

PENTECOST SUNDAY



Resurrection Stories

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WELCOME | BIENVENIDOS
MAY 19, 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.

PENTECOST SUNDAY | [ONLINE WORSHIP LINK](#)

OPENING MUSIC | “Come Down, O Love Divine” | Vaughan Williams | Dr. Jessie Wenchieh Lo

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

WELCOME | Rev. Ashley Wai’olu Moore

CALL TO WORSHIP | Pastor Ashley

**Rise up in us and we will rise
From death into a newfound life:
From bondage freed, from harm released,
From illness healed, as one in peace.
When all is lost our hearts are warmed,
Our hope restored, our lives transformed.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! (*repeat*)**

One: This is the key to transformation: as soon as truth is spoken and the desire for change is known, Divine Love begins the process of resurrecting our lives.

All: **In the name of Jesus Christ, we can know transformation.**

One: This is a Word of Hope for the people who long for it.

All: **Thanks be to the Living Word.**

OPENING HYMN | “Like the Murmur of the Dove’s Song” | NCH No.270 | v. 1-3

BIBLE READING | [Acts 2:1-21](#) | [Español](#) | EUCC Liturgists

ANTHEM | “The Gartan Mother’s Lullaby” | arr. Neil Ginsberg | Eden Church Choir and Friends

SERMON | “Transformed” | Rev. Dr. Marvin Lance Wiser

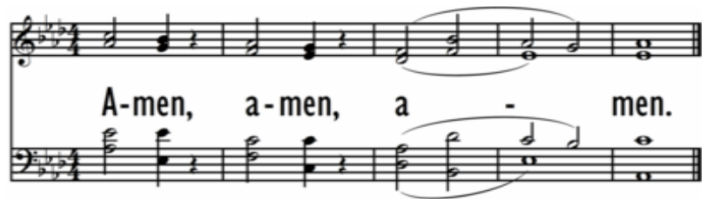
SERMON HYMN | “God of Change and Glory” | NCH No. 177 | v. 1-3

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.

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



STEWARDSHIP TESTIMONY | Allie Turner

OFFERING INVITATION & DEDICATION OF 2025 PLEDGES | Allie

OFFERTORY | "Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart" | Atkinson | Jessie

LITANY OF DEPARTURE | Rev. Dr. Arlene K. Nehring See *Insert* for congregational responses



BLESSING | Pastor Marvin

CHORAL BENEDICTION | "The Lord Bless You and Keep You" | Peter Lutkin | Eden Church Choir and Friends

CLOSING SONG | "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" | Traditional Welsh Melody | 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

Rev. Ashley Wai'olu Moore, Designated Term Associate Minister

Dr. Jessie Wenchieh Lo, Pianist

Ken Rawdon, Music Director
Eden Church Choir and Friends
Allie Turner, Testimony
Margret Felix, Henry Wang, and Yuliana Wisser-León, Liturgists
Dawn Coburn, AV Technician

ABOUT TODAY'S SERVICE

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FLOWER DEDICATION

The flowers on the communion table were given by Pastor Brenda, in celebration of Pentecost and the Wisser-León family. 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

Celebrate With Us: Today is full of celebrations! During worship, we're celebrating Pentecost (the birthday of the church), marking the beginning of Pastor Marvin's sabbatical, and dedicating our pledges for the 2024-25 fiscal year. After worship, we'll have a reception for the Wisser-León family as we bid them farewell and happy adventures until they return in September. Finally, we'll also be celebrating the birthday of Dr. James Fryer, who will be 96 on May 21. There will be LOTS OF CAKE in Oliver Hall after worship today!

Stewardship Campaign: Our annual stewardship campaign, "Imagine Together," concludes today as we offer our pledges for the coming fiscal year. Last week, we heard a riveting testimony from Melissa Josue about the importance of community in addressing our mental health struggles. Through the generous financial gifts of Eden's members and friends, we are able to support the people's access to mental health wellness in our community. Get ready to hear more testimony today about how our gifts help bring about God's dream of a just and generous world for all. We hope these testimonies inspire you to generosity as you consider your pledge for the financial well-being of the church in the coming fiscal year.

Our annual pledge letter and pledge form is included in the bulletin today and is linked in this week's e-Chimes newsletter. Please prayerfully consider your pledge for the coming year and fill out the pledge form now if you haven't already done so. **Today, we celebrate our commitments to the church by dedicating our pledge forms and enjoying lunch together after worship.** Reach out to [Pastor Brenda](#) with any questions, or connect with [Associate Treasurer Jan Bass](#) with questions about your current pledge.

Bravo Sunday is coming! Help us recognize our 2024 high school and college graduates as well as honor and thank Eden's Church School teachers, choir members, and musicians, by giving them a round of applause on **Sun, Jun 2**, after worship. In addition, we will be recognizing the **2024 Eden Area Foundation Scholarship Program** recipients—all 22 of them! Thanks to the Eden Area Foundation and many Church members and Eden Area residents, twenty-two Eden Area students will be receiving a \$2,000 scholarship to help pay for tuition, books, computers, and/or housing. Come meet the students and their families at our annual Bravo! Sunday celebration.

If you or a member of your family is completing a program of study, please let [Pastor Brenda](#) or [Pastor Arlene](#) know so that we can include you in our celebration.

Pride Prom: Join Pastor Ashley and Pastor Arlene & Stephanie on the red carpet at Chabot College on **Sat, Jun 15, beginning at 4 pm**, as we welcome Pride Prom attendees and share the Good News of God's love for all. Come when you can. Leave if you must. Join old friends. Make some new ones. Contact [Pastor Arlene](#) or [Pastor Ashley](#) for more information.

Castro Valley Pride: Save the Date! CV Pride will be held **Saturday, Jul 20, 12 noon to 5 pm**, in the east-side parking lot at CVHS. Join Pastor Arlene & Stephanie in meeting and greeting the public and inviting our friends and neighbors to join in celebrating our **29th ONA Anniversary on Sun, July 21** during morning worship, and at the after party, which will follow in Oliver Hall. Please contact [Pastor Arlene](#) or Stephanie Spencer to let us know when you would like to join us in staffing Eden's booth. Some help with set up and tear down would be a blessing too.

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.

Seekers Book Club: The Seekers meet on Zoom every **Wednesday** at 10:00 am. Find us in [Groups](#) in Church Center, or contact [Pastor Brenda](#) for more information.

Texts & Contexts Bible Study: English Bible Study will be taking a hiatus until the Fall. Spanish language Bible Study, however, will be reading the book of James and meeting in person in Fireside on the **2nd and 4th Thursdays of June - August**, 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm. Childcare will be provided. For more info, contact one of the Pastors.

Coffee & Comida: Eden Church members and friends, especially previous volunteers with Comida, are invited to Oliver Hall **every third Friday from 10:30 am to 11:30 am** for **coffee and fellowship** as we kickstart new **Comida volunteer opportunities**, starting with our resource fliers. **Note that this month's meeting will be on Friday, May 31.** Stay tuned for more Comida volunteer announcements to come as we prepare for summer snacks and crafts! Contact [Julian Orea](#) for more information.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, May 19—Pledge Dedication Sunday

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

Monday, May 20

9:00 — 5:00 Church Office Hours

Tuesday, May 21

9:00 — 5:00 Church Office Hours
9:30 — 10:45 am Eden Crafters | Online

Wednesday, May 22

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

Thursday, May 23

9:00 — 5:00 Church Office Hours

Friday, May 24

9:00 — 5:00 Church Office Hours

Sunday, May 26

9:00am — 10:00am Choir Rehearsal
10:00 — 11:00 am Worship | Sanctuary & Online
10:00 — 11:00 am Church School | Pilgrim Hall
11:00 — 12 noon Fellowship | Oliver Hall

COMING ATTRACTIONS

May 22 Comida para Cherryland
Jun 2 Bravo! Sunday Worship, Holy Communion
Jun 15 PRIDE Prom
Jul 7 Sunday Worship, Holy Communion, Pie Day at Coffee Hour
Jul 20 Castro Valley Pride
Jul 21 Sunday Worship, Church School, Eden's ONA Anniversary

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

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