

**Eden United Church of Christ**  
**Order for Worship**  
**Third Sunday After Pentecost**  
**Sunday, June 10, 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.  
 Thank you for bringing no food or beverages in the Sanctuary  
 other than sacramental elements and bottled water.*

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**PRELUDE** Voluntary in F 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 worship card today)*

**INTROIT** My God, Accept My Heart This Day (v.1) **NCH № 352**  
*My God, ac-cept my heart this day, and make it al-ways yours,  
 That I from you no more may stray as long as life en-dures.*

\* **CALL TO WORSHIP** *(All who are able may stand)* The Rev. Rob Parrish

- L: Welcome to this wonderful family reunion!
- R: **We are brothers and sisters, mothers and fathers,  
uncles and aunts, grandparents and cousins.**
- L: Some of us are related by blood, and some by marriage.
- R: **Others we call our family of choice.**
- L: All of us are related to Christ, because we share his vision.
- R: **We are family!**
- L: We are decended from the same God who called us to worship;
- R: **The same God who sends us out to bless others.**
- L: Let us sing and celebrate our heritage.
- R: **Let us prepare to reaffirm our calling,  
and fulfill God's great commission.**

\* **HYMN** I Sing as I Rise Today **NCH № 83**

\* **INVOCATION** (*in unison*) Rob

**O God of our Ancestors and Our Posterity, help us to remember that you created each and everyone of us in your image and that we are fearfully and wonderfully made. Grant us courage to claim the calling that you have extended to us as brothers and sisters in Christ. Inspire our witness so that others might hear your word and experience your love through our words and deeds. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.**

\* **PASSING OF THE PEACE** Rob

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**

L: Our service continues with ministry of music. Rob

**CHILDREN'S GATHERING** Pastor Pepper

**CHILDREN'S BLESSING** Go, My Children, with My Blessing (*v. 1*) **NCH № 82**

*Go, my chil-dren, with my bless-ing nev-er a-lone;  
Wak-ing, sleep-ing, I am with you, you are my own;  
In my love's bap-tis-mal riv-er I have made you mine for-ev-er,  
Go my chil-dren, with my bless-ing, you are my own.*

*(K-5th grade are excused for Summer Celebration and will rejoin their parents in Oliver Hall.  
Nursery care for babies and pre-schoolers is available at any time during worship.)*

**SCRIPTURE READING** Mark 3: 31-35 Rob

*(Today's scripture lesson can be found on page 815 in the pew Bibles.)*

**SERMON** "We Are Family" The Rev. Dr. Arlene K. Nehring

\* **HYMN** God Made from One Blood **NCH № 427**

### **PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY**

**Joys and Concerns** The Rev. Rob Parrish

**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

Sweet Hour of Prayer (v. 1)

*NCH № 505*

*Sweet hour of prayer! Sweet hour of prayer!  
that calls me from a world of care,  
and bids me at my Ma-ker's throne  
let all my needs and wants be known.  
In sea-sons of dis-tress and grief,  
my soul has of-ten found re-lief,  
and oft es-caped the tempt-er's snare  
by your re-turn sweet hour of prayer!*

## OFFERING & DEDICATION OF OUR GIFTS

**Invitation** *(Thank you for placing your blue worship card in the offering plate)*

Rob

### Offertory

Träumerei (Reverie) Op. 15 No.7

R. Schumann

### \*Response

Christian, Rise and Act Your Creed (v.3)

*NCH № 537*

*Of-fer oth-ers hope and joy, and God's wor-ship your em-ploy;  
Giv-ing thanks in hum-ble zeal, learn-ing all God's will to feel.*

### \*Prayer of Dedication

Rob

### \* HYMN

Thank Our God for Sisters, Brothers

*NCH № 397*

### \* BENECTION

Pastor Arlene

### \* RESPONSE

Sent Forth by God's Blessing (v.1)

*NCH № 76*

*Sent forth by God's bless-ing, our true faith con-fess-ing,  
the peo-ple of God from this dwell-ing take leave.  
The ser-vice is end-ed, O now be ex-tend-ed  
the fruits of our wor-ship in all who be-lieve.  
The seed of the teach-ing, re-cep-tive hearts reach-ing,  
shall blos-som in ac-tion for God and for all.  
God's grace did in-vite us, and love shall u-nite us  
to work for God's realm and to an-swer the call.*

\* **THE LIGHT DEPARTS WITH THE PEOPLE**

*(The congregation is seated for the Postlude)*

**POSTLUDE**

Postlude in C Major

W. Anacker

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**Worship Leaders**

The Rev. Dr. Arlene K. Nehring, Senior Minister

The Rev. Pepper Swanson, Associate Minister

The Rev. Rob Parrish, Liturgist

Dr. Jessie Wenchieh Lo, Organist & Music Director

Eden Church Choir

Kemy Gekara & Yoselin Penado, Childcare Workers

Jan Bass & Dianne Dorn, Church School Teachers

Julie Booher & TBD, Greeters

Julie Booher, Russ Newman, Stephanie Spencer & TBD, Ushers

Margo Heath & Rozetta Walth, Counters

Pat Payne, Fellowship Captain

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.

**FLOWERS**

*The flowers on the altar were given by Stephanie Spencer in honor of Pastor Arlene's 30<sup>th</sup> Ordination Anniversary, Tuesday, June 19, 1988.*

**TODAY**

**High Tea for Pastor Marvin & Family:** Join us **TODAY** immediately following worship to welcome our new Designated Term Associate Minister the Rev. Marvin Wiser and his family to California and to Eden Church. A special "high tea" reception will be provided by members of the Search Committee.

**2018-2019 Budget Presentation:** Eden Church Treasurer, the Rev. Rob Parrish, and members of the 2018-19 Budget Committee will provide a budget presentation **TODAY** from 11:30 am to 2 pm in the Norberg Room. The presentation will include an analysis of revenue sources and expenses for our worshipping congregation, outreach ministries, and illustrate how the Budget Committee recommends aligning financial and human resources with the vision articulated in the congregation's Strategic Plan.

**Taste & See:** New to Eden? Visitors and newcomers are invited to join our pastor and welcoming team for a reception in the Fireside Room, **TODAY** from 11:30 am to 12:30 pm 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!

### COMING EVENTS

**New Eden T-Shirts Coming Soon!** Just in time for summer! Two new designs featuring Eden's rainbow logo will be available for sale on **Sundays, Jun 17 and Jun 24** after worship. Cost is \$15 with a suggested \$5 donation toward the cost of gift shirts and unsold merchandise. Samples available in sizes S-3XL. Men's baseball t-shirt features  $\frac{3}{4}$  length sleeves, full color logo and words "Team Eden" on back. Women's long-sleeved t-shirt features scoop neck, full color logo, and double-stitched hems with no words on back. For more information contact Pastor Pepper.

**Call to the 153<sup>rd</sup> Annual Meeting:** The 153<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto:tania@edenucc.com) before 1 pm on Friday, Jun 22.*

### SMALL GROUPS

**Seekers Book Club:** Our weekly book discussion group is starting a new book, *Surprised by Joy* by C.S. Lewis, on **Jun 13**. We meet each week on Wednesdays at 10 am in the Fireside Room. For more information, contact Pastor Pepper.

**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 Oliver Hall *through the end of June*. Please use the West Wing (FESCO) entrance. For more information, contact Tania Martinez.

**Single Women's Group:** Single women meet for fellowship and lunch on the first Friday of every month. The next meeting is **Friday, July 6**. 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.

## THIS WEEK AT-A-GLANCE

### Sunday, June 10

9:00—9:45 am	Music Rehearsal	Sanctuary
10:00—11:15 am	Sunday Worship	Sanctuary
11:30—2:00 pm	Budget Committee Presentation	Norberg Room
11:30—12:30 pm	Taste & See	Fireside Room
11:15—12:30 pm	Welcome Reception for Pastor Marvin's Family	Oliver Hall
11:30—12:30 pm	Music Rehearsal	Sanctuary
11:30—12:30 pm	Sunday Counters	Library

### Monday, June 11

11:30—12:30 pm	Staff Meeting	Fireside Room
4:00—7:00 pm	Cherryland Computer Café	Norberg Room
6:00—7:00 pm	Service Enlistment Committee	Community Room

### Tuesday, June 12

4:00—7:00 pm	Cherryland Computer Café	Norberg Room
6:00—7:00 pm	Free Yoga	Oliver Hall
7:00—9:00 pm	Trustees Meeting	Fireside Room

### Wednesday, June 13

10:00—11:30 am	Seekers	Fireside Room
1:30—4:00 pm	Comida Para Cherryland	Oliver Hall
1:30—4:00 pm	Cherryland Computer Café	Norberg Room

### Sunday, June 17

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

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

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

Jun 11	Pastor Marvin's starting date	Jul 4	Independence Day—Campus
Jun 12	Trustees Meeting		Closed
Jun 15-16	NCNC Annual Gathering	Jul 6	2018 ChYLI Begins
Jun 24	153 <sup>rd</sup> Annual Meeting	Jul 8-14	Caz Sr. High Camp
Jun 24	2018 ChYLI Orientation	Jul 14	Castro Valley Pride
Jun 27	2018 ChYLI Orientation	Jul 15	Eden's 23 <sup>rd</sup> ONA Anniversary
Jul 1	Pie for the 4 <sup>th</sup> of July!	Aug 10	ChYLI Fiesta

**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. We also make a reasonable attempt to provide childcare for church-sponsored meetings/events upon request. To request childcare, contact Pastor Pepper at pepper@edenucc.com.