

## SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



### *Resurrection Stories*

Unlock yours.

**WELCOME | BIENVENIDOS**  
**MAY 5, 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.

## 6th SUNDAY OF EASTER | [ONLINE WORSHIP LINK](#)

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OPENING MUSIC | “The Strife Is O’er, The Battle Done” | Palestrina | Dr. Jessie Wenchieh Lo

WELCOME | Rev. Brenda Loreman

CALL TO WORSHIP | Pastor Brenda

Rise up in us and we will rise  
From death into a newfound life:  
From bondage freed, from harm released,  
From illness healed, as one in peace.  
When all is lost our hearts are warmed,  
Our hope restored, our lives transformed.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! *(repeat)*

One: This is the key to peace: as soon as truth is spoken and the desire for liberation is known, Divine Love begins the process of resurrecting our lives.

**All: In the name of Jesus Christ, we can know liberation.**

One: This is a Word of Hope for the people who long for it.

**All: Thanks be to the Living Word.**

OPENING HYMN | “For Everyone Born” | Insert | v. 1-5

CHILDREN’S GATHERING | Rev. Ashley Wai’olu Moore | *Children may remain in worship with their families following the gathering time*

BIBLE READING | [Exodus 3:1-15](#) | [Español](#) | Athena Guy Malloy

SERMON | “Liberated” | Rev. Dr. Marvin Lance Wiser

SERMON HYMN | “We Shall Overcome” | *NCH No. 570* | v. 1-6

STEWARDSHIP TESTIMONY | Athena

OFFERING INVITATION & PRAYER | Athena



**OFFERTORY | “Theme from *The People United Will Never Be Defeated*” |  
Frederic Rzewski | Jessie**

**SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION | Pastors & Deacons**

**INVITATION**

**PRAYER OF BLESSING**

**WORDS OF REMEMBRANCE**

**DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS**

**COMMUNION MUSIC | Ken Rawdon**

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING | Pastor Ashley**

**LORD’S PRAYER | *Unison* | Pastor Ashley**

*Our Father/Creator, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.*

*Padre nuestro, que estás en los cielos, santificado sea Tu Nombre; venga Tu reino; hágase Tu voluntad en la tierra como en el cielo. Danos hoy el pan de cada día y perdona nuestras deudas así como nosotros perdonamos a nuestros deudores; y no nos dejes caer en tentación mas líbranos del mal. Amén.*

**CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE | “Three-Fold Amen ” | NCH No. 812**

**BLESSING | Pastor Marvin**

**BLESSING SONG | “Rise Up in Us”**

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**CLOSING SONG | “Doxology” | Traditional | Jessie**

**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*

*Dr. Jessie Wenchieh Lo, Pianist*

*Ken Rawdon, Music Director*

*Athena Guy Malloy, Liturgist*

*Pastor Ashley, Greeter*

*Daniella Prym, Trustee on Duty*

*Stephanie Spencer & Mike Foster, Deacons,*

## **ABOUT TODAY'S SERVICE**

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## **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**

***Easter Worship Series:*** *Join us in worship as we continue our celebration of the Season of Easter with a **worship series: Resurrection Stories**. The Easter Season is a time of celebrating all the ways in which resurrection is possible in our lives. What binds us, keeping us from the fullness of who God created us to be? Join us for powerful testimonies of courage, kindness, strength, and overcoming — Resurrection Stories — from those who have found "resurrection" in their lives. It might just inspire you to unlock your own rising up!*

***Vision Session for Church School:*** *All Church School families, teachers, and anyone interested in the educating and nurturing of our children are invited to a **visioning session after worship TODAY**. We'll gather at about **11:30 am in the Fireside Room** for a light lunch, evaluate how this past program year addressed the spiritual needs of our kiddos, and create a vision for the coming program year. All are welcome; childcare will be provided for the youngsters. [Contact Pastor Brenda](#) for more information, especially if you can't attend but would like to share your thoughts about our Christian Education program.*

***Stewardship Campaign Begins Today:*** *God dreams of a Church united and working for a just world for all. That dream inspires the mission and ministry of this congregation and of congregations across our Christian movement. When we imagine together, with*

God and through our generosity, we can turn dreams into reality here in Cherryland and beyond. "Imagine Together" is the theme of our annual Stewardship Campaign, which begins in May. Through our financial gifts to this church, we are able to put our vision into action toward fulfilling God's dream.

Throughout the first three weeks of May, you'll be hearing testimonials during worship from members of our congregation who put their faith into action through their financial giving to Eden Church. You'll also receive information via email and snail mail that will encourage your generosity and ask you to prayerfully consider making a pledge to the financial wellbeing of Eden. **On May 19, we'll celebrate our commitments to the church by dedicating our pledge cards** and enjoying lunch together after worship. Reach out to [Pastor Brenda](#) with any questions, or connect with [Associate Treasurer Jan Bass](#) with questions about your current pledge.

**Pastor Marvin's Sabbatical:** Pastor Marvin will soon be leaving for just over three months of travel, study, and rest. Last year, Pastor Marvin and Eden UCC were awarded a \$60,000 grant from the Lilly Endowment's National Clergy Renewal Program in partnership with Christian Theological Seminary. The grant will support Pastor Marvin and his family in renewing connections between family and community through language, food, memory, travel, and togetherness during the upcoming summer, as well as supporting the church's ministries during Pastor Marvin's absence.

On Pentecost Sunday, May 19, Pastor Marvin will preach his last sermon for a while, and we will bid him and the Wisser-León family a fond farewell-for-now during a special coffee hour after worship. We'll welcome the family back to worship on September 8, and hear about Marvin's adventures from the pulpit on September 15. For more information about the Lilly grant or Pastor Marvin's time away, contact Moderator [Carlos Londoño](#) or [Pastor Marvin](#).

**Eden Crafters:** The Crafters meet on Zoom at 9:30 am every **Tuesday**. Check us out in [Groups](#) on Church Center or contact [Pastor Brenda](#) for more information.

**Seekers Book Club:** The Seekers meet on Zoom every **Wednesday** at 10:00 am. We just started a new book, which is a perfect time to join the group. Find us in [Groups](#) in Church Center, or contact [Pastor Brenda](#) for more information.

**Texts & Contexts Bible Study:** The Spring 2024 Texts and Contexts Bible Study is studying together "Wisdom and Theodicy." The Bible Study meets on **Thursdays through May 16**, 6:00 pm in Spanish and 7:30 pm in English, both on Zoom and in-person in the Fireside Room. For more info, [find the group on our website](#), or connect with [Pastor Marvin](#).

**Coffee & Comida:** Eden Church members and friends, especially previous volunteers with Comida, are invited to Oliver Hall **every third Friday from 10:30 am to 11:30 am for coffee and fellowship** as we kickstart new **Comida volunteer opportunities**,

starting with our resource fliers. Stay tuned for more Comida volunteer announcements to come as we prepare for summer snacks and crafts! See [Pastor Marvin](#) for more information.

**Choir Rehearsals & Performances:** The Eden Choir rehearses on Sundays at 11:00 am in the Music Room, and the Eden Choir sings in worship two Sundays a month throughout the program year. For more information, [connect with our Music Director, Ken Rawdon](#).

## THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

### Sunday, May 5

10:00 — 11:00 am	Worship & Holy Communion   Sanctuary & Online
11:00 — 12 noon	Fellowship   Oliver Hall
11:30 — 12:30 pm	Church School Evaluation & Vision   Fireside
11:00 — 11:45 am	Choir Rehearsal   Music Room

### Monday, May 6

9:00 — 5:00	Church Office Hours
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### Tuesday, May 7

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

### Wednesday, May 8

9:00 — 5:00	Church Office Hours
10:00 — 11:00 am	Seekers   Online
1:30 pm	Comida para Cherryland

### Thursday, May 9

9:00 — 5:00	Church Office Hours
6:00 — 7:15 pm	Estudio Bíblico   Fireside & Online
7:30 — 8:30 pm	English Language Bible Study   Fireside & Online

### Friday, May 10

9:00 — 5:00	Church Office Hours
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### Sunday, May 12

10:00 — 11:00 am	Worship   Sanctuary & Online
10:00 — 11:00 am	Church School   Pilgrim Hall
11:00 — 12 noon	Fellowship   Oliver Hall
11:00 — 11:45 am	Choir Rehearsal   Music Room

# 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

Carlos Londoño | Moderator  
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