

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT



WELCOME | BIENVENIDOS

MAR 3, 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.

3rd SUNDAY OF LENT | [ONLINE WORSHIP LINK](#)

OPENING MUSIC | “Bist du bei mir (You are with me)” | J.S. Bach | Dr. Jessie Wenchieh Lo

WELCOME | Rev. Dr. Marvin Lance Wiser

RITUAL FOR LENT | Pastor Marvin

PRAYER FOR RECONCILIATION (unison)

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

OPENING HYMN | “The Church’s One Foundation” | *NCH* No. 386| v. 1-4

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

BIBLE READING | [Matthew 16:13-20](#) | [Español](#) | Yuliana Wiser-León

**SOLO | Aria "Gerechter Gott, ach, rechnest du?" from Cantata BWV 89 | J.S. Bach
Julia Hathaway, Soprano**

*Gerechter Gott, ach, rechnest du?
So werde ich zum Heil der Seelen
Die Tropfen Blut von Jesu zählen.
Ach! rechne mir die Summe zu!
Ja, weil sie niemand kann ergründen,
Bedeckt sie meine Schuld und Sünden.*

Righteous God, ah, do you judge?
Then for the salvation of my soul
I will count the drops of blood from Jesus.
Ah! Reckon the total to my account!
Indeed, since no one can fathom it,
it will conceal my guilt and sin

SERMON | “Praise the Mount” | Rev. Brenda Loreman

SERMON HYMN | “Here at the Peak” | *Insert* | v. 1-4

OFFERING INVITATION & PRAYER | Yuliana

OFFERTORY | “Come Down, O Love Divine” | Ralph Vaughan Williams | Jessie



[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 Arlene

LORD'S PRAYER | *Unison* | Pastor Arlene

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.

CHORAL RESPONSE | “3-Fold Amen” | NCH 812

BLESSING | Pastor Brenda

BLESSING SONG | “Come, O Fount of Every Blessing” | NCH No. 459 | v. 1

**CLOSING SONG | “The Church’s One Foundation” | Arelia/Samuel Wesley |
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

Yuliana Wiser-Leon, Liturgist

Jana Aloo, Greeter

Bob Turner, Trustee on Duty

Stephanie Spencer and Mike Foster, Deacons

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.

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.

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](#).

Pastor Brenda's Open House: Did you know that Pastor Brenda has a new office upstairs? She moved up to Room 214 in February, occupying the director's office that used to be used by FESCO in the West Wing. As a way of welcoming everyone to her new space, she is hosting an office open house on **Wednesday, Mar 6, from 9:00 am - 4:00 pm**. Stop by and say hi, and enjoy some fun snacks— including homemade ice cream!

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](#)). We will meet in person on **Mar 6 in Pastor Brenda's new office** (upstairs in the West Wing, Room 214). 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.

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.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, March 3

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

Monday, March 4

9:00 — 5:00 Church Office Hours

Tuesday, March 5

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

Wednesday, March 6

9:00 — 5:00 Church Office Hours
9:00 — 4:00 Pastor Brenda's Open House | West Wing Room 214 (upstairs)
10:00 — 11:00 am Seekers | Pastor Brenda's Office

Thursday, March 7

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, March 8

9:00 — 5:00 Church Office Hours

Saturday, March 9

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 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
Melissa Josue | Clerk

OFFICE HOURS

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