

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



WELCOME | BIENVENIDOS
NOV 17, 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.

26th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST | [ONLINE WORSHIP LINK](#)

**OPENING MUSIC | "When I Think About the Lord" | Dawn Coburn,
Rev. Ashley Wai'olu Moore & the Eden Ensemble**

WELCOME | Pastor Marvin

CALL TO WORSHIP | Pastor Ashley

One: When we pass through the waters,

All: God is there with us.

One: When we suffer and feel hopeless,

All: God is there with us.

One: When we are joyful and celebratory,

All: God is there with us.

One: Whether we feel triumphant or defeated,

All: God is there with us, always.

One: Come, let us worship together with Emmanuel—God with us.¹

UNISON PRAYER | Pastor Ashley

Holy God, we gather together to worship, knowing that there is nothing that separates us from your presence. Wherever we are, wherever we go, you are near. So we enter into this service of worship with confidence and hope, knowing that you are already with us, and that you stand eager to meet us and bless us with love. Amen.

OPENING HYMN | "We've Come This Far By Faith" | *Insert*

BIBLE READING² | [Mark 13:1–8](#) | [Español](#) | Aisha Knowles

SERMON | "Things Fall Apart" | Rev. Brenda Loreman

SERMON HYMN | "We Would Be Building" | *NCH* No. 607 | v. 1-3

JOYS & CONCERNS | PASTORAL PRAYER | Pastor Marvin

¹ The Call to Worship is adapted from the writing of Rev. Mindi Welton-Mitchell

² Pew Bible p. 825-6 | 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. 1-2 v. 1 in Spanish, v. 2 in English

OFFERING INVITATION & PRAYER | Aisha

OFFERTORY | Chris Trinidad

BLESSING | Pastor Brenda



BLESSING SONG | "This Joy I Have" | NCH No. 524 | v. 1 This joy, v. 2 This love, v. 3 This hope, and v. 4 This peace

GO IN PEACE

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Dr. Arlene K. Nehring, Senior Minister (on sabbatical)

Rev. Dr. Marvin Lance Wiser, Associate Minister

Rev. Brenda Loreman, Designated Term Associate Minister

Rev. Ashley Wai'olu Moore, Designated Term Associate Minister & Interim Music Director

Chris Trinidad, David Belove & Edgardo Cambón, Eden Ensemble

Aisha Knowles, 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

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.

Honoring Transgender Day of Remembrance: [Transgender Day of Remembrance](#), **Nov 20**, honors those who have died violent deaths. To mark this tragic and sacred day in the LGBTQ+ communities, the Pastors offer these recommendations:

Alameda County Office of Education is hosting a Transgender Day of Remembrance observance from 5:30-6:30 pm at the ACOE BOT Chambers, 313 W Winton, Hayward.

Our parent denomination, the United Church of Christ, hosts an annual **online vigil** to honor and remember the names of trans siblings — those known and unknown — who have been lost from this world, yet never beyond God's love and care. The special event from Gender and Sexuality Justice Ministries (GSJM) will be held online, **Wed, Nov 20, 7-8:00 pm ET (4-5:00 pm PT)**. Find out [more about the event here](#), and [register to attend here](#).

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 serves as an expression of love and a virtual hug. The cards will be available to sign in the breezeway today and next **Sun, 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 and around the campus to "hang the greens" and adorn the church for the Advent season. We'll be putting up and decorating the trees and adding other decor to the sanctuary, and setting up the "Peace" sign out on the front fence. Older children can be involved in the decorating with their parents, or are welcome to join the younger kids upstairs for some special crafts and activities. 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 or if you'd like to help organize.

World AIDS Day is a global movement to unite people in the fight against HIV and AIDS. Since 1988, every **Dec 1**, communities have stood together to show strength and

solidarity against HIV stigma and to remember lives lost. To find out more about World AIDS Day, [click here](#), and to visit the UCC HIV & AIDS Network, [click here](#).

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](#). For more information connect with [Associate Treasurer Bob Turner](#).

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.

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. Please be aware of the following changes coming:

- *Beginning Dec 1*, we will no longer send out Saturday worship links or Sunday-afternoon video/sermon links. The worship links will be incorporated into the eChimes every week, and post-worship resources will always be available on the online worship page of the Eden UCC website. 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 a 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 a cell 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 LARGE PRINT paper copies of the order of worship will be printed for those who prefer this media format. As we get closer to "going paperless," the pastors will be available after worship during coffee hour to assist worshippers 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 17

10:00 — 11:00 am

Worship | Sanctuary & Online

11:00 — 12:00 noon

Fellowship | Oliver Hall

Mon, Nov 18

9:00 — 5:00

Church Office Hours

Tue, Nov 19

9:00 — 5:00

Church Office Hours

9:30 — 10:45 am

Eden Crafters | Online

7:00 — 9:00 pm

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

Sun, Nov 24

10:00 — 11:00 am

Worship | Sanctuary & Online

11:00 — 12:00 noon

Fellowship | Oliver Hall

Hanging of the Greens | Sanctuary

Coming Attractions

Nov 22 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 Advent 2: Worship
Dec 10 EUCC Church Council meeting (online)
Dec 15 Advent 3: Sunday, Pageant, and HBJ Fiesta
Dec 22 Advent 4: Worship
Dec 24 Candlelight Christmas Eve
Dec 25 Christmas Day Holiday—Campus Closed
Dec 26 Christmas Holiday—Campus Closed

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

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