

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



WELCOME | BIENVENIDOS
JUN 16, 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.

5th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST | [ONLINE WORSHIP LINK](#)

OPENING MUSIC | “Great Is Thy Faithfulness” | Runyan | Dr. Jessie Wenchieh Lo

WELCOME | Rev. Dr. Arlene K. Nehring

CALL TO WORSHIP | Pastor Arlene

One: All around us, God is looking for folks who will join in serving others.

All: It is as if God is planting seeds of compassion in us, watching for them to bloom in our lives.

One: In our midst, Jesus is walking among us, tending our hearts, watering us with grace.

All: It is as if Jesus is trusting that our souls will grow big enough to welcome everyone.

One: From morning to evening, the Spirit is at work, gently tending this garden called life.

All: It is as if the Spirit has found the perfect spots to bring forth crops of justice and peace.¹

UNISON PRAYER

We turn to you, God of all worlds, knowing we can depend on you when earthly rulers stumble and fall, when other relationships are strained and broken, and when we are faced with difficult challenges. It is good to sing your praises. It is good to declare your faithfulness. It is good to give thanks, for when we do, we are reminded of the multitude of blessings we so often take for granted. Lead us in this time of worship. Amen.²

OPENING HYMN | “God Our Author and Creator” | NCH No. 530 | v. 1-3

BIBLE READING | [1 Samuel 28:3-25](#) | [Español](#)³ | Allie Turner

SERMON | “Leadership from the Margins” | Rev. Brenda Loreman

SERMON HYMN | “God Speak to Me, That I May Speak” | NCH No. 531 | v. 1-4

¹ Adapted with permission from Thom Shuman, <https://lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.com/>

² Adapted with permission from Lavon Baylor, *Led By Love* (Cleveland: United Church Press, 1996), 112.

³ Pew Bible p. 237 | Ver página de inserción para traducción al español

JOYS & CONCERNS | PASTORAL PRAYER | Rev. 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 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)



OFFERING INVITATION & PRAYER | Allie

OFFERTORY | “God Leads Us Along” | Young/Arr. Keveren | Jessie

BLESSING | Pastor Brenda

CLOSING SONG | “All Hail The Power of Jesus’s Name” | Holden | Jessie

GO IN PEACE

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

Allie Turner, Liturgist

Pastor Ashley, Greeter

Bob Turner, Trustee on Duty

Dawn Coburn, AV Technician

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

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.

We need a quorum of members present in order to approve these important guiding documents. All church members are prayerfully urged to attend. Everyone's welcome to attend the Annual Meeting, but to participate in the voting process, one must become a member. **We will be receiving new members during worship on Jun 23.** See one of the pastors if you're interested in joining.

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 **26** pledges out of the **34** expected, for a total of **\$164,760**. This reflects **94%** of last year's total pledge amount, which is a current difference of about **\$11,000**. 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.

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.

Celebrate Juneteenth: Juneteenth, the oldest nationally celebrated commemoration of the end of slavery in the United States, is being observed in Hayward with a downtown

event, flag raisings, and exhibits and programs at Hayward Public Library throughout the month of June. Read more about the history of Juneteenth and all about how to participate in these events by heading over to the Hayward City website: hayward-ca.gov/discover/news.

Don't Miss FamFest 2024: This lively event, from **10 am - 6 pm on Sat, June 22**, is a celebration of all things summer, filled with music, food, and fun for everyone. Held outdoors in Ashland at **E. 14th St. & 163rd Ave.**, visitors can stroll through the vibrant booths, where local artisans showcase their talents with unique crafts, indulge in a delicious feast from an array of food stalls, and sip on a cold beverage to keep cool. Best of all, admission is free. With activities for kids and adults alike, FamFest promises to be the highlight of your summer!

Scam Stopper Workshop: Did you know that older adults are swindled out of more than \$3 billion each year? It's a major problem affecting thousands of people statewide and can lead to serious financial harm. Assembly Member Liz Ortega is sponsoring a **FREE Senior Scam Stopper Seminar Sat, Jun 22, 1 - 3 pm at the Hayward Public Library Main Branch, Fremont Bank Foundation Room**. At this event, expert speakers from state agencies will offer helpful tips on how you can protect yourself or your loved ones from the latest scams.

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 are taking a summer break, but will return August 7 to read and discuss the book Lessons in Chemistry by Bonnie Garmus. The group meets 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**. This month's opportunity is **Fri, Jun 21**. 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 16

10:00 — 11:00 am

Worship | Sanctuary & Online

10:00 — 11:00 am

Church School | Creation Hall (upstairs)

11:00 — 12 noon

Fellowship | Oliver Hall

Monday, June 17

9:00 — 5:00

Church Office Hours

Tuesday, June 18

9:00 — 5:00

Church Office Hours

9:30 — 10:45 am

Eden Crafters | Online

Wednesday, June 19

9:00 — 5:00

Church Office Hours

Thursday, June 20

9:00 — 5:00

Church Office Hours

6:60 — 7:30 pm

ChYLI Information Meeting | Fireside Room

Friday, June 21

9:00 — 5:00

Church Office Hours

Sunday, June 23

10:00 — 11:00 am

Worship | Sanctuary & Online

10:00 — 11:00 am

Church School | Creation Hall (upstairs)

11:00 — 12:00 noon

159th Annual Meeting | Sanctuary & Online

12:00 — 1:00 pm

Fellowship | Oliver Hall

COMING ATTRACTIONS

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) <i>begins</i>
Jul 11	Estudio Bíblico
Jul 14	Sunday Worship & Fellowship Singers of the Street, guest choir
Jul 17	EAF Board of Directors meeting
Jul 20	Castro Valley Pride
Jul 21	EUCC 29th ONA Anniversary
Jul 24	Comida para Cherryland
Jul 25	Estudio Bíblico
Jul 28	Sunday Worship & Fellowship Mahea Uchiyama & Ka Ua Tuahine, guest performers
Aug 4	Sunday Worship & Sacrament of Holy Communion
Aug 14	Comida Backpack Giveaway
Aug 15	Estudio bíblico
Aug 15	ChYLI Final Session
Aug 28	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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