

## THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY



**WELCOME | BIENVENIDOS**  
**JAN 21, 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.

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**OPENING MUSIC** | “Ave Maria” | J.S.Bach/Gounod/arr. Jessie Lo | Dr. Jessie Wenchieh Lo

**WELCOME** | Rev. Dr. Arlene K. Nehring

**OPENING PRAYER** | Pastor Arlene

**OPENING HYMN** | “Dear God, Embracing Humankind” | *NCH* No. 502 | v. 1-5

**BIBLE READING** | [Mark 1:14-20](#) | [Español](#) | Allie Turner

**SERMON** | “Fishin’ for Folk” | Rev. Marvin Lance Wiser

**SERMON HYMN** | “You Walk Along Our Shoreline” | *NCH* No. 504 | v. 1-3

**JOYS & CONCERNS** | **PASTORAL PRAYER** | Pastor Arlene

**JESUS’ PRAYER** (*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** | Allie

**OFFERTORY** | “Tú has venido a la orilla (“You have come down to the Lakeshore”) | *NCH* No. 173 | Jessie



**BLESSING** | Pastor Marvin

**CLOSING SONG** | “Doxology” | Traditional/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*

*Ken Rawdon, Music Director*

*Allie Turner, Liturgist*

*Stephanie Spencer, Greeter*

*Bob Turner, Trustee on Duty*

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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 Online Flower Calendar or call the Office at (510) 582-9533.*

## **YEAR-END GIVING & GIVING RECORDS**

*Giving statements will soon be sent to those who made a pledge and/or recordable gift to the 2023-2024 annual stewardship campaign, "Let It Shine!" window campaign, and/or other special offerings. If you have questions about your statements, or wish to be sure that a gift you have given is recorded in the 2023 tax year, please see Jan Bass, Associate Treasurer, after worship today, or call 510-508-1427 or send email to [jan@sebastian9.com](mailto:jan@sebastian9.com).*

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Support Ashley on Her Path to Ordination:** *Our fantastic new Office Manager, Ashley Wai'olu Moore, is a Member in Discernment with the United Church of Christ, in the process of seeking approval for ordination. One of the final steps in that process is the Ecclesiastical Council with the Bay Association, where Ashley will defend her ordination paper and answer questions from ministers and local church representatives. You can support Ashley by [reading her paper](#) and attending the Council on **Saturday, Jan 27, at 8:45 am** at [City of Refuge UCC in Oakland](#). Connect with [Pastor Arlene](#) if you'd like to carpool to the event. [See the Bay Association website](#) for more information.*

**Texts & Contexts Bible Study:** *Have you wondered why bad things happen to good people? Ever find yourself pondering about proverbs? Then our Spring 2024 Texts and Contexts Bible Study is just for you! We'll be studying together "Wisdom and Theodicy." Get a jump start by reading [Proverbs](#) and [Job](#). The Bible Study will reconvene on **Thursday, Feb 1, 6:00 pm** in Spanish and **7:30 pm** in English, both on*

Zoom and in-person in the Fireside Room. For more info, [find the group on our website](#), or connect with [Pastor Marvin](#).

**Seekers Book Club:** The Seekers meet on Zoom every Wednesday at 10:00 am. Our next book will be *The Cold Millions* by Jess Walters (which is the current selection for [Castro Valley Reads](#)). Find us in [Groups](#) in Church Center, or contact [Pastor Brenda](#) for more information.

**Choir Rehearsals & Performances:** Choir rehearsals resume on Sundays, **beginning Jan 21**, 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 on Zoom at 9:30 am every **Tuesday**. Check us out in [Groups](#) on Church Center or contact [Pastor Brenda](#) for more information.

**Our Time to Shine! Update:** Our new windows were installed between Dec 11 & 18, 2023. We are deeply grateful for all of the members and friends who contributed to the “Our Time to Shine” window replacement campaign, making this important sanctuary upgrade possible. 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](#).

**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).

**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.

**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 21**

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

### **Monday, Jan 22**

9:00 — 5:00              Church Office Hours

### **Tuesday, Jan 23**

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

### **Wednesday, Jan 24**

9:00 — 5:00              Church Office Hours  
10:00 — 11:00 am        Seekers | Online  
1:30 — 4:00 pm          *Comida para Cherryland* | OH Parking Lot

### **Thursday, Jan 25**

9:00 — 5:00              Church Office Hours

### **Friday, Jan 26**

9:00 — 5:00              Church Office Hours

### **Sunday, Jan 28**

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

## COMING ATTRACTIONS

- Jan 24      *Comida para Cherryland*
- 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      *Comida para Cherryland*
- 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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