

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



WELCOME | BIENVENIDOS

SEP 15, 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.

17th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST | [ONLINE WORSHIP LINK](#)

OPENING MUSIC | “Tu Eres Mi Respirar” | Marie Barnett | Rev. Ashley Wai'olu Moore

WELCOME | Rev. Dr. Arlene K. Nehring

CALL TO WORSHIP | Yuliana Wiser-León

One: The heavens are telling the glory of God,

All: and the firmament proclaims God's handiwork.

One: Their voice goes out through all the earth,

All: and their words to the end of the world.

One: Let us worship God of all creation with joy.

OPENING PRAYER | Pastor Arlene

OPENING HYMN | “What A Covenant” | NCH No. 471 | v. 1-3 | Pastor Ashley

BIBLE READING¹ | [Psalm 19](#) | [Español](#) | Jan Bass

SERMON | “Glory and Joy” | Rev. Dr. Marvin Lance Wiser

SERMON HYMN | “How Great Thou Art” | *traditional* | Pastor Ashley

JOYS & CONCERNS | PASTORAL PRAYER | Pastor Ashley

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 Spanish, v. 2 English

¹ Pew Bible p. 433 | Ver página de inserción para traducción al español



OFFERING INVITATION & PRAYER | Yuliana

OFFERTORY | Pastor Ashley

BLESSING | Pastor Marvin

**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

David Belove, Guest Musician

Yuliana Wiser-León, Liturgist

Deacons Team, 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 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 here for our [Online Flower Calendar](#), head to bit.ly/bringflowers, 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!*

*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.

Reconnect with Pastor Marvin even more and hear more about his sabbatical with special **small group coffee cupping and conversations** during Fellowship Time **Sundays Oct 06, 13, and 20**. Limit 12 per session, so sign-up early. Sign-ups will be by the coffee in Oliver Hall during Fellowship beginning Sept 15. All coffee sourced and roasted by Pastor Marvin.

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 TODAY, Sep 15**. 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. To register and for more information, navigate to the CLGS website: <https://clgs.psr.edu>

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*

Call to the Semi-Annual Meeting: *The Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting will be held on Sun, Oct 27, 2024 beginning at 11:15 am. This meeting will be held in the Sanctuary and is called by the Church Council in accordance with the Eden UCC Bylaws. The meeting purpose is to receive a report from the Eden Area Foundation (EAF) Board of Directors regarding the 2025 grants. Guests are welcome and members are needed. For more information, contact Moderator Kim Shuss, or Pastor Arlene. Plan to participate by Zoom? [Click here to pre-register \(required\)](#)*

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

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

Mon, Sep 16

9:00 — 5:00	Church Office Hours
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Tue, Sep 17

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

Wed, Sep 18

9:00 — 5:00	Church Office Hours
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Thu, Sep 19

9:00 — 5:00	Church Office Hours
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Fri, Sep 20

9:00 — 5:00	Church Office Hours
10:30 — 11:30 am	Coffee and Comida Volunteers Oliver Hall

Sat, Sep 21

9:00 — 4:00 pm	First Aid/CPR Trainings Fireside
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Sun, Sep 22

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 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)
Oct 09	<i>Comida para Cherryland</i>
Oct 13	<i>Sunday Worship</i>
Oct 14	<i>Indigenous People's Day</i>
Oct 15	<i>EAF Audit due</i>
Oct 20	<i>Sunday Worship</i>
Oct 21	<i>Last Day to Register for the General Election</i>
Oct 23	<i>Comida para Cherryland</i>
	<u><i>Ofrenda Display (Oct 23—Nov 13)</i></u>
Oct 27	<i>Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting (EAF Report)</i>

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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