

**Eden United Church of Christ**  
**Order for Worship**  
**23<sup>rd</sup> ONA & 1<sup>st</sup> Sanctuary Church Anniversaries**  
**Eighth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**Sunday, July 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.  
Thank you for bringing no food or beverages in the Sanctuary  
other than sacramental elements and bottled water.*

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**PRELUDE**                      Praise the Lord with Drums and Cymbals                      Karg-Elert

**THE LIGHT ENTERS WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT**

**GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS**                      Yuliana Wisser Leon  
*(Thank you for your gift of presence and for completing a prayer request card today)*

**INTROIT**                      Come, God, Creator, Be Our Shield *(v.1)*                      **NCH № 69**  
*Come, God, Cre-a-tor, be our shield,  
the One to whom our cares we yield;  
And in our wor-ship, faith im-part,  
your grace and calm to ev-ery heart.*

\* **CALL TO WORSHIP** *(All who are able may stand)*                      Stephanie S. Spencer

**L:** The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it,  
the world, and those who live in it;

**R:** **for God has founded it on the seas,  
and established it on the rivers.**

**L:** Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord?  
And who shall stand in God's holy place?

**R:** **Those who have clean hands and pure hearts,  
who do not lift up their souls to what is false,  
and do not swear deceitfully.**

*Psalm 24:1-4*

\* **HYMN** From All That Dwell below the Skies **NCH № 27**

\* **INVOCATION** (*in unison*) Stephanie

**Creating God, we thank you for giving birth to this most amazing day and for creating us, your rainbow people, and gathering us from the four corners of the earth. We thank you for the reminder that we are fearfully and wonderfully made in your image, and that you have called us to dance our way through life with you in a state of grace. Amen.**

\* **PASSING OF THE PEACE** Stephanie

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

**CHILDREN'S GATHERING** Pastor Marvin

**CHILDREN'S BLESSING** Now in the Days of Youth (v. 3) **NCH № 350**

***Teach us to love in truth, to give and to re-ceive with joy-ful and with o-pen hearts,  
with all that we be-lieve; To seek an-oth-er's good, to hon-or what is right,  
to let our will and our de-sire be held in ho-ly light.***

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

**SCRIPTURE READING** 2 Samuel 6:12-19 (*LBLA*) Stephanie

*(Today's scripture lesson can be found in English on page 245 in the pew Bibles.)*

<sup>12</sup> Y se dio aviso al rey David, diciéndole: El SEÑOR ha bendecido la casa de Obed-edom y todo lo que le pertenece a causa del arca de Dios. Entonces David fue, y con alegría hizo subir el arca de Dios de la casa de Obed-edom a la ciudad de David. <sup>13</sup> Y sucedió que cuando los portadores del arca del SEÑOR habían andado seis pasos, él sacrificó un buey y un carnero cebado. <sup>14</sup> David danzaba con toda *su* fuerza delante del SEÑOR, y estaba vestido con un efod de lino. <sup>15</sup> David y toda la casa de Israel hacían subir el arca del SEÑOR con aclamación y sonido de trompeta. <sup>16</sup> Sucedió que cuando el arca del SEÑOR entraba a la ciudad de David, Mical, hija de Saúl, miró desde la ventana y vio al rey David saltando y danzando delante del SEÑOR, y lo menospreció en su corazón. <sup>17</sup> Metieron el arca del SEÑOR y la colocaron en su lugar dentro de la tienda que David había levantado para ella, y David ofreció holocaustos y ofrendas de paz delante del SEÑOR.

<sup>18</sup> Cuando David terminó de ofrecer el holocausto y las ofrendas de paz, bendijo al pueblo en el nombre del SEÑOR de los ejércitos. <sup>19</sup> Después repartió a todo el pueblo, a toda la multitud de Israel, tanto a hombres como a mujeres, una torta de pan, una de dátiles y una de pasas a cada uno. Entonces todo el pueblo se fue, cada uno a su casa.

**SERMON** “Shall We Dance?” The Rev. Dr. Arlene Nehring

\* **HYMN** Every Time I Feel the Spirit **NCH № 282**

## **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** O Grant Us, God, a Little Space (*v. 1*) **NCH № 516**

*O grant us, God, a lit-tle space from dai-ly tasks set free.  
We meet with-in this ho-ly place and find se-cu-ri-ty.*

## **OFFERING & DEDICATION OF OUR GIFTS**

**Invitation** (*Thank you for placing your blue or peach card in the offering plate*) Stephanie

**Offertory** Serenade Schubert

\* **Response** Take My Gifts (*v.1*) **NCH № 562**

*Take my gifts and let me love you, God who first of all loved me,  
gave me light and food and shel-ter, gave me life and set me free,  
now be-cause your love has touched me, I have love to give a-way,  
now the bread of love is ri-sing, loaves of love to mul-ti-ply!*

\* **Prayer of Dedication** Stephanie

\* **HYMN** Halleluja **NCH № 236**

\* **BENEDICTION** Pastor Arlene

\* **RESPONSE**

Let Us with a Joyful Mind (v.1)

**NCH № 16**

*Let us with a joy-ful mind praise our God for-ev-er kind,  
Rich with mer-cies that en-dure, ev-er faithful, ev-er sure.*

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

*(The congregation is seated for the Postlude)*

**POSTLUDE**

Postlude in B-flat major

Humphrey Stark

**Worship Leaders**

The Rev. Dr. Arlene K. Nehring, Senior Minister  
The Rev. Pepper Swanson, Associate Minister  
The Rev. Marvin Lance Wiser, Designated Term Associate Minister  
Stephanie S. Spencer, Liturgist  
Dr. Jessie Wenchieh Lo, Organist & Music Director  
Julie Booher, Greeter  
Scott Swanson, Theresa Collier, Julie Booher, and TBD, Ushers  
Yoselin Penado & Isabel Walth, Childcare Workers  
Athena Malloy & Rozetta Walth, Church School Teachers  
Pat Payne, Fellowship Captain  
Imelda de la Cruz, Laura Andrade, Sofia Morillo,  
Juana Mayerling Oleveras Perez, Stephanie S. Spencer, and Viki Vivaldo, Feista Chiefs  
2018 ChYLLs, Servers  
Andrea Orea, Compañeras/os Community Organizer  
Yuliana Wiser-Leon, Compañeras/os Ministry Coordinator  
Jared Smith-Bove, Trustee on Duty  
Sally Kusalo & Dave Wallace, Counters  
Dawn Coburn, Sunday Sexton

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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 the Smith-Bove family  
in memory of Florence Davis and Dorothy Roberts.*

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## TODAY

**TODAY** we celebrate 23 years of being an **Open & Affirming** (gay-friendly) church! Worship will be followed by our **Proud to Be a Sanctuary Fundraiser**. Join us for homemade tacos, lively dancing music by Dawn Coburn, and fun & games for the kids. Tickets are \$10 per adult; children under 12 free.

## COMING EVENTS

**2018 ChYLI Fiesta:** The Cherryland Youth Leadership Institute (ChYLI), now in its seventh year of operation, is fully subscribed with 18 students. The 2018 session began on **Jul 5** and culminates with the ChYLI Fiesta on Friday, **Aug 10**, from 6-8 p.m. in Oliver Hall. Traditional Mexican cuisine will be served. The program began with a four-day trip to Pacific Grove where students toured local colleges and participated in the Blue Theology program sponsored by the Christian Church of Pacific Grove. The ChYLI program builds on the cultural strengths and values of participating families and introduces Eden Area youth to academic, social, and practical experiences that strengthen participants' capacity to succeed in school, employment, and community life. The program is offered free of charge to students ages 14 to 18 (entering 9-12th grades) who live in the Eden Area. For more information about the ChYLI program see Pastor Marvin. Tickets for the fiesta may be purchased in advance and held at Will-Call.

## SMALL GROUPS

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

**Single Women's Group:** Single women meet for fellowship and lunch on the first Friday of every month. The next meeting is **Friday, Aug 3**. For information, contact Daniella Prym.

**Bible Study:** Our biweekly Bible Study is on hiatus until the Fall. Plans are underway for a Spanish-language Bible Study as well. For further information, contact Pastor Pepper.

## PROGRAMS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Summer STEM Class:** The STEM Future Foundation and GME Corporation are partnering with Eden Church to host a 5-week summer STEM (science, technology, engineering, math) program called "We All Win With Stem!" for students entering grades 4 to 6. The program runs from Jun 18 to Jul 31 and meets Mondays and Tuesdays from 1:30 to 4:30 pm in the Jensen Room. There is no cost and STEM Kit Materials and snacks are provided.. To register your student or bring this program to your school, please email The STEM Future Foundation at [tsff@thestemfuturefoundation.org](mailto:tsff@thestemfuturefoundation.org). For more information contact [andrea@edenucc.com](mailto:andrea@edenucc.com)

**Cherryland Computer Café Hours:** The summer café hours are as follows: Comida Wednesdays, 1:30-4 pm, and by appointment. Contact our summer CCC Cordinator, Karla Vanessa Fernandez, for scheduling: [fernandezvanessa.karla@gmail.com](mailto:fernandezvanessa.karla@gmail.com).

**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](mailto:pepper@edenucc.com).

**2018 Flower Calendar:** The 2018 Flower Calendar is posted in the Church Office. Stop by to sign up for a date to match your occasion. Flowers can be provided by: 1) Cut or purchase flowers and arrange them at home or church and place them on the communion table; 2) Make arrangements with Eden's Flower Coordinator Mary Graw to provide flowers and she will arrange them; or 3) Order flowers delivered from a florist to the church on the Saturday prior to your date. Bulletin dedications are due to the Church Office by 12 noon on the Wednesday before your date. For information, contact Mary Graw at 510-581-5536.

## THIS WEEK AT-A-GLANCE

### Sunday, July 15

9:00—9:45 am	Music Rehearsal	Sanctuary
10:00—11:15 am	Sunday Worship	Sanctuary
11:15—1:00 pm	O&A Fiesta/ <i>Proud to be a Sanctuary!</i> Fundraiser	Oliver Hall
11:30—12:30 pm	Sunday Counters	Library

### Monday, July 16

1:30—4:00 pm	STEM Class	Jensen Room
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### Tuesday, July 17

1:30—4:00 pm	STEM Class	Jensen Room
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### Wednesday, July 18

10:00—11:00 am	Seekers	Fireside Room
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### Sunday, July 22

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	Sunday Counters	Library

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

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

Jul 16	STEM Class	Aug 07	Church Council Meeting
Jul 17	STEM Class	Aug 08	Comida & Backpack Distribution
Jul 22	<b>Caz Jr High Camp (7-9) Jul 22-28</b>	Aug 08	Comida para Cherryland
Jul 23	EAF Meeting	Aug 10	ChYLI Fiesta
Jul 23	STEM Class	Aug 14	Trustees Meeting
Jul 30	Congressman Swalwell's Senior Resource Fair	Aug 19	Outdoor Ministries Fundraiser
Jul 31	STEM Finale	Aug 22	Comida para Cherryland
Aug 03	Caz Community Camp (all ages)	Sep 03	Labor Day (Campus Closed)

PLEASE JOIN THE OFFICE OF  
**CONGRESSMAN**  
**SWALWELL**

FOR A SENIOR RESOURCE FAIR AND  
SCAM STOPPER SEMINAR!



**MONDAY, JULY 30**  
**10AM-1PM**  
**EDEN UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
**OLIVER HALL**  
**21455 BIRCH STREET**  
**HAYWARD, CA 94541**

*There will be a Senior Scam Stopper seminar and panel from 10am-12pm, followed by a resource fair from 12-1pm with a multitude of organizations from throughout CA-15 on hand to provide resources and information to seniors, their families, and caregivers.*