

**Eden United Church of Christ**  
**Order for Worship**  
**Third Sunday of Easter**  
**Sunday, April 15, 2018**  
**10:00 a.m.**

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**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*Eden United Church of Christ is an Open and Affirming 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.  
Children's bulletins are available upon request from the ushers.  
Thank you for muting your cell phone, pager, and PDA during worship.*

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**PRELUDE** Allegretto in G Major Ashford

**THE LIGHT ENTERS WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT**

**GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS** The Rev. Pepper Swanson

*(Thank you for your gift of presence and for completing a blue or peach worship card today)*

**INTROIT** This is the Day **NCH № 84**

*This is the day, this is the day  
That our God has made, that our God has made;  
We will rejoice, we will rejoice and be glad in it, and be glad in it.  
This is the day that our God has made, we will re-joice and be glad in it;  
This is the day, this is the day that our God has made.*

\* **CALL TO WORSHIP** *(All who are able may stand)* Herb Graw

L: We are pilgrims on a journey.

**R: We come from different directions to this central place.**

L: Like the early apostles, we are sometimes confused and afraid.

**R: We strive to find our center in the midst of Easter's chaos.**

L: We are fortunate to meet traveling companions on the road.

**R: We share our stories and learn from each other.**

L: We are strangers no more.

**R: The risen Christ is in our midst.**

\* HYMN

Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us

NCH № 252

\* INVOCATION *(in unison)*

Herb

**O God of Pilgrims Everywhere, be our constant companion as we travel on life's journey and pass each milestone along the way. Open the eyes of our hearts to your holy presence in our midst, so that we may recognize your face in each traveler who we meet on the road and each guest we encounter at your table. Amen.**

\* PASSING OF THE PEACE

Herb

L: The peace of God be with you all.

R: **And also with you.**

L: Let us greet our neighbors with a sign of peace.

MUSICAL INTERLUDE

Herb

L: Worship will continue with the Children's Gathering.

CHILDREN'S GATHERING

Pastor Pepper

CHILDREN'S BLESSING O God, Whose Steadfast Love *(v.4)* NCH № 426

*May your house-hold of faith one fam-i-ly be-come,  
that love may be in-creased and none may be a-lone;  
That moth-er's love and fa-ther's care and chil-dren's joy we all may share,  
and chil-dren's joy we all may share.*

*(Children in grades K-5 are excused for Church School. Youth in grades 6-12 may remain in worship or assist with Church School. Nursery care for babies and pre-schoolers is available at any time during worship.)*

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 24:36-48

Herb

*(Today's scripture lesson can be found on page 861 of the pew Bibles.)*

SERMON

"Easter Brunch"

The Rev. Dr. Arlene K. Nehring

\* HYMN

We Live by Faith and Not by Sight

NCH № 256

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY

Pastor Arlene

Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer



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### Worship Leaders

The Rev. Dr. Arlene K. Nehring, Senior Minister  
The Rev. Pepper Swanson, Associate Minister  
Dr. Jessie Wenchieh Lo, Organist & Music Director  
Herb Graw, Liturgist  
Julie Booher, Greeters  
Scott Swanson, Theresa Collier, Julie Booher, and Izzy Walth, Ushers  
Yoselin Penado & TBD, Childcare Workers  
Athena Malloy & Rozetta Walth, Church School Teachers  
Dave Wallace & Sally Kusalo, Counters  
Pat Payne, Fellowship Captain  
Bernie Concepcion & Jessie Shimmin, Fellowship Hosts  
Bernie Concepcion, Jim Sousa & Athena Malloy, Fellowship Helpers  
Jim Fryer, Trustee on Duty  
Dawn Coburn, Sunday Sexton

### WELCOME

Welcome to Eden United Church of Christ! If you are searching for a spiritual home, please consider becoming part of our congregation. Eden welcomes members who seek a deeper relationship with God in a caring community and who strive to make a difference in the lives of others. We will celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism and the Rite of Church Membership four to five times yearly during morning worship. Please see one of our pastors or an usher, deacon, or member of the E-Team if you seek baptism for yourself or your child, or if you would like to be received into church membership. We celebrate infant and adult baptism and receive new members several times each year.

### TODAY

The **ESLO meeting** will be held in the Fireside Room from 11:30-12:30 pm.

The new Church Directory will be available **TODAY** in Oliver Hall. Stop by and pick up a copy. One per household please.

### COMING EVENTS

**Youth Habitat Restoration at the Oakland Zoo:** On **Saturday, Apr 21**, youth volunteers are needed for a Habitat Restoration project at the Oakland Zoo from 9 am to 3:30 pm. The morning will be spent working outdoors to improve the living environment of zoo animals. The afternoon will be spent enjoying the zoo, with free tickets to the Sky Ride and the Zoo train. To sign up and receive the necessary permission forms, please contact Pastor Pepper by **Friday, Apr 13**. This trip is limited to 20 youth on a first come, first served basis.

**Shall We Dance?** On **Saturday, Apr 21**, the Eden Area Interfaith Council, of which Eden Church is a founding member, will hold an Ethnic Dance Festival fundraiser to help fund their community outreach and education activities. The Festival will feature Indian, American, and Jewish folk dancing and international vegetarian cuisine. The event will be held at First Presbyterian Church at 2490 Grove Way in Castro Valley from 3 to 6 pm. Tickets are \$20 per person or \$35 for a families up to four members. Tickets are available at the door or online through Brown Paper Tickets website. Consider buying a ticket even if you can't attend! For more information, contact Stephanie Spencer or call 510-962-6588 or email [info@edeninterfaith.org](mailto:info@edeninterfaith.org).

**Mt. Eden Choir to Perform:** The award-winning Mt. Eden High School Choir will return to Eden Church on **Sunday, Apr 22**. The MEHS Choir, under the direction of Nick Prior, will perform during our Sunday worship. We look forward to welcoming the MEHS students!

**6<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Party: Wednesday, Apr 25**, marks the 6<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Comida para Cherryland. Come help us celebrate in style by rolling out the red carpet for our friends and neighbors, sharing groceries, making and eating decorated cupcakes, and recognizing our dedicated volunteers. Doors open at 1:30 p.m. Fiesta at 2 p.m.

**Youth Bake-Off (for Two Excellent Causes):** On **Friday, May 4**, from 6:30 to 9:30 pm, Eden's Youth will have a bake-off to provide morning treats for the Saturday, May 5 Bay Association meeting on preventing gun violence in schools (see below). Baked goods made on Friday night will be offered for a free-will donation to support an Eden Youth "Blue Theology" trip this summer. Sign up with Pastor Pepper.

**Promoting Safe & Hospitable School Communities** is the theme of the Bay Association Spring 2018 Meeting. The event will be held on **Saturday, May 5**, in Oliver Hall from 9 am to 12 noon, and include worship, a panel presentation and Q&A. Come and learn from school and faith leaders why the U.S. leads the first-world in gun violence, and what in God's name faith communities can do to be an answer to the prayers. The event is offered free of charge. A continental breakfast will be provided. A freewill offering will be received to benefit the Eden UCC Youth Group "Blue Theology" Retreat. Childcare for toddlers–5<sup>th</sup> grade will be available for all who are *pre-registered* by **Saturday, Apr 21**. The Cherryland Computer Café (and homework help) will be open for all ages on a first-come, first served basis. To register for childcare or request a parent permission form for youth patrons of the Café, send email to: [baevents@sonic.net](mailto:baevents@sonic.net).

**Ready for the Future:** This year's Stewardship Campaign will kick off on **Sunday, May 6** and celebrates the successful kick-off of Eden's Strategic Plan, adopted in **Jun 2016** and now in its second year of implementation and the congregation's recent decision to call the Rev. Marvin Wiser, as a designated term pastor to focus on youth, young adults, and families with young children. With the call of Pastor Marvin, who will begin his term on **Jun 11**, Eden Church is "red-y" for the future! Save these dates (and your appetite) for these special "red" Stewardship events: **Sunday, May 6:** Red Velvet Cupcakes, **Sunday, May 13:** Strawberry Shortcakes, and **Sunday, May 20:** Cherry Pies (Pentecost/Pledge Dedication Sunday)

### SMALL GROUPS

**Free Yoga Class: Namaste!** Free weekly bi-lingual (English-Spanish) yoga classes are offered at Eden Church from 6 to 7 pm on Tuesday nights in **Room 201** (across from the Jensen Room). Please use the West Wing (FESCO) entrance. For more information, contact Tania Martinez.

**Seekers Book Club:** Our weekly book discussion group is reading *Lab Girl* by acclaimed scientist Hope Jahren each week on Wednesdays at 10 am in the Fireside Room. For more information, contact Pastor Pepper.

**Bible Study:** Curious about the lost coin? Wondering about the barren fig tree? How about the prodigal son and his father? Eden's Bible Study group began a new series on the parables of Jesus. Come to either our daytime session at 10 am or our evening session at 7 pm. Spring dates for both the morning and evening sessions include: **Apr 23 and May 7 & 21**. For info, contact Dianne Dorn or Keith Smith.

**Single Women's Group:** Single women meet for fellowship and lunch on the first Friday of every month. The next meeting is **Friday, May 4**. For information, contact Daniella Prym.

### ONGOING PROGRAMS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Cherryland Computer Café Hours:** The spring semester café hours will be as follows: Monday and Tuesdays, 4-7 pm, and Comida Wednesdays, 1:30-4 pm.

**Eden Church Childcare Policy:** Eden Church makes a reasonable attempt to provide childcare during Sunday worship, congregational meetings, and Taste & See Gatherings without a special request. The church also makes a reasonable attempt to provide childcare for church-sponsored meetings/events. To request childcare for your family or for a church meeting/event, contact Pastor Pepper at [pepper@edenucc.com](mailto:pepper@edenucc.com).

## THIS WEEK AT-A-GLANCE

### Sunday, April 15

9:00—9:45 am	Music Rehearsal	Sanctuary
10:00—11:15 am	Sunday Worship	Sanctuary
11:15—12:30 pm	Fellowship	Oliver Hall
11:30—12:30 pm	Music Rehearsal	Sanctuary
11:30—12:30 pm	Sunday Counters	Library
11:30—12:30 pm	ESLO Meeting	Fireside Room

### Monday, April 16

4:00—7:00 pm	Cherryland Computer Café	Norberg Room
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### Tuesday, April 17

4:00—7:00 pm	Cherryland Computer Café	Norberg Room
6:00—7:00 pm	Free Yoga	Room 201

### Wednesday, April 18

10:00—11:00 am	Seekers	Fireside Room
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### Saturday, April 21

8:15—3:30 pm	Youth Service at Oakland Zoo	Offsite
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### Sunday, April 22

9:00—9:45 am	Music Rehearsal	Sanctuary
10:00—11:15 am	Sunday Worship with Mt Eden Choir	Sanctuary
11:15—12:30 pm	Fellowship	Oliver Hall
11:30—12:30 pm	Music Rehearsal	Sanctuary
11:30—12:30 pm	Sunday Counters	Library

## **COMING ATTRACTIONS – MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

*New or amended items are in bold & italics.*

<b>Apr 17</b>	Free Yoga	May 04	Youth Group Bake-Off
<b>Apr 21</b>	Youth Service: Oakland Zoo	May 05	Bay Association Meeting
Apr 21	EAIC Ethnic Dance Festival	May 06	Stewardship Campaign Begins
<b>Apr 23</b>	Bible Study	May 07	Bible Study
<b>Apr 24</b>	Free Yoga	May 08	Free Yoga
<b>Apr 25</b>	<b><i>6<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration: Comida para Cherryland</i></b>	May 08	Trustees Meeting
Apr 28	FESCO Shelter Shuffle	May 09	Comida para Cherryland
<b>Apr 30</b>	<b><i>EAF Board Meeting</i></b>	May 13	Festival of the Christian Home
May 01	Church Council Meeting	May 15	Free Yoga
May 01	Free Yoga	May 20	Stewardship Sunday/Pentecost
		May 21	Bible Study Potluck



Eden Area Interfaith Council  
Presents

# ETHNIC DANCE FESTIVAL

featuring:

Folk Dances of North India: Gidda  
American Square Dancing  
Odissi Dance  
Classical Dance of North India  
Jewish Folk Dancing  
*(with audience participation)*  
and  
**INTERNATIONAL  
VEGETARIAN CUISINE**



**Saturday, April 21st, 2018  
3:00 pm to 6:00 pm**

**First Presbyterian Church  
2490 Grove Way, Castro Valley, CA  
(next to Trader Joe's)**

Get your tickets from  
Ethnic Dance Festival @

<https://brownpapertickets.com/event/3370423>

or at the door

**\$20.00 per person  
\$35 for families up to 4 members  
The ticket includes dinner**



This fundraiser supports the  
**EDEN AREA INTER-FAITH COUNCIL**

<http://edeninterfaith.weebly.com/>

For more information call: 510-962-6588 or email [info@edeninterfaith.org](mailto:info@edeninterfaith.org)