

## **FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**



**WELCOME | BIENVENIDOS**  
**JUN 9, 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.

# 4th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST | [ONLINE WORSHIP LINK](#)

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**OPENING MUSIC | “All Creatures of Our God and King” | *Geistliche Kirchengesang* | Dr. Jessie Wenchieh Lo**

**WELCOME | Rev. Ashley Wai’olu Moore**

**CALL TO WORSHIP | Pastor Ashley**

**OPENING HYMN | "Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us" | *NCH* No. 252 | v. 1-3**

**BIBLE READING<sup>1</sup> | [1 Sam. 18: selected verses](#) | [Español](#) | Sanrda Nachand**

**SPECIAL MUSIC | “Once to Every Man and Nation” | Thomas Williams/Arr. Keveren, Inspired by Beethoven’s Symphony No. 7 | Jessie**

**SERMON | “How to Avert a Leadership Crisis” | Rev. Dr. Arlene K. Nehring**

**SERMON HYMN | If You But Trust in God to Guide You | *NCH* No. 410 | 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 | “Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying” | Insert**

**OFFERING INVITATION & PRAYER | Sandra**

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<sup>1</sup> Pew Bible p. 229 | Ver página de inserción para traducción al español

**OFFERTORY | “Sabor a Mi” | Eydie Gorme | José Avalos, Soloist | Ken Rawdon, accompanist**

**PRESENTATION & BLESSING | Pastor Arlene**

**CLOSING SONG | “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah” | John Hughes | Jessie**

**GO IN PEACE**

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**TODAY’S WORSHIP LEADERS**

*Rev. Dr. Arlene K. Nehring, Senior Minister*

*Rev. Dr. Marvin Lance Wiser, Associate Minister (on sabbatical; the red stole on the table is a reminder that Pastor Marvin is away, but will return)*

*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*

*Sandra Nachand, Liturgist*

*Pastor Ashley, Greeter*

*Julie Booher, Trustee on Duty*

*Dawn Coburn, AV Technician*

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**FLOWER DEDICATION**

*The flowers on the table this morning are given by Mike Foster, in commemoration of Pastor Brenda’s ordination anniversary. 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**

**“What could be more exciting than this?”** asks Pastor Arlene. If you said, “A discussion of the proposed church bylaws changes,” Trustee Booher will present you with a chicken dinner! Join Pastor Arlene and members of the Church Council & Board of Trustees in the **Fireside Room after worship today** to learn about the significant changes that are being proposed to the church's bylaws, the reasons for these proposed changes, and the process the church is using to create new bylaws for a new era.

**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 **21** pledges out of the **34** expected, for a total of **\$145,960**. This reflects **83%** of last year's total pledge amount, which is a current difference of about **\$30,000**. If you have not yet turned in your pledge, please hand your pledge form, check, or envelope to one of the pastors today, 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 one of the pastors or call or send email to [Associate Treasurer Jan Bass](#) this week, if you would like to discuss or turn in your pledge. Jan will be back in worship next Sunday and for the remainder of the month.

**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 and obtain the private digital meeting link. 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 whether to adopt significant bylaws changes that have been proposed by the Church Council and Board of Trustees to help us live gracefully and efficiently in the new era we find ourselves in as an organization.

**Pride Prom:** Join Pastor Ashley and Pastor Arlene & Stephanie on the red carpet at Chabot College, **Sat, Jun 15, beginning at 7 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.

**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.

**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 9**

10:00 — 11:00 am      Worship | Sanctuary & Online  
10:00 — 11:00 am      Church School | Creation Hall  
11:00 — 12 noon        Fellowship | Oliver Hall

#### **Monday, June 10**

9:00 — 5:00              Church Office Hours

#### **Tuesday, June 11**

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

#### **Wednesday, June 12**

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

#### **Thursday, June 13**

9:00 — 5:00              Church Office Hours

#### **Friday, June 14**

9:00 — 5:00              Church Office Hours

#### **Sunday, June 16**

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 12	Comida para Cherryland
Jun 15	Pride PROM
Jun 23	EUCC 159th Annual Meeting
Jun 30	Last Day of EUCC's Fiscal Year 2024
Jul 1	First Day of EUCC's Fiscal Year 2025
Jul 4	Independence Day — Campus Closed
Jul 7	Sunday Worship   Pie Sunday
Jul 10	Comida para Cherryland Cherryland Youth Leadership Institute (ChYLI) begins
Jul 11	Estudio Bíblico
Jul 14	Sunday Worship & Fellowship   Singers of the Street, guest choir
Jul 17	EAF Board of Directors meeting

# 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 |  
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## OFFICE HOURS

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