

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT



WELCOME | BIENVENIDOS

FEB 25, 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.

2nd SUNDAY OF LENT | [ONLINE WORSHIP LINK](#)

OPENING MUSIC | Adagio in G Minor | T. Albinoni | Dr. Jessie Wenchieh Lo

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

WELCOME | Rev. Dr. Marvin Lance Wiser

RITUAL FOR LENT | Pastor Marvin

PRAYER FOR RECONCILIATION (*unison*)

Gracious God, there are days that threaten to swallow us, days when the storms of life feel too big. In those moments, we often cling to the sides of our ships in fear, spending more energy hiding from storms than looking for you. Forgive us for doubting ourselves. Forgive us for doubting you. Rescue us from the storms of today and from the fears that trap us. With hope in our hearts we pray. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE Pastor Marvin

OPENING HYMN | “Joys are Flowing Like a River” | NCH No. 284 | v. 1-5

BIBLE READING | [Matt. 14:22-33](#) | [Español](#) | Jan Bass

ANTHEM | “Ubi Caritas” | Maurice Durufle | Eden Church Choir and Friends

SERMON | “Rescue Me from Danger” | Rev. Dr. Arlene K. Nehring

SERMON HYMN | “Into the Waters” | Insert | v. 1-4

JOYS & CONCERNS | PASTORAL PRAYER | Rev. Brenda Loreman

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.

CHORAL RESPONSE | “3-Fold Amen” | NCH No. 812

OFFERING INVITATION & PRAYER | Jan

OFFERTORY | “Pie Jesu” | Faure | Jessie

BLESSING | Pastor Arlene

BLESSING SONG | “Come, O Fount of Every Blessing” | NCH No. 459 | v. 2

CLOSING SONG | “Come, O Fount of Every Blessing” | Nettleton | Jessie

GO IN PEACE



TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Dr. Arlene K. Nehring, Senior Minister

Rev. Dr. Marvin Lance Wisner, Associate Minister

Rev. Brenda Loreman, Designated Term Associate Minister

Dr. Jessie Wenchieh Lo, Pianist

Ken Rawdon, Music Director

Eden Church Choir & Friends

Jan Bass, Liturgist

Susie Newman, Greeter

Dawn Coburn, AV Technician

Russ Newman, Trustee on Duty

Ashley Moore, Hospitality & Safety Team Member

ABOUT TODAY'S SERVICE

The “Wandering Heart” worship theme, cover graphic, prayer for reconciliation, and sermon hymn are adapted with permission from A Sanctified Art (sanctifiedart.org).

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 were recently sent to those who made a pledge and/or recordable gift during the 2023 tax year. If you have questions about your statements, or wish to be

sure that a gift you have given is recorded, please see Jan Bass, Associate Treasurer, after worship today, or call 510-508-1427 or send email to jan@sebastian9.com.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lent@Eden: The liturgical season of Lent is under way, and so is our new worship series, "Wandering Heart: Figuring Out Faith with Peter." Attend to your spirit during this season of reflection and reconciliation with our **weekly devotional booklets and daily prayer cards**, which are available in the sanctuary and the narthex to take home for your personal Lenten prayer practice. If you would like an online version of the devotional booklet, please reach out to [Pastor Brenda](#). The daily prayer cards will also be posted on our Facebook and Instagram accounts.

Black History at the Hayward Library: The Hayward Library is offering a Mini Quilting Workshop in conjunction with the "Celebrating Black History Art Exhibition" on **Saturday, Mar 2 from 2:00 to 4:00 pm**. Join seasoned quilters Dolores Vitero-Presley and Julia Vitero in making a hand-sewn mini quilt. Participants will choose a packet containing fabrics, batting, and backing to make a small quilt. Supplies, tools, and written instructions will be provided. [Registration is required](#) for this workshop, which is intended for adults, teens, and kids age 10 and up; children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult.

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. We will receive new members on **Palm Sunday, Mar 24**.

Eden Area Scholarships: Over the last three years, the Eden Area Scholarship Program raised tens of thousands of dollars and given dozens of local students the funds they needed for higher education. Our goal is that every eligible applicant receives a scholarship, but we can only do that with your help. **Your contributions by the application deadline of Mar 31 will help us determine how many scholarships we can award for Fall 2024.** To contribute to the scholarship fund and help Eden Area students' dreams come true, make a donation to the Eden Area Scholarship program through [our online giving portal](#), and use the dropdown menu to select Eden Area Scholarship Program. For more information about the scholarship program or to arrange a contribution in the form of securities, contact [Javier Orea](#).

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."

The Bible Study meets on **Thursdays through May 16**, 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. We are reading *The Cold Millions* by Jess Walter (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: The Eden Choir rehearses on Sundays at 11:00 am in the Music Room, and 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.

24/7 Crisis Text Line: [Crisis Support Services of Alameda County](#) (CSS) is pleased to announce that their crisis text line is now available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Similar to a crisis hotline, this text line offers crisis intervention for people—especially youth—who prefer texting to talking on the phone. People of all ages who are struggling with difficult life circumstances or uncomfortable thoughts and emotions can text the word SAFE to 20121 to start a session, and will receive a message from a trained counselor within a few minutes. Para Español, textear "SEGURO" al 20121 (5pm - 9pm martes-viernes).

CSS offers a broad range of counseling, education and prevention services in a safe environment. Services include on-going therapy groups, school-based counseling, supportive services for seniors, suicide prevention for youth; and community education.

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.

JOYS

Eden's Food Safety Team received another 100% A+ Perfectly Clean score from the Alameda County Environmental Health Inspector, who made a surprise visit to Oliver Hall and the Oliver Hall kitchen during our most recent Comida para Cherryland give away! Congratulations to Team Lead Julian Orea and all! Another year with a perfect score!

Allie Turner is enjoying better health these days, and the ability to make cameo appearances with us at Eden and elsewhere.

PRAYER CONCERNS

*For the **Bass-Wallace family**, as they grieve the death of David's mother Nancy Wallace, who died on Feb 15. Traveling mercies to David as he flies to and from the Massachusetts Bay Area to be with his family.*

*For sisters **Peggy Apperson & Debby Andrade**, who are recovering from recent surgeries.*

*For **Ruth Baratta** and family, as they grieve the loss of Ruth's sister-in-law, **Patricia Gray**, who died on February 8.*

*For the **DerMinasian Day family**, especially Vai and George who have been in and out of the hospital several times the past several months.*

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

*For **Sally Kusalo**, who has been in the Baywood Health Center.*

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

*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, Feb 25

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, Feb 26

9:00 — 5:00	Church Office Hours
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Tuesday, Feb 27

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

Wednesday, Feb 28

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

Thursday, Feb 29

9:00 — 5:00 Church Office Hours
 6:00 — 7:15 pm Estudio Bíblico | Fireside & Online
 7:30 — 8:30 pm English Language Bible Study | Fireside & Online

Friday, Mar 1

9:00 — 5:00 Church Office Hours

Sunday, Mar 3

10:00 — 11:00 am Worship & Holy Communion | Sanctuary & Online
 11:00 — 12 noon Fellowship | Oliver Hall
 11:00 — 11:45 am Choir Rehearsal | Music Room

COMING ATTRACTIONS

- Mar 3 Sunday Worship & Holy Communion, Fellowship & Choir Rehearsal; 3rd Sunday of Lent
- Mar 10 Sunday Worship, Church School, Fellowship & Choir Rehearsal; 4th Sunday of Lent
- Mar 17 Sunday Worship, Church School, Fellowship & Choir Rehearsal; 5th Sunday of Lent
- Mar 24 Palm Sunday Worship, Church School, Fellowship & Choir Rehearsal
- Mar 28 Maundy Thursday
- Mar 29 Good Friday | Labyrinth Walk
- Mar 31 Easter Festival Worship, Easter Brunch & Easter Egg Hunt

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
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OFFICE HOURS

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