

## SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



**WELCOME | BIENVENIDOS**  
**JUN 23, 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.

## 6th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST | [ONLINE WORSHIP LINK](#)

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**OPENING MUSIC | “To God Be The Glory” | William Doane | Dr. Jessie Wenchieh Lo**

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

**CALL TO WORSHIP | Pastor Ashley**

One: Gather in awe before God; open your hearts to the steadfast love God offers.

**All: God does not forsake us when we are dismayed and afraid.**

One: God is a stronghold for the oppressed and troubled.

**All: The needy and poor are not forgotten.**

One: Our Creator is with us in all times and places.

**All: How good it is to worship together!**

**UNISON PRAYER**

We sing praises to you, O God, for you have been gracious to us amid the storms of life. You have given us confidence to face all our struggles. We have gathered to listen for the voice we sometimes cannot hear in the daily clamor of our lives. Help us to discard the excess baggage and unnecessary armor that keeps us from the fullness of life you intend for us. Amen.<sup>1</sup>

**OPENING HYMN | "Enter, Rejoice, and Come In" | NCH No. 73 | v. 1-5**

**BIBLE READING | [1 Sam. 17:57- 18:5, 18:10-16](#) | [Español](#) | Athena Guy Malloy**

**SERMON | “Revisiting the Covenant” | Rev. Dr. Arlene K. Nehring**

**SERMON HYMN | “What a Covenant” | NCH No. 471 | v. 1-3**

**[RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS](#) | Pastor Arlene & Athena**

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<sup>1</sup> Adapted with permission from Lavon Baylor, *Led By Love* (Cleveland: United Church Press, 1996), 114.

## 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.

## 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 | Athena

### OFFERTORY | "More Precious Than Silver" | DeShazo | Jessie

### BLESSING | Pastor Arlene

### CLOSING SONG | "Build Your Kingdom Here" | Rend Collective/Arr. Keveren | Jessie

### GO IN PEACE

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#### ABOUT TODAY'S SERVICE

We are pleased to welcome [Christopher Alexander](#) back to Eden. Christopher is covering three of the five Sundays this summer, when our wonderful music director, Ken Rawdon, is on tour. Christopher is a very accomplished pianist, composer, and educator who hails from the Midwest and now resides and performs frequently in the Bay Area

## **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*

*Ken Rawdon, Music Director*

*Dr. Jessie Wenchieh Lo, Pianist*

*Athena Guy Malloy, Liturgist & E-Team Chair*

*Susie Newman, Greeter*

*Russ Newman, Trustee on Duty*

*Dawn Coburn, AV Technician*

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## **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: TODAY**, 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 who registered in advance were sent a private digital meeting link. Regrettably, we don't have the capacity to manage last minute registrations. Meeting agenda items include the election of lay leaders, approving a budget for the coming fiscal year, and action on proposed updated bylaws.

*Visitors are welcome. Members are eligible to vote. A quorum of members present is required for the meeting to take place.*

**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.*

**It's Almost Time for PIE!:** July 4th is fast approaching, which means it's almost time for Pie Sunday. Celebrate our Interdependence and bring your favorite pie for fellowship time on Sunday, July 7. Check in with [Pat Payne](#) 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. 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.

**Annual Backpack Drive:** School just got out, and summer activities are in full swing... but back-to-school time will be here so much sooner than we think it should. For the 11th year, Barbara Heimowitz of Congregation Shir Ami is organizing the collection of backpacks and supplies that will be distributed at Comida para Cherryland on **Wed, Aug 14**. For more information, to see what items are needed, and to make a commitment to provide backpacks and supplies, check out the list at this link: [bit.ly/bckpck2024](http://bit.ly/bckpck2024). Supplies will be gathered at Eden Church and must be received by **Aug 7**.

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

## JOYS

**Congratulations to Emma Graw** and the entire Graw family. Emma graduated with honors from Castro Valley High School on May 31, and will matriculate at the University of California this fall, where she will be majoring in Classical Studies.

Congratulations to all who were recognized Jun 2 during **Bravo! Sunday**.

**Nadiezhdha Pereira** is recovering from a recent successful surgery.

Congratulations to **Rozetta Walth** who has accepted new employment and to **Izzy Walth** who will be enrolling as a junior at UC Santa Cruz this fall.

**Carlos Uribe, Jr.** a ChYLI alum, graduated Cal State-East Bay with a BS in Business Administration, and continues to “give back” to our community, through his service in Eden’s NNC Empowerment Program, and as a featured “guest speaker” in the ChYLI program this summer.

## PRAYER CONCERNS

For the family of **Carlos Abad**, especially his wife **Angelica Leon**, and their young adult children. Carlos died Sun, May 26. Funeral services were held recently.

For **Michelle Borba** and her family as they grieve the loss of her father, Dr. Donald Godbold, who died on May 25, 2024.

For the family of **Lorenzo Canlas**, especially Lorenzo’s father, Lysander “Sandy” Canlas, who has moved cross-country to Pleasanton, CA where he is receiving hospice care.

For the **DerMinasian Day family**, especially **Vai** who has been hospitalized several times in recent months.

For **Kay**, Margret Felix’s stepdaughter, who is on a healing journey from cancer.

For **Rob Parrish & Launey Rivers, and their loved ones**. Rob is hovering at heaven’s door. Cards and notes are especially encouraged at this time. Please reach out to Pastor Ashley at the Church Office if you need contact information for Rob & Launey.

For **Debbie Williams**, who is recovering from orthopedic and cardiac issues, and who is grieving the recent death of a family member. Cards and phone calls are especially welcome at this time.

## THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

### 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

### Monday, June 24

9:00 — 5:00            Church Office Hours

### Tuesday, June 25

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

### Wednesday, June 26

9:00 — 5:00            Church Office Hours  
1:00 — 3:00 pm        Comida para Cherryland

### Thursday, June 27

9:00 — 5:00            Church Office Hours

### Friday, June 28

9:00 — 5:00            Church Office Hours

### Sunday, June 30

10:00 — 11:00 am      Worship | Sanctuary & Online  
10:00 — 11:00 am      Church School | Creation Hall (upstairs)  
12:00 — 1:00 pm      Fellowship | Oliver Hall

## COMING ATTRACTIONS

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

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

# 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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Jan Bass | Associate Treasurer  
Kim Shuss | Clerk pro tem

## OFFICE HOURS

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