

* **INVOCATION** *(in unison)* Dave

O Divine Wisdom, we thank you for creating us and calling us to be like trees planted by streams of living water, deeply rooted in your ever-flowing spirit. As we reach out to you, help us also to reach out to others so that we may give and receive the love and support that we all need in order to be stronger and healthier. Amen.

PASSING OF THE PEACE Dave

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 Dave

L: Worship continues with the ministry of music.

ANTHEM Ave Maria Arcadelt

CHILDREN'S GATHERING Pastor Pepper

CHILDREN'S BLESSING God Made from One Blood *(v.1)* **NCH № 427**

*God made from one blood all the fam-ilies of earth,
The cir-cles of nur-ture that raise us from birth,
Com-pan-ions who join us to work through each stage
of child-hood and youth and a-dult-hood and age.*

*(Children in grades K-5 are excused to Church School.
Nursery care for babies and pre-schoolers is available at any time during worship.)*

SCRIPTURE READING John 17:6-19 Dave

(Today's scripture lesson can be found on pages 879-880 of the pew Bibles.)

SERMON "From Soup to Salad" The Rev. Dr. Arlene K. Nehring

* **HYMN** Blessed Be the Tie That Binds **NCH № 393**

OFFERING & DEDICATION OF OUR GIFTS

Mission Moment Amy & Rachel Rios-Richardson
(Thank you for placing your blue or peach card in the offering plate)

Offertory Love at Home MacNaughton/ Lybbert

***Response**

God Made from One Blood (v.2)

NCH № 427

*We turn to you, God, with our thanks and our tears
for all of the fam-ilies we've known through the years,
The in-ti-mate net-works on whom we de-pend
of pa-rents and part-ners and chil-dren and friends.*

***Prayer of Dedication**

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY

Joys and Concerns

Pastor Pepper

Pastoral Prayer

Jesus' Prayer *(in 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.

Prayer Response

Pero Queda Cristo *(v.1 in Spanish & v.1 in English)*

NCH № 88

*Por la ma-ña-na di-ri-gi-mos la a-labanza
a Dios que ha si-do nues-tra ú-nica es-pe-ran-za.
Por la ma-ña-na le in-vo-ca-mos con el al-ma,
le su-pli-ca-mos que nos dé su dul-ce cal-ma.
Dios nos es-cucha, pues nos a-ma tant-to,
y nos a-li-via de cual-quier que-bran-to,
Nos da su ma-no po-de-ro-sa y fuer-te,
pa-ra li-brar-nos de la mis-ma muer-te.*

*At ear-ly dawn we sing a song of ad-o-ra-tion
to God who is our on-ly hope and our sal-va-tion.
At ear-ly dawn we raise our long-ing in-vo-ca-tion;
for God's sweet calm we beg in fer-vent sup-pli-ca-tion.
God's heart is full of love and mer-cy for us,
from all our bro-ken-ness God will re-store us.
Our God is strong and will for-sake us never
from death it-self God set us free for-ev-er.*

*** HYMN**

Help Us Accept Each Other

NCH № 388

*** BENEDICTION**

Pastor Arlene

* **RESPONSE**

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.*

* **CHIMES & THE LIGHT DEPARTS WITH THE PEOPLE**

(The congregation is seated for the Postlude)

POSTLUDE

Ave Maria

Gounod/Bach

Worship Leaders

The Rev. Dr. Arlene K. Nehring, Senior Minister
The Rev. Pepper Swanson, Associate Minister
Dr. Jessie Wenchieh Lo, Organist & Music Director
Dave Wallace, Liturgist

Julie Booher & TBD, Greeters
Keith Smith, Jared Smith-Bove, & Lauren Smith-Bove, Ushers
Kemy Gekara & Yoselin Penado, Childcare Workers
Keith Smith & Dianne Dorn, Church School Teachers
Margo Heath & Rozetta Walth, Counters

TJ Wilkinson, Fellowship Captain
Marv Beck, Fellowship Host
Carol Roach & Lauren Smith-Bove, Fellowship Helpers
Bill Adam, Trustee on Duty
Dawn Coburn, Sunday Sexton

Flowers

The flowers on the altar are in Celebration of the Christian Home.

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

This year's **Stewardship Campaign** has officially kicked off (see below). Join us **TODAY** in Oliver Hall, during fellowship, for Strawberry Shortcakes to celebrate.

Pledge Information Session: Jan Bass, Associate Treasurer, is available **TODAY** from 11:15 am to 12 noon in the Fireside Room to answer questions about your Pledge history, your current Pledge, or any questions you might have about Pledging in general.

COMING EVENTS

Ready for the Future: This year's Stewardship Campaign has officially kicked off. It celebrates 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 the final date (and your appetite) **Sunday, May 20** for Cherry Pies (Pentecost/Pledge Dedication Sunday). Everyone is invited to wear red on **Sunday, May 20**.

Check your email for this year's Pledge letter, frequently-asked questions, and pledge form. Paper copies of the letter and form are available in the Church Office.

Gay Prom: This year's Gay Prom is Saturday, **Jun 2** at Chabot College. If you are interested in joining our E-Team and other church members at 6:30 pm to greet and support Prom attendees, please contact Pastor Pepper.

Bravo! Sunday: Help us celebrate our 2018 high school and college graduates as well as Eden's many church school teachers, nursery volunteers, choir members and musicians, by giving them a round of applause on **Sunday, Jun 3**. If you or a member of your family is completing a program of study, please let Pastor Pepper or Pastor Arlene know so that we can include you in our celebration. Cake will be served by our Fellowship Committee. Come and help us recognize the many talents in our community.

Taste & See: New to Eden? Visitors and newcomers are invited to join our pastor and welcoming team for a reception in the Fireside Room, **Jun 10**, 11:30 am to 12:30 pm. Grab coffee & a snack from Fellowship in Oliver Hall, meet up in the Fireside Room (west wing). Tell us a little about yourself and your spiritual journey. Ask questions. Learn more about enriching experiences offered at Eden such as Bible study, volunteer opportunities, and church school. Children are welcome!

Call to the 153rd Annual Meeting: The 153rd Annual Meeting of Eden United Church of Christ has been called by the Church Council for Sunday, **Jun 24, 2018**. The meeting will be held in Oliver Hall following morning worship. This meeting is called in accordance with the Eden Church bylaws. Agenda items include the following:

- To receive the 2017–18 Annual Report
- To receive a preliminary 2017–18 year-end financial report
- To receive and act on the proposed operating budget for 2018–2019
- To receive and act on a slate of officers and board and committee members for 2018–2019
- To recognize elected leaders who are completing terms of service
- To install officers and board and committee members who are beginning terms of service
- To receive a final report from the Church Council regarding the Oliver Properties, LLC
- To receive a progress report from the Church Council on the Strategic Plan Results

Members are expected. Visitors are welcome. Pastor Arlene and Stephanie will provide lunch. Middle and high school students are encouraged to participate. Childcare will be provided for N-6th Grade during the business meeting. *Advance copies of the Annual Meeting materials will be available in the church office during the month of June or by email. Please send email requests to tania@edenucc.com before 1 p.m. on Friday, Jun 22.*

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 *God, A Human History* by Reza Aslan each week on Wednesdays at 10 am in the Fireside Room. For more information, contact Pastor Pepper.

Bible Study: Spring Bible Study will conclude on Monday, **May 21**. Everyone is invited to attend the evening session at 7 pm in the Fireside Room, which will be a potluck. In addition to closing our study of the Parables, we will select what book of the Bible to study when we resume next Fall. 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, June 1st**. For information, contact Daniella Prym.

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.

THIS WEEK AT-A-GLANCE

Sunday, May 13

9:00—9:45 am	Music Rehearsal	Sanctuary
10:00—11:15 am	Sunday Worship	Sanctuary
11:15—12:00 pm	Pledge Information Session	Fireside Room
11:15—12:30 pm	Fellowship – <i>Strawberry Shortcakes!</i>	Oliver Hall
11:30—12:30 pm	Music Rehearsal	Sanctuary
11:30—12:30 pm	Sunday Counters	Library

Monday, May 14

11:30—12:30 pm	Staff Meeting	Fireside Room
4:00—7:00 pm	Cherryland Computer Café	Norberg Room

Tuesday, May 15

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

Wednesday, May 16

10:00—11:00 am	Seekers	Fireside Room
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Thursday, May 17

7:00—9:00 pm	Admin/Finance Committee Meeting	Norberg Room
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Sunday, May 20

9:00—9:45 am	Music Rehearsal	Sanctuary
10:00—11:15 am	Sunday Worship – <i>Mt. Eden Choir Performs</i>	Sanctuary
11:15—12:00 pm	Pledge Information Session	Fireside Room
11:15—12:30 pm	Fellowship – <i>Cherry Pies!</i>	Oliver Hall
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COMING ATTRACTIONS – MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

New or amended items are in bold & italics.

May 15	Free Yoga
May 20	Stewardship Sunday/Pentecost/Mt. Eden Choir Performs
May 21	Final Spring Bible Study & Potluck
May 28	<i>Memorial Day – Campus Closed</i>
Jun 2	<i>Gay Prom E-vent</i>
Jun 3	<i>Bravo! Sunday</i>
Jun 5	<i>Church Council Meeting</i>
Jun 10	Taste & See
Jun 10	2018-19 Budget Presentation
Jun 11	<i>Pastor Marvin's starting date</i>
Jun 12	<i>Trustees Meeting</i>
Jun 14-17	<i>NCNC Annual Gathering</i>
Jun 24	<i>153rd Annual Meeting</i>
Jun 24	<i>2018 ChYLI Orientation</i>
Jul 1	<i>Pie for the 4th of July!</i>
Jul 4	<i>Independence Day—Campus Closed</i>
Jul 6	<i>2018 ChYLI Orientation</i>

Frequently Asked Questions about Pledging to Eden Church

Why give to Eden Church?

One of the responsibilities of being a member is to support the Church and its ministry by giving of one's time, talent, and treasure. Only with the generous support of members and friends, Eden Church is able to offer weekly worship, Christian programs and community service, and maintain the Church campus.

What is "pledged" giving?

Each year, members and friends of Eden Church are asked to provide an estimate of their financial support to the Church for the coming year. The amount pledged is typically paid in weekly or monthly payments, although some prefer to contribute in a single lump sum or in two installments. Payments are received by cash and check via the Sunday offering plate, handed to the Associate Treasurer, or dropped off or mailed to the Church Office. For logistical information about contributing securities, please contact Associate Treasurer Jan Bass: 510-508-1427.



How much do Eden members and friends typically pledge?

Pledging is a spiritual act. We don't assess a fee or propose set amounts for congregants. Annual pledges to Eden Church this past year ranged from \$5 to \$40,000. Over half of all members pledge \$3,000 or more. At Eden, we often quote 2 Corinthians 9:7, in which the apostle wrote, "God loves a cheerful giver." We encourage everyone to give an amount that they feel good about.

What is a tithe?

Biblically, a tithe is a financial gift reflective of 10% of a person or household's annual income. Tithing or giving 10% is a spiritual practice, like prayer or coming to church, that many chose to adopt as an act of devotion to God and discipleship to Jesus Christ.

How much did I pledge last year?

Jan Bass, Associate Treasurer, can answer any questions you have about your pledge or pledge history today after worship in the Fireside Room or by email to contribute@edenucc.com.

How much should I increase my pledge each year to keep current with inflation?

The majority of the church's expenses are fixed and increase annually with the cost of living. Over the past 12 months, the Consumer Price Index has increased by 3.2% so gifts that help us keep up with inflation are definitely needed. Gifts that exceed inflation help us address the additional costs associated with our growth plan. Attend a budget meeting or the Annual Meeting to learn about the progress being made in fulfillment of our strategic plan.

How can I find out more about next year's budget and the Church's current needs?

Budget Information Sessions will be held following morning worship on Sunday, May 6, and June 10. The Budget will be voted on by the membership at Annual Meeting on Sunday, June 24.

How can I make a planned gift by including Eden Church in my will?

If you have questions about planned giving, please contact Rob Parrish, Chair of Eden's Planned Giving Committee, Moderator Keith Smith, or Pastor Arlene.