

## EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



**WELCOME | BIENVENIDOS**

**SEP 22, 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.

# 18th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST | [ONLINE WORSHIP LINK](#)

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**OPENING MUSIC | "Blessed Assurance" | Fanny J. Crosby | Rev. Ashley Wai'olu Moore**

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

**CALL TO WORSHIP | Pastor Arlene**

One: Who is wise and understanding among us?

**All: Those who seek wisdom and understanding each and every day. Those who delight in God and meditate on God's law.**

One: Come, wait and watch

so that you might gain wisdom and insight.

**All: God's wisdom is more precious than jewels. Let us wait and watch together.**

**UNISON PRAYER | Pastor Ashley**

We draw near to you, O God,

Source of all understanding,

and ask you to draw near to us.

Teach us your wisdom from above,

that we may bear good fruit in our lives.

Let your understanding

flow through our lives like a stream,

so that we may bear the good fruits

of welcome and compassion.

Teach us that our true dignity

is found in honoring you

by serving others. Amen.

**OPENING SONG | "In the Beauty of Holiness"| Nettie L. Sawyer Lester | The Allen Temple Baptist Church, Women's Chorus**

**BIBLE READING<sup>1</sup> | Proverbs 31:10-31 | [Español](#) | Deisy Bates**

**SERMON | "Wonder Women" | Pastor Arlene**

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<sup>1</sup> Pew Bible p. 535 | Ver página de inserción para traducción al español

**SERMON MUSIC | “Sacred Space” | Ananias Montaque | Allen Temple  
Women’s Chorus**

**JOYS & CONCERNS | PASTORAL PRAYER | Rev. Brenda Loreman**

**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**

**OFFERING INVITATION & PRAYER | Mike Foster**

**OFFERTORY | “Jesus Brought Me Out” | Howard Smith &  
Frederick D. Fuller | Allen Temple Women’s Chorus**



**BLESSING | Pastor Arlene**

**CLOSING SONG | “He Reigns Forevermore” | Dwayne Roberts |  
Allen Temple Women’s Chorus**

**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*

*Rev. Brenda Loreman, Designated Term Associate Minister*

*Rev. Ashley Wai’olu Moore, Designated Term Associate Minister*

*The Allen Temple Baptist Church, Women’s Chorus; Guest Music Ministry*

- *Director: Sandra K. Iglehart*

- *Accompanist: Michael Hill*

*David Belove, Guest Musician*

*Mike Foster & Deisy Bates, Liturgists*

*Dawn Coburn, AV Technician*

*Deacons & Greeters*

### **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.*

*Today we're delighted to welcome special musical guests, **The Allen Temple Baptist Church Women's Chorus**, under the direction of Sandra Ingelhart with accompanist Michael Hill. Since 1919, Allen Temple Baptist Church has been a beacon of love and faith in east Oakland. Their music ministry is part of their commitment to share the love of God and the message of Good News throughout the world; we're so grateful they're sharing that ministry with us today.*

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### **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 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!*

**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.*

**NNC Fundraiser:** *Join Eden Church and the Newcomer Navigation Center (NNC) for an inspiring evening on **Sun, Oct 20 at 4:30 pm**, to celebrate the joy of diverse and welcoming communities, featuring poet Yosimar Reyes. Support Southern Alameda County students by donating to our Newcomer Emergency Housing Fund. [Click here](#) to reserve your tickets, and [click here](#) to become a donor or sponsor for the event.*



**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 \(required\)](#).

## JOYS

**We have successfully launched many high school graduates from the Eden Area into higher education opportunities this month!** We are proud to share, for example, that every high school student who has participated in the ChYLI program and who has received an Eden Area Scholarship for Community Service has graduated high school, gone on to higher education, and continues to be a blessing in our wider community.

Thank you Padres Unidos de Cherryland for sponsoring yet another very successful **Multicultural Fiesta for the Cherryland Elementary School Community**, this past Friday!

Eden Church is experiencing the largest growth in membership in the past 18 months, in 17 years! Come and grow with us! **¡La Iglesia Eden ha experimentado el mayor**

***crecimiento de miembros en los últimos 18 meses, en 17 años! ¡Ven y crece con nosotros!***

***With our Superhero Barbara Heimowitz & Compañerex Summer Intern, Juan Orea, Jr. and a cast of thousands, gave away 600 backpacks. One hundred backpacks went directly to Cherryland Elementary School, and the other 500 were shared with students who participated in Comida para Cherryland on Aug 14.***

***Juan Orea, Jr. completed his Compañerex Summer Internship with Eden Church August 19, 2024. His learning experience involved a dive into the world of non-profit philanthropy and a 101 in faith-based non-profit leadership. Due to his wild success as an intern he has been invited to stay on as a consultant while he pursues his business degree at UC Merced.***

### **THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE**

#### **Sun, Sep 22**

10:00 — 11:00 am	Worship   Sanctuary & Online
10:00 — 11:00 am	Church School   Creation Hall (upstairs, west wing)
11:00 — 12:00 noon	Fellowship   Oliver Hall

#### **Mon, Sep 23--Employee First Aid, CPR, and AED Training**

9:00 — 5:00	Church Office Hours
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#### **Tue, Sep 24--Employee First Aid, CPR, and AED Training**

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

#### **Wed, Sep 25**

9:00 — 5:00	Church Office Hours
1:00 — 4:00 pm	Comida para Cherryland

#### **Thu, Sep 26**

9:00 — 5:00	Church Office Hours
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#### **Fri, Sep 27**

9:00 — 5:00	Church Office Hours
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#### **Sun, Sep 29**

10:00 — 11:00 am	Worship   Sanctuary & Online
10:00 — 11:00 am	Church School   Creation Hall (upstairs, west wing)
11:00 — 12:00 noon	160th Anniversary Celebration   Oliver Hall

## **COMING ATTRACTIONS**

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> <i>NNC Poetry Reading &amp; Fundraiser</i>
Oct 21	<i>Last Day to Register for the General Election</i>
Oct 23	<i>Comida para Cherryland</i> <i><u>Ofrenda Display (Oct 23—Nov 13)</u></i>
Oct 27	<i>Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting (EAF Report)</i>
Nov 01	<i>First Fridays!</i>
Nov 03	<i>All Saints Sunday Worship &amp; Holy Communion</i>
<b>Nov 07</b>	<b><i>Election Day</i></b>
Nov 10	<i>Sunday Worship</i>
<b>Nov 11</b>	<b><i>Veteran’s Day—Campus Closed</i></b>
Nov 12	<i>EUCC Church Council meeting (online)</i>
Nov 17	<i>Sunday Worship</i>
Nov 24	<i>Sunday Worship</i>
Nov 27	<i>Nacimiento construction</i>
<b>Nov 28</b>	<b><i>Thanksgiving—Campus Closed</i></b>
<b>Nov 29</b>	<b><i>Thanksgiving Holiday—Campus Closed</i></b>

# 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

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