



SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

WELCOME | BIENVENIDOS

SEP 8, 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.

16th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST | [ONLINE WORSHIP LINK](#)

OPENING SONG | “Draw Me Close” | Kelly Carpenter | Rev. Ashley Wai'olu Moore

WELCOME | Rev. Dr. Arlene K. Nehring

LITANY OF RETURN | Rev. Brenda Loreman

One: We welcome back Pastor Marvin as he returns from his clergy renewal journey of joy, cultivation, and restoration.

All: We celebrate your return and that you are renewed. We rejoice that your cup overflows with joy, and that your relationship with God has deepened.

Marvin: I give you thanks for this time of renewal I have had, and I rejoice in my return to this community of faithful people. As I step forward to return to my responsibilities as your pastor, I give thanks for the leadership that both fellow clergy and laity alike have provided during my leave.

All: Eternal, Ever-Renewing One, Your presence among us is welcomed and cherished. You have filled this community of faith with Your Spirit as it fulfills your calling. Continue to guide us. Give us wisdom and vision to find new ways of being and belonging in this world, to You, and to each other. We ask in the name of Christ, who connects us all in the Holy Spirit. Amen

OPENING SONG | “God Never Failed Me Yet” | Robert Ray | Pastor Ashley

[SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM](#) | Pastor Arlene & Deacons

BIBLE READING¹ | [Mk. 7:24-37](#) | [Español](#) | Allie Turner

SERMON | “Cultural Conversion” | Pastor Arlene

SERMON HYMN | “I Won’t Go Back” | William McDowell | Pastor Ashley

¹ Pew Bible p. 819 | Ver página de inserción para traducción al español

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 | “Santo, Santo, Santo” | NCH No. 793 | v. 1 in Spanish, v. 2 in English

OFFERING INVITATION & PRAYER | Allie

OFFERTORY | Chris Trinidad

BLESSING | Pastor Arlene



BLESSING SONG | “This Little Light” | NCH No. 524 | v. 1 This little light, v. 2 Everywhere I go, and v. 3 All through the night

GO IN PEACE

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Dr. Arlene K. Nehring, Senior Minister

Rev. Dr. Marvin Lance Wiser, Associate Minister

Rev. Brenda Loreman, Designated Term Associate Minister

Rev. Ashley Wai'olu Moore, Designated Term Associate Minister

Chris Trinidad, Guest Musician

David Belove, Guest Musician

Allie Turner, Liturgist

Deacons, Greeters

Dawn Coburn, AV Technician

ABOUT TODAY'S SERVICE

This month, we are celebrating the theme: “Remember & Reconnect.”

The many-colored hands on the pulpit and communion table echo the visual mark of the theme and were created by the children and their Church School teachers.

FLOWER DEDICATION

The succulent arrangement on the communion table was created by Suzie Hasselkuss. 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

Remember & Reconnect: *As we move through the month of September, we enter into the fall season at Eden UCC with many exciting opportunities to reconnect with our community. We'll be celebrating our community connections with a new worship theme—"Remember & Reconnect." We hope you'll join us for these special and engaging opportunities!*

TODAY, *we're celebrating new connections and remembering our baptisms by celebrating the sacrament of baptism and welcoming Pastor Marvin back in worship; we'll have special refreshments during fellowship time to celebrate the baptism of the Tucker-Figueroa girls.*

*On **Sun, Sep 15**, we joyfully reconnect with Pastor Marvin as we welcome him back from his summer sabbatical. Come hear him preach and find out about his sabbatical adventures and enjoy a special welcome-home celebration.*

***Sun, Sep 29**, we will remember our founding as a congregation as we celebrate **Eden's 160th anniversary**, give thanks for the completion of the window replacement project, and look forward to the ways Eden will continue to "Let it Shine" and be a beacon of light and hope for the community.*

Register for First Aid Training: *Eden's Safer Congregation Policy requires that all staff and primary volunteers be certified in administering first aid and CPR/AED. If you volunteer regularly for Eden UCC programs and need to update your First Aid/CPR certification this year, mark your calendars for our blended (i.e., part online and part in-person) **training classes for volunteers** that will occur on **Sat, Sep 21**. Classes will be held in the Fireside Room. Go to <https://bit.ly/edenfirstaid> to register for the training. **Please register by Sep 14.** If you have any questions, please reach out to [Pastor Brenda](#) or [Pastor Ashley](#).*

CLGS Roundtable Event: *The Center for LGBTQ and Gender Studies in Religion (CLGS) at Pacific School of Religion (PSR) invites everyone to its fall program, "**Mi Gente: Celebrating our Queer Latinx Heritage with Ish Ruiz, Alexandra Rosado-Román, and David Vásquez-Levy**" This Latinx Roundtable Event will mark the launch of Hispanic/Latinx Heritage Month by celebrating the Latinx faculty at PSR: Professors Ish Ruiz, Alexandra Rosado-Román, and David Vásquez-Levy. The program will reflect on the important insights found at the intersection of queerness, Latinidad, and Christian spirituality. Join this online event on Mon, Sep 16 at 4:00 pm. The register and for more information, navigate to the GLGS website: <https://clgs.psr.edu>*

Multicultural Night: *Padres Unidos de Cherryland invites the community to Multicultural Night 2024, on **Fri, Sep 13, 5:30 pm at Cherryland Elementary School.** Wear something from your cultural heritage and enjoy entertainment and food, a parade from the children, and other fun activities.*

NCNC and Wider Church Events: *Stay up-to-date on the latest goings-on in the Northern California-Nevada Conference (NCNC) through the [Conference newsletter](#).*

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 seeking ideas for reinventing the book club. watch for more information here and in the e-Chimes about how you might be involved. 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**. Contact [Julian Orea](#) for more information*

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sun, Sep 8

10:00 — 11:00 am	Worship Sanctuary & Online
11:00 — 12:00 noon	Baptism Lunch Oliver Hall

Mon, Sep 9

9:00 — 5:00	Church Office Hours
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Tue, Sep 10

9:00 — 5:00	Church Office Hours
9:30 — 10:45 am	Eden Crafters Online
7:00 — 9:00 pm	Council Meeting Online

Wed, Sep 11

9:00 — 5:00	Church Office Hours
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1:00 — 4:00 pm Comida para Cherryland | Oliver Hall parking lot

Thu, Sep 12

9:00 — 5:00 Church Office Hours

Fri, Sep 13

9:00 — 5:00 Church Office Hours

5:30 pm Multicultural Night | Cherryland School

Sun, Sep 15

10:00 — 11:00 am Worship | Sanctuary & Online

10:00 — 11:00 am Church School | Creation Hall (upstairs)

11:00 — 12:00 noon Fellowship | Oliver Hall

COMING ATTRACTIONS

Sep 08 Sunday Worship, Sacrament of Baptism, All Church Lunch

Sep 10 EUCC Church Council meeting (online)

Sep 11 Comida para Cherryland

Sep 13 Multicultural Night @ Cherryland School

Sep 15 Sunday Worship, Mexican Independence Day, and

Clergy Renewal Reception for Pastor Marvin

Sep 19-20 Employee First Aid, CPR, and AED Training

Sep 19 Estudio Bíblico

Sep 21 Volunteer First Aid, CPR, and AED Training

Sep 22 Sunday Worship featuring the Allen Temple Women's Choir

Sep 23-24 Employee First Aid, CPR, and AED Training

Sep 25 Comida para Cherryland

Sep 26 Estudio Bíblico & English Bible Study restarts (proposed)

Sep 29 Sunday Worship & 160th Anniversary of Eden Church & "Let It Shine!" Celebration

Oct 04 First Fridays! (restarts)

Oct 06 Sunday Worship & World Communion Sunday & NIN Offering

Oct 08 EUCC Church Council meeting (online)

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
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