

## SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



**WELCOME | BIENVENIDOS**  
**JUN 30, 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 | “How Firm A Foundation ” | Early American Melody/Arr.  
by Phillip Keveren | Dr. Jessie Wenchieh Lo**

**WELCOME | Rev. Dr. Arlene K. Nehring**

**RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP | Pastor Arlene & All**

I will extol you, O God, for you have drawn me up,  
you have not let my foes rejoice over me.  
**O Lord, my God, I cried to you for help, and you healed me.**

You brought up my soul from Sheol,  
restored me to life from among those who had gone down to the Pit.  
**Sing praises to God, O you faithful ones,  
and give thanks to God’s holy name.**

For God’s anger is but for a moment;  
God’s favor is for a lifetime.  
**Weeping may linger for the night,  
but joy comes with the morning.**

**OPENING PRAYER | Pastor Arlene**

**HYMN | "Blessed Assurance" | NCH No. 473 | v. 1-3**

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

**BIBLE READING | [Mark 5:21-43](#) | [Español](#) | Dave Wallace**

**SERMON | “Two Spirit Disciple” | Rev. [Ashley Wai’olu Moore](#)**

**SERMON HYMN | “Amazing Grace” | NCH No. 547 | v.1-4**

**JOYS & CONCERNS | Pastor Arlene**

**PSALM 139: 1-16, 23 - 24 | Pastor Ashley**

**PASTORAL PRAYER | Pastor Arlene**

**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.

**OFFERING INVITATION & PRAYER | Dave**

**OFFERTORY | “My Faith Looks Up To Thee” | Lowell Mason | Jessie**

**BLESSING | Pastor Ashley**

**BLESSING SONG | “In Christ There Is No East or West” |  
NCH No. 395 | v.1-4**



**CLOSING SONG | “O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go” | Albert  
Lister Peace/Arr. Phillip Keveren | 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)*

*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*

*Dave Wallace, Liturgist*

*Jessie Shimmin, Greeter*

*John Honerkamp, 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.*

## ANNOUNCEMENT

**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 **33** pledges out of the **34** expected, for a total of **\$182,120**. This reflects a **4% increase** over last year's total pledge amount. 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, **Jul 10–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 **Sat, 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, Jul 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 9:30am every **Tues, except Jun 24 –Jul 7**. Check us out in [Groups](#) on Church Center or contact [Pastor Brenda](#) for more information.

**Seekers Book Club:** *The Seekers are on a summer break, and will resume meeting August 7 with reading and discussion of the book Lessons in Chemistry by Bonnie Garmus. The group meets on Zoom every **Wed** 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**, 6pm - 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

*Eden Church received **8 new members** into the congregation last Sunday, including the following: **Laura Andrade & Salvador Rodriguez; Andrea, Concepcion, Javier, and Julian Orea; Gaudalupe Valedéz, and Kimberly Victorio**. All eight are long-time friends of the church and die-hard volunteers in the church, public school, and Cherryland community, associated with Padres Unidos de Cherryland, and the ChYLI programs.*

***Juan Orea** began serving as Eden's 2024 Compañeras Summer Intern, on June 16. The focus of Juan's learning experience will involve a dive into the world of non-profit philanthropy and a 101 in faith-based non-profit leadership, by assisting Pastor Arlene and church & foundation leaders in developing a fundraising strategy to ensure the long-term sustainability of the ChYLI & Eden Area Scholar programs.*

***Selena Perez and Cleofas Romero** were married on the Embarcadero in Oakland on Jun 21. Selena is a former member of the Eden staff. She and her family have contributed numerous volunteer hours to our church and community.*

***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 2024 ChYLI program.*

## **PRAYER CONCERNS**

**Michelle Borba** and her family are grieving the loss of her father, Dr. Donald Godbold, who died on May 25, 2024.

**Lysander “Sandy” Canlas** is receiving hospice care, in his new Livermore home.

**Vai DerMinasian Day** has been hospitalized several times in recent months.

**Kay**, Margret Felix’s stepdaughter, continues on her healing journey from cancer.

**Nadiezhdá Pereira** is recovering from a recent surgery and awaiting test results.

Our beloved **Rob Parrish** made his transition on Thursday, Jun 20. We especially pray for his husband, Launey Rivers, their children and grandchildren, and all who have been touched by Rob’s life and ministry. A memorial service at which Pastor Arlene will officiate will be planned and held in Florida during the winter break.

**Debbie Williams** has experienced yet another setback and for of her loved ones. Cards and phone calls are especially welcome at this time.

## **THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE**

### **Sun, Jun 30**

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

### **Mon, Jul 1**

9:00 — 5:00              Church Office Hours

### **Tue, Jul 2**

9:00 — 5:00              Church Office Hours

### **Weds, Jul 3**

9:00 — 5:00              Church Office Hours

### **Thurs, Jul 4th**

**Campus Closed for Independence Day**

### **Fri, Jul 5**

9:00 — 5:00              Church Office Hours

### **Sun, July 7**

10:00 — 11:00 am      Worship | Sanctuary & Online  
12:00 — 1:00 pm        Fellowship | Oliver Hall

## COMING ATTRACTIONS

- 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 performer
- Aug 04 Sunday Worship & Sacrament of Holy Communion  
Aug 14 Comida Backpack Giveaway  
Aug 14 ChYLI Final Session  
Aug 15 Estudio bíblico  
Aug 28 Comida para Cherryland  
Aug 29 Estudio bíblico
- Sep 01 Sunday Worship & Sacrament of Holy Communion  
Sep 02 Labor Day—Campus Closed  
Sep 08 Sunday Worship & Sacrament of Baptism  
Pastor Marvin returns from sabbatical  
Sep 11 Comida para Cherryland  
Sep 12 Estudio bíblico (returns to weekly schedule)  
Sep 15 Mexican Independence Day &  
Clergy Renewal Reception for Pastor Marvin
- Sep 16-27 Hold for Staff & Lead Volunteers First-Aid & CPR**  
Sep 19 Estudio bíblico  
Sep 25 Comida para Cherryland  
Sep 26 Estudio bíblico & English Bible Study (proposed restart)  
Sep 29 "Let It Shine! Celebration

# 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

Kim Shuss | Moderator  
Jana Aloo | Vice Moderator  
Jan Bass | Treasurer  
Bob Turner | Associate Treasurer  
Melissa Josue | Clerk

## OFFICE HOURS

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