

**PALM SUNDAY**



**WELCOME | BIENVENIDOS**  
**MAR 24, 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.

# **PALM SUNDAY | [ONLINE WORSHIP LINK](#)**

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**OPENING MUSIC | “All Glory, Laud and Honor” | Dr. Jessie Wenchieh Lo**

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

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

**RITUAL FOR LENT | Pastor Arlene**

**PRAYER FOR RECONCILIATION (unison)**

Holy God, we want to run into the streets and sing your praise! We want to be bold and unashamed of this good-news Gospel, but too often we find ourselves standing against the wall. Too often we stay quiet. Too often we let others carry the song.

Forgive us for the moments when we could lead the parade but instead find ourselves standing on the sidelines. Show us which songs are ours to sing. Show us which parades are ours to lead, and then give us the courage and conviction to do both. With hope and honesty we pray. Amen.

**OPENING HYMN | “Ride On! Ride on in Majesty” | *NCH* No. 215 | v. 1-4**

**CHILDREN’S GATHERING**

**RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS | Pastor Arlene & E-Team**

**UNISON WELCOME**

Today we welcome you as full partners in the ministry of Eden United Church of Christ. We promise you our continuing friendship as we share the joys and challenges of Christian discipleship, and we pray for the Spirit’s guidance and grace, so that together we may grow in the knowledge, love, and service of Almighty God.

**BIBLE READING | [John 12:12-16](#) | [Español](#) | Michael Foster**

**ANTHEM | “Let The Rocks Cry Out” | Lloyd Larsen | Eden Church Choir and Friends**

**SERMON | “Songs of Loudest Praise” | Rev. Dr. Marvin Lance Wiser**

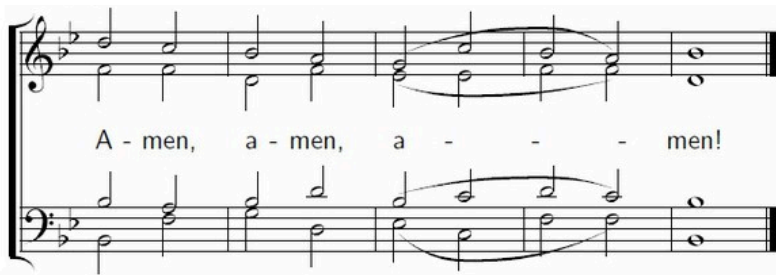
**SERMON HYMN | “Hosanna, Loud Hosanna” | *NCH* No. 213 | v. 1-3**

## JOYS & CONCERNS | PASTORAL PRAYER | Pastor Ashley Wai'olu Moore

### 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.

### CONGREGATIONAL CHORAL RESPONSE | "3-Fold Amen" | NCH No. 812



### OFFERING INVITATION & PRAYER | Michael Foster

### OFFERTORY | Palm Sunday Medley "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna - Ride On! Ride On In Majesty - Ride On, King Jesus" | St. Drostane/African American Spiritual | Jessie

### BLESSING | Pastor Marvin

### PALM RECESSIONAL | "Siyahamb' Ekukhanyen' Kwenkhos'" | NCH No. 526

#### VERSE 1 (Zulu)

Siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos' Siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos' (repeat 5x)  
Siyahamba, 'hamba. Siyahamba, (ooh) 'hamba Siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos'.  
(repeat)

#### VERSE 2 (Spanish)

Caminamos en la luz de Dios, Caminamos en la luz de Dios (repeat 5x)  
Caminamos, 'namos, Caminamos, (ooh) 'namos, Caminamos en la luz de Dios. (repeat)

#### VERSE 3 (English)

We are marching in the light of God. We are marching in the light of God. (repeat 5x)  
We are marching, marching. We are marching, (ooh) marching, We are marching in the  
light of God (repeat)

### 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*

*Pastor Ashley Wai'olu Moore, Designated Term Associate Minister*

*Dr. Jessie Wenchieh Lo, Pianist*

*Ken Rawdon, Music Director*

*Michael Foster, Liturgist*

*Stephanie Spencer, Greeter*

*Bob Turner, Trustee on Duty*

## **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](http://sanctifiedart.org)).

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## **FLOWER DEDICATION**

*The flowers on the Communion Table today were given by Aisha Knowles in memory of Fannie Eastland Knowles. 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**

***Easter Cards:*** *Today is the last opportunity to sign the Easter cards for our members and friends who are unable to worship with us. This is a special ministry of the church that is much appreciated by those who receive the cards. The cards will be available to sign in the breezeway behind the Sanctuary.*

***Join the Caring Circle:*** *Eden's Caring Circle is a group that helps the pastors reach out in Christian love to those who are temporarily or permanently homebound, chronically ill or recovering from illness, welcoming new family members, or experiencing other challenges. If this ministry calls to you, please join Pastors Arlene & Brenda at a brief meeting **TODAY, at 11:30** in Oliver Hall. Reach out to [Pastor Arlene](#) for more information, or if you're interested but can't attend the meeting.*

***Holy Week Services:*** *The themes of our Lenten worship series, "Wandering Heart: Figuring Out Faith with Peter" continue in our special Holy Week worship services. Join us as we tend to our hearts and continue our journey to Easter with the disciple Peter.*

***Our contemplative Maundy Thursday service, on Mar 28 at 7:00 pm in the sanctuary, will commemorate the final meal Jesus shared with his disciples. At Noon on Friday, Mar 29, Pastor Brenda will lead a Good Friday Labyrinth Walk in the courtyard, focusing on the experience of Peter on that last day.***

Finally, come with your family and friends to celebrate the resurrection on **Easter Sunday**, with a festival service at **10:00 am on Mar 31**, followed by an Easter egg hunt for the children and an Easter brunch coffee hour for everyone. Dress in your Easter finest and have your picture taken in front of our Easter photo backdrop.

Nursery care is available for children under 5 at all services, and quiet children's activities are available for older kids who remain in worship with their families. We look forward to seeing you at these special services.

**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:** The Spring 2024 Texts and Contexts Bible Study is 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. **There will be no class this Thursday, Mar 28**. 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.

## THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

### Sunday, March 24

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 25**

9:00 — 5:00 Church Office Hours

**Tuesday, March 26**

9:00 — 5:00 Church Office Hours

9:30 — 10:55 am Crafters | Online

**Wednesday, March 27**

9:00 — 5:00 Church Office Hours

10:00 — 11:00 am Seekers | Online

1:00 pm — 3:30 pm Comida para Cherryland | Oliver Hall Parking Lot

**Thursday, March 28**

9:00 — 5:00 Church Office Hours

7:00 — 8:15 pm Maundy Thursday Worship Service | Sanctuary

**Friday, March 29**

9:00 — 5:00 Church Office Hours

12:00 noon Good Friday Labyrinth Walk | Courtyard

**Sunday, March 31**

10:00 — 11:00 am Easter Sunday Worship | Sanctuary &amp; Online

11:00 — 12 noon Easter Egg Hunt &amp; Fellowship Brunch | Courtyard &amp; Oliver Hall

**COMING ATTRACTIONS**

Mar 27 Comida para Cherryland

Mar 28 Maundy Thursday Service

Mar 29 Good Friday Labyrinth Walk

Mar 31 Easter Festival Worship, Holy Communion, Easter Brunch &amp; Easter Egg Hunt

Apr 7 Sunday Worship, Holy Communion, Fellowship &amp; Choir Rehearsal

Apr 13 Padres Unidos "Happy Easter" Event

# 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. Dr. Arlene K. Nehring |  
Treasurer pro tem  
Jan Bass | Associate Treasurer  
Melissa Josue | Clerk, on leave

## OFFICE HOURS

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