

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST/BRAVO! SUNDAY



WELCOME | BIENVENIDOS
JUN 2, 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 AFTER PENTECOST | [ONLINE WORSHIP LINK](#)

OPENING MUSIC | “Here I Am, Lord” | Dan Schutte | Dr. Jessie Wenchieh Lo

WELCOME | Rev. Ashley Wai'olu Moore

CALL TO WORSHIP | Pastor Ashley

L: God called Moses through a burning bush saying:
“Lead my people to freedom.”

R: Moses went to Pharaoh and said, “Let my people go.”

L: God called Samuel in a dream saying:
“Whom shall I send? Who will go for us?”

R: Samuel said, “Here am I! Send me.”

L: Mary was visited by the angel Gabriel who said:
“You will conceive and bear a son, Emmanuel.”

R: Mary replied, “Let it be according to your word.”

L: Jesus called Simon and Andrew, and James and John saying:
“Follow me, and I will make you fishers for people.”

R: Immediately they got out of their boats and followed him.

L: On the Day of Pentecost, the disciples were gathered together in Jerusalem where they received the Holy Spirit.

R: And they were equipped to share the gospel in every tongue with every nation.

L: By God’s grace, we are recipients of this legacy.

R: By our own volition, we receive this gift and pass it on.

UNISON PRAYER | Pastor Ashley

O Divine Word, like your prophet Samuel, you call us in the dark of night and invite us to be heralds of a bright new day, yet we often doubt our credentials and capacity to fulfill the vocations to which you have called us. So we pray for a deeper sense of your presence and power in our lives that would embolden our faith and equip us with every good gift needed to fulfill our callings. Amen.

OPENING HYMN | “Be Now My Vision” | NCH No. 451 | v. 1-4

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

BIBLE READING | [1 Samuel 3:1-20](#) | [Español](#) | Aisha Knowles

SERMON | “Embrace Your Calling” | Rev. Dr. Arlene K. Nehring

SERMON HYMN | “Here I Am, Lord” | (insert) *Chalice Hymnal* No. 452 | v. 1-3

OFFERING INVITATION & PRAYER | Aisha

OFFERTORY | “Simple Gifts” | Traditional Shaker Melody/Arr. Mark Hayes | Jessie



[SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION](#) | Pastors & Deacons

INVITATION

PRAYER OF BLESSING

WORDS OF REMEMBRANCE

DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

COMMUNION MUSIC | “Take My Life, God Let It Be” *NCH* No. 448 | Ken Rawdon

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING | Pastor Ashley

LORD'S PRAYER | *Unison* | Pastor Ashley

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.

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE | “Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying”

Lord, listen to your children praying,
Lord, send your spirit in this place;
Lord, listen to your children praying.
send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace. (repeat)

BLESSING | Pastor Arlene

CLOSING SONG | “Doxology” | Traditional | Jessie

*The nursery will close at the end of worship.
Parents, please collect your children and rejoin us in the Sanctuary
for our Bravo! celebration, which will commence shortly.*

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

*Rev. Dr. Arlene K. Nehring, Senior Minister
Rev. Dr. Marvin Lance Wiser, Associate Minister (on Sabbatical)
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
Aisha Knowles, Liturgist
Pastor Ashley & Jessie Shimmin, Greeters
John Honerkamp, Trustee on Duty
Stephanie Spencer & Mike Foster, Deacons*

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

Stewardship Campaign: *The Stewardship Committee and leaders of Eden Church offer their deep gratitude to all who participated in our "Imagine Together" annual Stewardship Campaign.*

*As of press time, we have received 19 pledges out of the 34 expected, for a total of \$136,360. This reflects **78%** of last year's total pledge amount. If you have not yet turned in your pledge, please hand your pledge form to one of the pastors or Associate Treasurer Jan Bass, so we can complete our budgeting process in time for the Annual Meeting. Pledge forms are laying on the office counter and the niche counter in the lobby. Reach out to [Pastor Brenda](#) with any questions, or connect with [Associate Treasurer Jan Bass](#) with questions about your current pledge.*

Today is “Bravo! Sunday”: *Eden Church is pleased to recognize our 2024 high school and college graduates as well as honor and thank Eden’s Church School teachers and musicians. In addition, we are recognizing the **2024 Eden Area Scholarship** recipients—all 22 of them! Thanks to the Eden Area Foundation and many Eden Church members and friends, twenty-two Eden Area students will be receiving a \$2,000 scholarship to help pay for tuition, books, computers, and/or housing. Awardees will be introduced immediately following worship today. Come to Oliver Hall after the recognition for our annual Bravo! Sunday celebration and an opportunity to meet and greet the students and their families.*

Save the Date for Eden's Annual Meeting: On **Sun, Jun 23**, immediately following worship in the sanctuary, Eden Church will hold its 159th Annual Congregational Meeting. The meeting will be hybrid, held in person in the sanctuary, and virtually on Zoom. Remote attendees will need to register in advance. In addition to the annual tasks of electing officers and leaders and approving a budget for the coming program year, the church will also be voting on significant bylaws changes to help us live gracefully and efficiently in the new era we find ourselves in as an organization.

Information Sessions: Plan to attend one of the following information sessions this month to learn more about the agenda items for the Annual Meeting. All sessions will be held in the Fireside Room following worship. **Jun 9 - Bylaws Changes:** Join Pastor Arlene to learn about the significant changes that are being made to the church's bylaws, the reasons for the changes, and the process the church will use to create new bylaws for a new era. **Jun 16 - Budget:** Join Pastor Arlene to take a closer look at the proposed budget for the coming 2024-25 fiscal year.

Reception of New Members: We will receive new members on **Sun, Jun 23**. If you are interested in joining the Church or in just learning more about membership, please contact one of the pastors.

ChYLI Registration: The Cherryland Youth Leadership Institute (ChYLI) is back this summer, beginning **Jul 10 and running through Aug 14**. The focus of this year's program will be Economic and Financial Empowerment. There will be a program informational session on **Thu, Jun 20, from 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm** in the Fireside Room. The ChYLI program is open to students who live in Cherryland and are 14-18 years old (entering 9th-12th graders). Interested students may find more information on the ChYLI website (<https://www.edenucc.com/chyli>) and apply online.

Homelessness Town Hall: **Sat, Jun 8**, the Castro Valley Women's Club and the Eden Area League of Women Voters will host a Town Hall Meeting on the topic of homelessness in the Eden Area. Join in conversation with local experts on this important issue in our community. The meeting will be held at the Castro Valley Women's Club, 18330 Redwood Rd, Castro Valley, 11 am to 12:30 pm.

Free Family Health Fair: The Unincorporated Community Resilience and Vaccine Coalition (RCD, La Familia, Regional Pacific Islander Taskforce, UMOJA, Eden Church, and MEV) are hosting a Family Health Fair, **Sat, Jun 8, 10 am to 2 pm** at Eden Church (21455 Birch St, Hayward, CA 94541). Access important health screenings free of charge and participate in fun family-friendly activities.

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. 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**. Stay tuned for more Comida volunteer announcements as we prepare for summer snacks and crafts! Contact [Julian Orea](#) for more information.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, June 2

10:00 — 11:00 am Worship & Holy Communion | Sanctuary & Online
11:00 — 11:30 am Bravo! Celebration | Sanctuary & Online
11:00 — 12 noon Bravo! Reception | Oliver Hall

Monday, June 3

9:00 — 5:00 Church Office Hours

Tuesday, June 4

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

Wednesday, June 5

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

Thursday, June 6

9:00 — 5:00 ***NCNC UCC Annual Gathering, Fresno***
Church Office Hours

Friday, June 7

9:00 — 5:00 ***NCNC UCC Annual Gathering, Fresno***
Church Office Hours

Saturday, June 8

10:00 — 2:00 ***NCNC UCC Annual Gathering, Fresno***
Free Family Health Fair | Eden Church Parking Lots

Sunday, June 9

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

Jun 2	Bravo! Sunday Worship, Holy Communion	Jun 23	EUCC 159th Annual Meeting
Jun 9	Family Health Fair	Jun 30	Last Day of EUCC's Fiscal Year 2024
Jun 12	Comida para Cherryland		
Jun 15	Pride PROM		
Jul 1	First Day of EUCC's Fiscal Year 2025	Jul 11	Estudio Bíblico
Jul 4	Independence Day — Campus Closed	Jul 14	Sunday Worship & Fellowship Singers of the Street, guest choir
Jul 7	Sunday Worship Pie Sunday	Jul 17	EAF Board of Directors meeting
Jul 10	Comida para Cherryland	Jul 20	Castro Valley Pride
	Cherryland Youth Leadership Institute (ChYLI) begins	Jul 21	Sunday Worship & Fellowship EUCC 29th ONA Anniversary
		Jul 24	Comida para Cherryland

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.



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

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Rev. Dr. Arlene K. Nehring |
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