

Eden United Church of Christ
Order for Worship
Seventh Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, July 8, 2018
10:00 a.m.

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.*

PRELUDE Prelude in G Major, BWV 884 (from WTC II) J.S Bach

THE LIGHT ENTERS WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS The Rev. Pepper Swanson
(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)* Yuliana Wiser Leon

L: From the beginning of time, God has called some to prophets,

R: some to be apostles,

L: and some to be teachers.

R: Even now, God calls us to a variety of ministries.

L: Some question their call.

R: Some question other's calls.

L: Some are haunted by questions both from within and without.

R: Still God calls us, and invites us to live into the answers we seek.

L: Let us ground ourselves in prayer, so that we might be tuned to the direction of the Holy Spirit.

R: Let us set our sites on God's vision and strive to fulfill it. Amen.

* **HYMN** We Have Gathered, Jesus Dear **NCH № 74**

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

Yuliana

We thank you, O God, for calling forth leaders in every time and place, including our own. Though we are sometimes surprised by your choices, and question your confidence in calling us to share the good news, we dare to trust that you will continue to guide and guard us through the uncharted territory that lies ahead, so that your gospel will prosper in the end. Amen.

MUSICAL INTERLUDE

L: Our service continues with ministry of music.

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Solitary Travel,” Op. 43

E. Grieg

CHILDREN’S GATHERING

Pastor Arlene & Yuliana

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; 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

Mark 6:1-13

Yuliana

(Today’s scripture lesson can be found on page 817 in the pew Bibles.)

SERMON

“Hometown Herratic”

The Rev. Dr. Arlene Nehring

* **HYMN**

Blessed Quietness

NCH № 284

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY

Joys and Concerns

Pastor Arlene

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 worship card in the offering plate*) Pastor Marvin

Offertory “Shooting Star in Summer” N. Ikeda

***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** Pastor Marvin

*** HYMN** God Moves in a Mysterious Way *NCH № 412*

*** BENEDICTION** Pastor Arlene

*** RESPONSE** Let Us with a Joyful Mind (v.1) *NCH № 16*

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

*** THE LIGHT DEPARTS WITH THE PEOPLE**

(The congregation is seated for the Postlude)

POSTLUDE Fugue in G Major, BWV 884 (from WTC II) J.S Bach

Worship Leaders

The Rev. Dr. Arlene K. Nehring, Senior Minister
The Rev. Pepper Swanson, Associate Minister
The Rev. Marvin Lance Wisner, Designated Term Associate Minister
Yuliana Wisner-Leon, Companeras Ministry Coordinator, Liturgist

Dr. Jessie Wenchieh Lo, Organist & Music Director
Omri Shimron, Guest Pianist

Kemy Gekara & Yoselin Penado, Childcare Workers
Jana Aloo & Suzie Hasselkuss, Church School Teachers
Julie Booher & TBD, Greeters
Cindy Keune, Pat Payne, Julie Booher & TBD, Ushers

TJ Wilkinson, Fellowship Captain
Jared Smith- Bove, Trustee on Duty
Dawn Coburn, Sunday Sexton

FLOWERS

The flowers on the altar were given by Julie Booher in thankfulness to God on her new job which begins tomorrow.

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.

COMING EVENTS

Castro Valley Pride: Join Eden Church at the 8th Annual Castro Valley Pride on Saturday, **Jul 14**. Eden's E-Team and friends will have a booth in the shade and plenty of time to talk with Pride attendees about Eden Church and its many community ministries. The event begins at 12 noon and ends at 5 pm and is located under the parking cover of Castro Valley High School. To sign up for a short shift at the booth, see the sign up sheet in the Church office or contact either [Athena Malloy](#) or [Keith Smith](#).

Proud to Be a Sanctuary! On Sunday, **Jul 15**, we will celebrate 23 years of being an Open & Affirming (gay-friendly) church! Worship begins at 10 am, 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. Tickets can be purchased in advance from a member of the E-Team after worship and online <https://proudtobeasanctuary.bpt.me>. For more information, contact Tania Martinez.

2018 ChYLI Fiesta

The Cherryland Youth Leadership Institute (ChYLI), now in its seventh year of operation, is fully subscribed for 2018. The program 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 three-day trip to Pacific Grove where students are touring local colleagues and participating in the Blue Theology program sponsored by 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 may be purchased in advance and held at **Will-Call via brown**

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, July 6**. For information, contact Daniella Prym.

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. For more information contact andrea@edenucc.com

THIS WEEK AT-A-GLANCE

Sunday, July 8

9:00—9:45 am	Music Rehearsal	Sanctuary
10:00—11:15 am	Sunday Worship	Sanctuary
11:15—12:30 pm	Fellowship – Pie!	Oliver Hall
11:30—12:30 pm	Music Rehearsal	Sanctuary
11:30—12:30 pm	Sunday Counters	Library
2:00— 3:00 pm	ChYLI's Return from Pacific Grove	OH Parking Lot

Monday, July 9

1:30—4:00 pm	STEM Class	Jensen Room
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Tuesday, July 10

1:30—4:00 pm	STEM Class	Jensen Room
7:00—9:00 pm	Trustees Meeting	Fireside Room

Wednesday, July 11

10:00—11:30 am	Seekers	Fireside Room
1:00—4:00 pm	Cherryland Computer Café	Norberg Room
1:30—4:00 pm	Comida Para Cherryland	Oliver Hall
2:00—3:30 pm	ChYLI Orientation	Norberg Room

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/Proud to be a Sanctuary! Fundraiser	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.

Jul 09	STEM Class	Jul 15	ONA Anniversary - 23 rd
Jul 10	STEM Class	Jul 15	Proud to be a Sanctuary Fundraiser
Jul 10	Trustees Meeting	Jul 16	STEM Class
Jul 11	Comida para Cherryland	Jul 17	STEM Class
Jul 11	Cherryland Computer Café	Jul 22	Caz Jr High Camp (7-9) Jul 22-28
Jul 14	CV Pride	Jul 23	EAF Meeting
Jul 15	Caz Junior Camp (4-6) Jul 15-21	Jul 23	STEM Class

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!SANTUARIO!



**DOMINGO
15 DE JULIO
2018**

11:15 AM a 1 PM

Acompañenos en
Oliver Hall,
21455 Birch St
(por Grove),
Hayward

EDEN CHURCH está celebrando
**23 años de ser una
IGLESIA ABIERTA Y AFIRMATIVA**

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PROUD TO BE A

SANCTUARY!!



**SUNDAY
JULY 15, 2018**

11:15 AM TO 1 PM

Join us in
Oliver Hall,
21455 Birch St
(at Grove),
Hayward

EDEN CHURCH is celebrating
23 years of being an

OPEN and AFFIRMING (Gay-Friendly) CHURCH

**Fundraiser for our Asylum-Seeking Family
from Nicaragua**

Come enjoy HOMEMADE TACOS and LIVELY MUSIC!

Fun & Games for the Kids!!!

Adults \$10

Children under 12: Free

Buy Tickets Online Through Brown Paper
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