

EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



WELCOME | BIENVENIDOS

JUL 14, 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.

8th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST | [ONLINE WORSHIP LINK](#)

**OPENING MUSIC | “Oh What A Beautiful Mornin’” | Rodgers & Hammerstein
| Singers of the Street**

WELCOME | Rev. Brenda Loreman

CALL TO WORSHIP | Inspired by Ephesians 1:3-14 | Pastor Brenda

ONE: Blessed be the God and Creator of our Lord Jesus Christ, who chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world.

ALL: God destined us for adoption as God’s children through Jesus Christ.

ONE: Through Christ we are forgiven and free, showered with God’s abundant grace.

ALL: And through Christ God has made known to us the mystery of the Divine will.

ONE: Glory and praise be to God!

ALL: Let us worship together with joy and thanksgiving!

OPENING PRAYER | Pastor Brenda

OPENING HYMN | “Blessed Assurance” | NCH No. 473 | v. 1-3

BIBLE READING | [Amos 7:7-15](#) | [Español](#) | Jan Bass

SERMON | “Plumblines & Pisas” | Pastor Arlene

SERMON HYMN | “Lead with Love” | Melanie DeMoore | Singers of the Street

JOYS & CONCERNS | PASTORAL PRAYER | Pastor Brenda

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.

OFFERING INVITATION & PRAYER | Jan

**OFFERTORY | “Jesus, Give Us Your Peace” | Michael Mahler |
Pastor Ashley and Friends**



BLESSING | Pastor Arlene

**BLESSING SONG | “God Never Failed Me Yet” | Robert Ray | Pastor Ashley
and Friends**

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

Ken Rawdon, Music Director

Jan Bass, Liturgist

Deacon Team, Greeters

Dawn Coburn, AV Technician

ABOUT TODAY’S SERVICE

Today we welcome the Singers of the Street, a group of Bay Area singers, artists and musicians. The group is composed of the homeless, formerly homeless, and their advocates. Led by Pastor Ashley, they rehearse and have a free community meal each Wednesday at Saint Paulus Lutheran Church of San Francisco.

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

Castro Valley 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. 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. 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 **Tue**. 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 resume meeting **Wed, Aug 7, at 10 am on Zoom**, to begin discussing the book Lessons in Chemistry by Bonnie Garmus. Find us in [Groups](#) in Church Center, or contact [Pastor Brenda](#) for more information.

Texts & Contexts Bible Study: English Bible Study is taking a hiatus until the Fall. Spanish language Bible Study, however, is reading the book of James and meeting in the Fireside Room on the **2nd and 4th Thu**, 6 pm - 7:30 pm. Childcare is 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 Fri from 10:30 am to 11:30 am for coffee and fellowship**. This month the group meets on **Fri, Jul 19**. 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

Sun, Jul 14

10:00 — 11:00 am

Worship | Sanctuary & Online

11:00 — 12:00 noon

Fellowship | Oliver Hall

Mon, Jul 15

9:00 — 5:00

Church Office Hours

Tue, Jul 16

9:00 — 5:00

Church Office Hours

9:30 — 10:45 am

Eden Crafters | Online

Wed, Jul 17

9:00 — 5:00

Church Office Hours

1:00 — 3:30 pm

ChYLLs | Fireside Room

7:00 — 9:00 pm

EAF Board of Directors | Online

Thu, Jul 18

9:00 — 5:00

Church Office Hours

Fri, Jul 19

9:00 — 5:00

Church Office Hours

Sat, Jul 20

12 noon — 5:00 pm

Castro Valley Pride | Castro Valley HS

Sun, July 21

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

- Jul 17 EAF Board of Directors Mtg.
Jul 20 Castro Valley Pride
Jul 21 EUCC 29th ONA Anniversary
Jul 24 Comida para Cherryland
Jul 25 Estudio Bíblico
Jul 28 Sunday Worship
with Mahea Uchiyama & Ka Ua Tuahine, guest performers
- 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
Sep 11 Comida para Cherryland
Sep 12 Estudio bíblico (returns to weekly schedule)
Sep 13 Multicultural Night @ Cherryland School (added by Pastora 2.24.07.05)
Sep 15 Mexican Independence Day,
Clergy Renewal Reception for Pastor Marvin
- Sep 16-27 Hold for Staff & Lead Volunteers First-Aid & CPR Training
Sep 19 Estudio Bíblico
Sep 25 Comida para Cherryland
Sep 26 Estudio Bíblico & English Bible Study restarts (proposed)
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.



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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

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

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