

## SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



### *Resurrection Stories*

Unlock yours.

**WELCOME | BIENVENIDOS**  
**MAY 12, 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.

## 7th SUNDAY OF EASTER | [ONLINE WORSHIP LINK](#)

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**OPENING MUSIC | “For The Beauty Of The Earth” | Kocher/Arr. Keveren |  
Dr. Jessie Wenchieh Lo**

**WELCOME | Rev. Dr. Marvin Lance Wiser**

**CALL TO WORSHIP | Pastor Marvin**

**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 serenity is known, Divine Love begins the process of resurrecting our lives.

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

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

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

**OPENING HYMN | "There Is a Balm in Gilead" | NCH No. 553 | v. 1-3**

**BIBLE READING | [Mathew 28:16-20 \(Español\)](#) & [Philippians 4:4-9 \(Español\)](#)  
| Rev. Ashley Wai'olu Moore**

**SERMON | “Calmed” | Rev. Dr. Arlene K. Nehring**

**SERMON HYMN | “I’m So Glad, Jesus Lifted Me” | NCH No. 474 | v. 1-3**

**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 | “3-Fold Amen” | NCH No. 812**

**STEWARDSHIP TESTIMONY | Melissa Josue**

**OFFERING INVITATION & PRAYER | Melissa**

**OFFERTORY | “A Mother’s Prayer” | Keith and Kristyn Getty, Fionán de Barra/Arr. by Paul Campbell/Jessie Lo| Jessie**

**BLESSING | Pastor Arlene**

**BLESSING SONG | “Rise Up in Us”**

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**CLOSING SONG | “Faith of Our Mothers” | Henri Hemy/James Walton/Arr. Keveren | 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*

*Pastor Ashley, Liturgist*

*Melissa Josue, Testimony*

*Bob Turner, Trustee on Duty*

*Dawn Coburn, AV Technician*

## **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!

**Stewardship Campaign Continues:** 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.

Last week, we heard a powerful testimony about the generational impact of education from Athena Malloy. Through the generous financial gifts of Eden's members and friends, we are able to support the educational dreams of students in our community. Come hear more testimony this Sunday about how our gifts help bring about God's dream of a just and generous world for all. We hope these testimonies inspire you to generosity as you consider your pledge for the financial well-being of the church in the coming fiscal year.

Our annual pledge letter and pledge form is included in the bulletin today and is linked in this week's e-Chimes newsletter. Please prayerfully consider your pledge for the coming year and fill out the pledge form and return with it next week. **On May 19, we'll celebrate our commitments to the church by dedicating our pledge forms** 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 the congregation and 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 Wiser-León family a fond farewell-for-now during a special coffee hour after worship. We'll welcome the family back to worship on **Sep 8**, and hear about Marvin's adventures from the pulpit on **Sep 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 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

### Monday, May 13

9:00 — 5:00      Church Office Hours

### Tuesday, May 14

9:00 — 5:00      Church Office Hours  
9:30 — 10:45 am      Eden Crafters | Online  
7:00 — 9:00 pm      Church Council & Board of Trustees | Zoom

### Wednesday, May 15

9:00 — 5:00      Church Office Hours  
10:00 — 11:00 am      Seekers | Online

### Thursday, May 16

9:00 — 5:00      Church Office Hours  
6:30 — 8:00 pm      Estudio Bíblico | Fireside Potluck  
6:30 — 8:00 pm      English Language Bible Study | Fireside Potluck

### Friday, May 17

9:00 — 5:00      Church Office Hours

### Sunday, May 19

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

## COMING ATTRACTIONS

May 14      Eden Crafters  
May 14      Church Council Meeting  
May 17      Coffee & Comida Volunteers  
May 19      Worship, Church School, Marvin's Sabbatical send-off  
May 21      Eden Crafters  
May 22      Comida para Cherryland  
May 26      Worship, Church School, Fellowship  
Jun 9      Bravo! Sunday Worship, Church School, Fiesta

# 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  
Jana Aloo | Vice Moderator  
Rev. Dr. Arlene K. Nehring |  
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