

Eden United Church of Christ
Order for Worship
Twelveth Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, August 12, 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 I'm Gonna Sing H. Williams

THE LIGHT ENTERS WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS The Rev. Marvin Lance Wiser
(Thank you for your gift of presence and for completing a prayer request card today)

INTROIT We Worship You, God (v.1) **NCH № 26**
*We wor-ship you, God;
your power and your love are bla-zoned a-broad, a-round, and a-bove:
Our Shield and De-fend-er, the An-cient of Days,
pa-vil-ioned in splen-dor, and gird-ed with praise.*

* **CALL TO WORSHIP** *(All who are able may stand)* Jan Bass

L: In a world filled with violence

R: We come seeking peace.

L: Though life may be punctuated by sorrow

R: We know a joy that cannot be snuffed out.

L: Sometimes hate wins the battle,

R: But love triumphs for eternity.

L: Though doubters are a dime a dozen

R: We cling to our faith, and peace is our reward.

* **HYMN** I've Got Peace Like a River

NCH № 478

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

Jan

O Giver of Life, you sustain us. You provided our mothers and fathers with *manna* in the wilderness. Out of solid rocks and barren deserts you created artesian wells. You envisioned and led our ancestors to a land flowing with milk and honey. Your son, Jesus, came that we might know the more abundant life that you have envisioned for all people. Give us this living bread always; quench our thirst with the water of life, so that our very lives might be a blessing to others. Amen.

* **PASSING OF THE PEACE**

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.

SPECIAL MUSIC

I Saw the Light

H. Williams

CHILDREN'S GATHERING

The Rev. Pepper Swanson

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

Children of God *(v. 1)*

NCH № 533

***Chil-dren of God, lift hearts to one an-oth-er;
where pit-y dwells, the peace of God is there;
To wor-ship right-ly is to love each oth-er,
each smile a hymn, each kind-ly deed a prayer.***

*(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

John 6:35; 41-51 (NRSV)

Jan

(Today's scripture lesson can be found on page 867 in the pew Bibles.)

SERMON

“Expiring Economies”

The Rev. Dr. Arlene K. Nehring

* **HYMN**

Shall We Gather at the River

NCH № 597

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY

The Rev. Marvin Lance Wiser

Joys and Concerns

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 What a Friend We Have in Jesus (v. 1) *NCH № 506*

*What a friend we have in Je-sus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a priv-i-lege to car-ry ev-ery-thing to God in prayer!
Oh, what peace we of-ten for-feit, oh, what need-less pain we bear,
All be-cause we do not car-ry ev-ery-thing to God in prayer.*

OFFERING & DEDICATION OF OUR GIFTS

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

Offertory Wealth Won't Save Your Soul H. Williams

* **Response** God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending (v. 4) *NCH № 565*

*Lend your joy to all our giv-ing, let it light our pil-grimway;
From the night of anx-ious keep-ing loose us in-to gen-erous day.
Then when years on earth are o-ver, and we've lived our hu-man span,
God, ful-fill be-yond our dream-ing, all our stew-ard-ship be-gan.*

* **Prayer of Dedication** Jan

* **HYMN** What a Covenant *NCH № 471*

* **BENEDICTION** Pastor Arlene

* **RESPONSE** Lord, Make Me More Holy (v.1) *NCH № 75*

*Lord, make me more hol-ly, Lord, make me more ho-ly.
Lord, make me more ho-ly, un-til we meet a-gain.
Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly un-til we meet a-gain.*

* **THE LIGHT DEPARTS WITH THE PEOPLE**

(The congregation is seated for the Postlude)

POSTLUDE May the Circle be Unbroken Traditional

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
Jan Bass, Liturgist
Dr. Jessie Wenchieh Lo, Organist & Music Director
Daniel Price & Sabrina Vasquez, Guest Accompanists
Fabiola Orea & Yoselin Penado, Childcare Workers
Keith Smith & Dianne Dorn, Church School Teachers
Julie Booher, Greeters
Julie Booher, Russ Newman, & Stephanie Spencer, Ushers
TJ Wilkinson, Fellowship Captain
Jared Smith-Bove, 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.

TODAY

Join us later **TODAY** for the annual **Concert in the Park/Benefit for FESCO & La Familia** from 1 to 5 pm, the Hayward Odd Fellows and H.A.R.D. present a Free Summer Concert at the Hayward Memorial Park located at 24176 Mission Blvd in Hayward (next to the Plunge Indoor Swimming Pool). The concert, a benefit for FESCO and La Familia, will feature Giant Garage Spiders with Sycamore 129 Blues Band as well as Celebrity Chef Hayward City Councilman Mark Salinas. Enjoy music and dance, play chess, and create chalk art! Bring a picnic basket (no alcohol). This event is FREE as part of Hayward's 9th Annual Music & Art in the Park!

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COMING EVENTS

First Aid & CPR Class: For those who need to obtain or renew First Aid & CPR/AED certificate, there will be a free training on Saturday, **Aug 18**, from 9 am to 5 pm, in Jensen Room This year, the training and certification will be provided by Emergency Care and Safety Institute. The class is limited to 20 people on a first-come, first-served basis. As a reminder, our Safe Congregation Program requires Eden staff and Primary Volunteers to hold a current certification in First Aid/CPR. Please let Pastor Pepper know **TODAY** if you plan to attend and if you need childcare. You will need a brown bag lunch on the day of the training.

Support Our Summer Camps: On Sunday, **Aug 19**, the Stewardship Committee is sponsoring a hot dog luncheon to raise funds for the NCNC UCC summer camps at Cazadero and Tamarack. Funds to support these facilities are running low and the NCNC has asked every UCC church in our conference to contribute \$5 per member to ensure camp continues for our kids. For a free will offering (suggested donation \$5 per person), you'll enjoy a hot dog, chips, and a drink plus live entertainment by our Campers. For more information, email Dianne Dorn or Keith Smith.

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, **Sep 7**. Sign-up in the Church Office.

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 or Pastor Marvin.

PROGRAMS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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. Fall hours resume on Aug 27 as follows: Mon, Tues 4-7pm and Comida Wednesdays, 1:30-4pm.

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.

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, August 12

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

Tuesday, August 14

7:00—9:00 pm	Trustees Meeting	Fireside Room
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Wednesday, August 15

10:00—11:30 am	Seekers	Fireside Room
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Saturday, August 18

9:00 —5:00 pm	CPR/ First Aid Training	Jensen Room
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Sunday, August 19

9:00—9:45 am	Music Rehearsal	Sanctuary
10:00—11:15 am	Sunday Worship	Sanctuary
11:15—12:30 pm	Outdoor Ministries Fundraiser –Hot Dog Lunch	Oliver Hall
11:30—12:30 pm	Sunday Counters	Library

COMING ATTRACTIONS – MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

New or amended items are in bold & italics.

Aug 14	Trustees Meeting	Sep 12	Comida para Cherryland
Aug 18	First Aid & CPR Class	Sep 16	Taste & See
Aug 19	Outdoor Ministries Fundraiser	Sep 26	Comida para Cherryland
Aug 22	Comida para Cherryland	Oct 02	Church Council Meeting
Aug 27	ESLO Meeting	Oct 07	Gay Asian Pacific Alliance Choir
Sep 03	Labor Day (Campus Closed)	Oct 07	Neighbors in Need Offering
Sep 04	Church Council Meeting	Oct 07	World Communion Sunday
Sep 09	Welcome Back Sunday/Roanoke	Oct 09	Trustees Meeting
	Revival	Oct 10	Comida para Cherryland
Sep 09	Bible Study (Spanish) Begins	Oct 13	AC FamFest 5K Run
Sep 11	Trustees Meeting		

August 2018 Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29 9a Choir 10a Worship 11:15a Fellowship 11:30a Choir	30 10a Senior Resource Fair 1:30p STEM	31 1:30p STEM Finale	1 10a Seekers	2	3 12p Single Women's Group	4
5 9a Choir 10a Worship 11:15a Fellowship 11:30a Choir	6	7 7p Council Mtg	8 10a Seekers 1:30p Computer Café 1:30p Comida para Cherryland & Backpack Distribution	9	10 6p ChYLI Fiesta	11
12 9a Choir 10a Worship 11:15a Fellowship 11:30a Choir	13 11:30a Staff Mtg	14 7p Trustee Mtg	15 10a Seekers	16	17	18 Time TBD CPR/First Aid Training
19 9a Choir 10a Worship 11:15a Camp Fundraiser – Hot Dog Luncheon 11:30a Choir	20	21 7p Admin & Finance Mtg.	22 10a Seekers 1:30p Computer Café 1:30p Comida para Cherryland	23	24	25
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