

* **HYMN** Come, Let Us Join with Faithful Souls **NCH № 383**

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

O Great Redeemer, help our faith. Help us to walk humbly with You and our neighbors. At times we are quick to speak and slow to listen, and are confident in ourselves alone. Gently remind us that we don't have it all figured out. We are simply human and doing the best that we can. We pray Your presence ever near. 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 Get in Line, Brother Lester Flatt

CHILDREN'S GATHERING Rev. Dr. Arlene K. Nehring

CHILDREN'S BLESSING Great Work Has God Begun in You (*v. 4*) **NCH № 353**

*Great work has God be-gun in you,
take on God's love in all you do,
And may tha love in you in-crease—now,
With God's bless-ing, go in peace.*

*(K-5th grade are excused for Church School and should be picked up by parents in the Classroom.
Care for babies and pre-schoolers is available in our Nursery at any time during worship.)*

SCRIPTURE READING Proverbs 22:8-9, 22-23 & James 2:14-17 Athena

(Today's scripture lesson can be found on pages 527 & 981 in the pew Bibles.)

SERMON "Measurable Outcomes" Rev. Marvin Lance Wiser

* **HYMN** Christian, Rise and Act Your Creed **NCH № 537**

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 Prayer Is the Soul's Sincere Desire *(v.5)* **NCH № 508**

*O Christ, by whom we come to God,
the Life, the Truth, the Way,
The path of prayer you too have trod:
Christ, teach us how to pray.*

OFFERING & DEDICATION OF OUR GIFTS

Athena

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

Offertory When the Book of Life is Read Hank Williams

***Response** What Gift Can We Bring? *(v. 4)* **NCH № 370**

*This gift we now bring, this pres-ent, this to-ken,
these words can con-vey it, the joy of this day!
When grate-ful we come, re-mem-bering, re-joic-ing,
this song we now of-fer in hon-or and praise!*

***Prayer of Dedication** Athena

*** HYMN** Called as Partners in Christ's Service **NCH № 495**

*** BENEDICTION** Pastor Marvin

*** RESPONSE** From All That Dwell below the Skies *(v.1)* **NCH № 27**

*From all that dwell be-low the skies let the Cre-ator's praise a-rise;
Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!
Let the Re-deem-er's name be sung
through ev-ery land, by ev-ery tongue.
Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia,
al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!*

*** CHIME AND THE LIGHT DEPARTS WITH THE PEOPLE**

(The congregation is seated for the Postlude)

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
 Athena Malloy, Liturgist
 Dr. Jessie Wenchieh Lo, Organist & Music Director
 Roanoke Revival, Special Musicians
 Yoselin Penado & Fabiola Orea, Childcare Workers
 Keith Smith & Dianne Dorn, Church School Teachers
 Julie Booher & TBD, Greeters
 Stephanie Spencer, Russ Newman, & Julie Booher, Ushers
 TJ Wilkinson, Fellowship Captain
 Keith Smith & Pat Payne, Fellowship Hosts
 Carol Roach & Lauren Bove Smith, Fellowship Helpers
 Bob Turner, Trustee on Duty
 Margo Heath & Rozetta Walth, Counters
 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 Flowers from Linda Joost and Larry Fruzzetti in honor of Clara Joost's 92nd birthday.

TODAY

Today is Welcome Back Sunday! Please join us in Oliver Hall following worship to sample our apple dishes and visit with each of our ministries. Prizes for those who visit and volunteer at each table! Apple bobbing and kids craft activities too! Come join the fun!

COMING EVENTS

E-Team Meeting: The Evangelism Team will meet tomorrow, **Monday, Sept 10** at 7 pm in the Norberg Room.

Taste & See: New to Eden? Visitors and newcomers are invited to join our pastor and welcoming team for a reception in the Norberg Room, next **Sunday, Sept 16**, 11:30 am to 12:30 pm. Grab coffee & a snack from Fellowship in Oliver Hall then come to our gathering. 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!

International Day of Peace at Lake Chabot: On **Friday, Sept 21**, there will be a 70th anniversary celebration of the International Day of Peace proclaimed by the United Nations as a day of armistice devoted to strengthening the ideals of peace, both within and among all nations and peoples. The event is 6-7 pm at the Lake Chabot Marina (picnic area). There will be a brief program of prayer and song with option walk for peace in nature. For more information contact, Stephanie Spencer.

Choir Retreat: All choir members (and all those interested in joining the choir) are invited to the choir retreat at the Music Director's home on **Saturday, Sept 22** at 10 am. We will sing through the anthems for the first half of the upcoming church year. Lunch (potluck) follows after the rehearsal. Please sign up with Dr. Jessie Lo: Jessie.edenucc@gmail.com.

Parent-Teacher Gathering: On **Sunday, Sept 23**, at 11:30 am in the Fireside Room, we will have our semi-annual Church School parent-teacher gathering. All parents, teachers, and anyone interested in volunteering with children and youth should plan to attend. We will discuss Church School classes and curriculum, complete annual paperwork, and brainstorm our 2018-19 activities.

SMALL GROUPS

Seekers Book Club: Our weekly book discussion group is picking a new book! Please join us this Wednesday, Sept 12 to help make our choice. On Wednesday, Sept 19, we will have a showing of the movie *Shadowlands* to complete our study of C.S. Lewis. We meet each week on Wednesdays at 10 am in the Fireside Room. For more information, contact Pastor Pepper.

Bible Study in English: We will kick off our Fall Bible Study on Monday, **Sept 24**. Fall dates include Oct 8 & 22, Nov 5 & 19, and Dec 3 & 17. The Evening Bible Study will meet at 7 pm in Fireside. The Daytime Bible Study will meet at 1 pm in Pastor Pepper's Office. Contact **Pastor Pepper** for more information.

Eden en español: Spanish language Bible Study happens Thursday evenings in the Fireside Room at 6:30 pm. Todos están invitados a nuestro estudio bíblico los jueves a las 6:30 de la tarde. Vamos a reunirnos en el salón *Fireside*. Va a haber café y pan dulce. También va a haber cuidado del niño para los chiquitos y el café internet de Cherryland va estar abierto para los grandecitos y adolescentes. Para preguntas contacta Pastor Marvin: marvin@edenucc.com or 339-203-8412.

Eden Youth Re-Group: The Eden Youth will re-group on Sunday, **Sept 23** from 5-7 pm in the Fireside Room. All junior high and high school youth are invited. If your children are part of the Eden Youth Group, be on the lookout for the monthly Youth Newsletter via email. See Pastor Marvin or email marvin@edenucc.com to ensure delivery.

PROGRAMS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Cherryland Computer Café Hours: The fall café hours are as follows: Mondays, 4- 7 pm, Tuesdays, 4-7 pm, Comida (2nd and 4th) Wednesdays, 1:30-4 pm, Thursdays, 6:30-8 pm. Contact our CCC Coordinator, Alicia Oseguera for more information.

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.

SPIRITUAL CARE

Pastoral Visits: Pastor Arlene makes hospital and house calls to members and friends upon request. To request a visit, please call the church office during regular business hours (510-582-9533) or send a text message to Pastor Arlene at 510-461-3285 or email to arlene@edenucc.com. Pastor Pepper covers hospital calls when Pastor Arlene is out of town. Note, because of privacy laws, hospitals do not contact pastors or share information with anyone other than a patient's power of attorney, so it is necessary for congregants to request visits from our pastors. Professional courtesies are also involved. Generally speaking, pastoral calls are limited to members and friends of Eden Church who are listed on the church rolls. If unchurched persons contact the church and request pastoral care, Pastor Arlene or Pastor Marvin will respond on an as available basis.

Sacramental Ministry: Pastor Arlene brings the Sacraments of Holy Communion and Baptism, and the ministry of anointing and healing prayer to hospitalized and homebound members. Please contact her directly to make arrangements for visits. Audio recordings of sermons can be downloaded from the church website. Print copies of the sermons are available by mail upon request and from the office and for downloading from the church website.

Pastoral Counseling: Pastor Arlene (English) and Pastor Marvin (Spanish) are available to provide short-term pastoral counseling to members and friends upon request. Please contact them directly to schedule an appointment. For Pastor Arlene call or send a text message to 510-461-3285 or send email to arlene@edenucc.com. To reach Pastor Marvin, please call or send a text message to 339-203-8412 or send email to marvin@edenucc.com.

Spiritual Practices and Retreats: Pastor Pepper is once again planning a Spiritual Retreat for interested members and friends for early 2019. Last year's retreat was on the Spirituality of Aging. In addition, coloring as a spiritual practice will be available during Advent. If you would like to be added to the list of interested members or would like to suggest a specific spiritual practice or topic, please contact Pastor Pepper.

THIS WEEK AT-A-GLANCE

Sunday, September 9—Welcome Back Sunday

9:00 & 11:30 am	Music Rehearsal	Sanctuary
10:00—11:15 am	Sunday Worship & Roanoke Revival	Sanctuary
11:15—12:30 pm	Welcome Back Fellowship & Activities	Oliver Hall
11:30—12:30 pm	Sunday Counters	Library

Monday, September 10

7:00—9:00 pm	E-Team Meeting	Norberg Room
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Tuesday, September 11

7:00—9:00 pm	Trustee Meeting	Norberg Room
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Wednesday, September 12

10:00—11:30 am	Seekers	Fireside Room
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Thursday, September 13

6:30—8:00 pm	Spanish Bible Study	Fireside
6:30—8:00 pm	Computer Cafe	Norberg

Sunday, September 16

9:00 & 11:30 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
11:30—12:30 pm	Taste & See	Norberg

COMING ATTRACTIONS – MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

New or amended items are in bold & italics

Sept 09	Welcome Back Sunday/Roanoke Revival		<i>Oct 17</i>	<i>HUSD Candidates' Forum</i>
Sept 10	E-Team Meeting		<i>Oct 24</i>	<i>Comida para Cherryland</i>
Sept 11	Trustees Meeting		<i>Oct 28</i>	<i>Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting</i>
Sept 12	Comida para Cherryland		<i>Nov 03</i>	<i>Bay Association Meeting</i>
Sept 16	Taste & See		<i>Nov 04</i>	<i>All Saints/Dia de los Muertos</i>
Sept 21	International Peace Day Celebration		<i>Nov 06</i>	<i>Church Council Meeting</i>
Sept 23	Parent-Teacher Gathering		<i>Nov 13</i>	<i>Trustees Meeting</i>
Sept 23	Eden Youth Re-Group		<i>Nov 14</i>	<i>Comida para Cherryland</i>
Sep 26	Comida para Cherryland		<i>Nov 22</i>	<i>Thanksgiving--Campus Closed</i>
Oct 01	ESLO Meeting		<i>Nov 28</i>	<i>Comida para Cherryland</i>
Oct 02	Church Council Meeting		<i>Dec 01</i>	<i>Advent Decorating Day</i>
Oct 07	World Communion Sunday/Gay Asian Pacific Alliance Choir		<i>Dec 02</i>	<i>First Sunday in Advent</i>
Oct 07	Neighbors in Need Offering		<i>Dec 02</i>	<i>Taste & See</i>
Oct 09	Trustees Meeting		<i>Dec 04</i>	<i>Church Council Meeting</i>
Oct 10	Comida para Cherryland			