) for more information.

Seekers Book Club: The Seekers meet on Zoom every Wednesday at 10:00 am. We will complete our reading of *Overthrow* by Stephen Kinzer on Jan 10. Our next book will be the book chosen for this year’s [Castro Valley Reads](#), which will be revealed on **Jan 10**. Find us in [Groups](#) in Church Center, or contact [Pastor Brenda](#) for more information.

Fellowship Team: If you like being "the host with the most," sign up to provide hospitality during our fellowship and coffee hour after worship. Fellowship hosts set up the beverage service and set out snacks before worship, then make sure everything's cleaned up afterward. Contact [Pat Payne](#) for more information.

Sanctuary Windows for Christmas: At long last, our sanctuary window replacement project is complete, and we were able to enjoy our beautiful new windows for the last days of Advent and the Christmas season! We are deeply grateful for all the members and friends who contributed to the “Our Time to Shine” window replacement campaign, making this important sanctuary upgrade possible. To make a pledge or a pledge payment 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](#).

Baptism & Reception of New Members: We celebrate baptism with persons of every age from infants to elders, and we welcome into membership youth and adults who seek a deeper relationship with God in a caring community and a desire to make a difference in the lives of others. Please speak with one of the pastors if you desire baptism for yourself or a family member, or if you would like to become a member of Eden Church. We schedule baptisms in accordance with family needs and the church program.

It’s Time to Stay Protected: 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).

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.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, Jan 7

10:00 — 11:00 am Worship & Holy Communion | Sanctuary & Online
11:00 — 12:00 noon Fellowship | Oliver Hall & Courtyard

Monday, Jan 8

9:00 — 5:00 Church Office Hours

Tuesday, Jan 9

9:00 — 5:00 Church Office Hours
9:30 — 10:55 am Crafters | Online
7:00 — 9:00 pm Council | Online

Wednesday, Jan 10

9:00 — 5:00 Church Office Hours
10:00 — 11:00 am Seekers | Online

Thursday, Jan 11

9:00 — 5:00 Church Office Hours

Friday, Jan 12

9:00 — 5:00 Church Office Hours

Sunday, Jan 14

10:00 — 11:00 am	Worship Sanctuary & Online
10:00 — 11:00 am	Church School Pilgrim Hall (upstairs)
11:00 — 12 noon	Fellowship Courtyard & Fireside
11:00 — 11:45 am	Choir Rehearsal Music Room

COMING ATTRACTIONS

Jan 7	Sunday Worship, Holy Communion & Fellowship
Jan 9	Eden Church Council
Jan 10	<i>Comida para Cherryland</i>
Jan 14	Sunday Worship, Church School & Fellowship
Jan 17	EAF Board Meeting
Jan 21	Sunday Worship, Church School & Fellowship; Choir Rehearsal resumes
Jan 24	<i>Comida para Cherryland</i>
Jan 28	Sunday Worship, Church School, Fellowship & Choir Rehearsal
Feb 1	Estudio Bíblico/Bible Study resumes
Feb 4	Sunday Worship, Holy Communion, Fellowship & Choir Rehearsal
Feb 11	Sunday Worship, Church School, Fellowship & Choir Rehearsal
Feb 14	Ash Wednesday
Feb 14	<i>Comida para Cherryland</i>
Feb 18	Sunday Worship, Church School, Fellowship & Choir Rehearsal; 1st Sunday of Lent
Feb 19	President's Day Holiday; Campus closed

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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