

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



WELCOME | BIENVENIDOS
NOV 10, 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.

25th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST | [ONLINE WORSHIP LINK](#)

**OPENING MUSIC | “Jesus, Give Us Your Peace” | Michael Mahler |
Rev. Ashley Wai'olu Moore & Eden Ensemble**

WELCOME | Rev. Dr. Arlene K. Nehring

CALL TO WORSHIP | Pastor Ashley

One: Come, all who are waiting for justice! Come to hear the good news of God.

All: Here in God's house, we belong in the family of God.

One: Come, all who are weary and burdened! Come to hear God's word of hope.

All: Here in God's house, we remember again God's faithful promise.

One: Come, all who are anxious or fearful! Come to find rest in God.

All: Here in God's house, we will renew our spirits.

UNISON PRAYER | Pastor Ashley

As we rest in the security of your love, mighty God, bless us in our anxiety and fear, in our hope and dread. When it's easier to reach for cynicism or be weighed down with contempt, keep our hearts soft. May we have enough kindness to remember we belong to one another, enough hope to stir us into action, and enough courage to meet whatever this new day brings. Amen.¹

OPENING HYMN | "Lift Every Voice And Sing" | *NCH* No. 593 | v.1-3

BIBLE READING² | [Ruth 3:1-5](#) | [Español](#) | Athena Malloy

SERMON | “Finding Home” | Rev. Dr. Marvin Lance Wiser

SERMON HYMN | “Precious Lord, Take My Hand” | *NCH* No. 472 | v.1-3

JOYS & CONCERNS | PASTORAL PRAYER | Rev. Brenda Loreman

¹ The Call to Worship and Prayer are adapted from the writings of Lavon Baylor and Kate Bowler

² Pew Bible p. 211 | Ver página de inserción para traducción al español

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 | “Nada Te Turbe” | *NCH* No. 772 | v. 1 in Spanish, v. 2 in English

OFFERING INVITATION & PRAYER | Athena

OFFERTORY | Christopher Alexander

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

Christopher Alexander, David Belove & Edgardo Cambón, Eden Ensemble

Athena Guy Malloy, Liturgist

Deacons Team, Greeters

Dawn Coburn, AV Technician

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

Maker Fair, Take Two: A big **thank you** to everyone who shopped and purchased at our Maker Fair last week! Your generous purchases helped us raise over \$900 for the Comida diaper fund. If you missed out, you have an opportunity to shop again **today**, as we continue to sell items remaining from last week's sale. Come take a look, because there are some brand new items, too.

Sign the Holiday Cards: Please take a moment after worship to sign the Thanksgiving cards for our members and friends who are unable to worship with us. This is a special ministry of the church which is much appreciated by those who receive the cards. Even if you don't know the recipient, your signature helps them feel loved! The cards will be available to sign in the breezeway behind the Sanctuary **each Sun through Nov 24**.

Get Ready for Advent: It hardly seems possible that it's time for Advent, but it's just around the corner. Following a light lunch after worship on **Sun, Nov 24**, join Pastor Brenda and the Deacons in the sanctuary to adorn the church for the Advent season. We'll be putting up and decorating the trees and adding other decor to the sanctuary. We'll play some holiday music, and there may even be some homemade cookies! Many hands make light work. [Reach out to Pastor Brenda](#) for more info.

Planned Giving: God is the source of all that we have. As Psalm 24:1 says, "The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it..." What we own and treasure is not ours alone, but ours by a gift of God. The natural and Christian response to embracing the concept that our lives are gifted is to respond by giving. The [Planned Giving Ministry](#) is here to help you grow into the call to Christian stewardship with your financial assets. [Read more here.](#)

Add a Prayer to the Prayer Tree: The children and their teachers created a prayer tree, which is now hanging on the bulletin board in the hallway behind the sanctuary. Come see what the children are praying for, and add your prayers to a leaf of the tree.

Eden Area Interfaith Council Annual Meeting: the EAIC annual Meeting and Celebration will be held on **Sun, Nov 17, from 2:00-4:00 pm at Holy Cross Episcopal Church**. The annual meeting is a chance to get to know members of other faith communities, learn about faith traditions, and contribute ideas for interfaith events in 2025.

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 meets on **Thursdays 7:30 pm to 8:30 pm**. The Fall 2024 topic is **“Repairing the World: Bible & Social Justice.”** Bible Study will be hybrid in-person in the **Fireside Room** and on Zoom. Spanish language Bible Study continues, Thursdays 6:00 pm – 7:15 pm. Childcare is provided for Spanish Bible Study. For more info contact [Pastor Marvin](#).

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

Changes Coming For Worship Communications: The worship team is making some adjustments to our worship communication and media. Starting in Dec, we will no longer be sending out separate emails on Saturdays reminding everyone of the worship links, nor sending post-worship emails with links to the worship video, sermon, and bulletin on Sunday afternoons. Instead, the worship links will now be incorporated into the eChimes every week, at the bottom of the page above the "Quick Links" and the previous Sunday's worship bulletin. Post-worship resources will always be available on the online worship page of the Eden UCC website, and in the "Quick Links" at the bottom of the eChimes. So please prepare to start saving your eChimes through the weekend to easily access the links.

Beginning Sun, Jan 5, 2025. We will no longer be printing an 8-page bulletin, and will instead transition to using the "Services" function in Church Center. Worship attendees will be able to access the order of worship through the Church Center app on their phone or tablet, along with a link to announcements, weekly programs, and the prayer list of joys and concerns. QR codes posted in the back of the sanctuary and in the pew pockets will provide quick links to the documents. A few paper copies of the order of worship will be printed, for those who still really prefer a paper order of service. As we get closer to "going paperless," the pastors will be available after worship during coffee hour to help folks to connect to the Church Center app.

Thank you for your patience as we explore ways of being good stewards of the church's human and material resources.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sun, Nov 10

10:00 — 11:00 am Worship & Holy Communion | Sanctuary & Online
11:00 — 12:00 noon Maker Fair, Take Two | Oliver Hall
11:00 — 12:00 noon Fellowship | Oliver Hall

Mon, Nov 11

9:00 — 5:00 Veterans Day Holiday | Campus Closed

Tue, Nov 12

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

Wed, Nov 13

9:00 — 5:00 Church Office Hours

Thu, Nov 14

9:00 — 5:00 Church Office Hours

Fri, Nov 15

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

Sun, Nov 17

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

Coming Attractions

Nov 10 Sunday Worship
Nov 11 Veteran's Day—Campus Closed
Nov 12 EUCC Church Council meeting (online)
Nov 17 Sunday Worship
Nov 24 Sunday Worship & Advent Preparation
Nov 27 Nacimiento construction
Nov 28 Thanksgiving—Campus Closed
Nov 29 Thanksgiving Holiday—Campus Closed

Dec 01 First Sunday in Advent
Sunday Worship & Sacrament of Holy Communion
Dec 06 First Fridays!
Dec 08 Second Sunday in Advent
Dec 10 EUCC Church Council meeting (online)
Dec 15 Third Sunday in Advent - Pageant - HBJ Celebration
Dec 22 Fourth Sunday in Advent
Dec 24 Christmas Eve

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
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