

* **HYMN** For the Healing of the Nations **NCH № 576**

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

God of Nations, help us attend to our respective needs for healing with the same measure of compassion and tenderness we bring to the healing of others. Show us how to mend fences, teach us to speak the truth in love, and grant us the grace we need to forgive ourselves and others, so that the peace we seek in the world might also resonate in our hearts and homes. Amen.

* **PASSING OF THE PEACE** Jennifer

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 the ministry of music.

SPECIAL MUSIC Seasons of Love from “Rent” Larson/Emerson
Didn’t My Lord Deliver Daniel? Trad. Spiritual/Shaw

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 the Children’s Sermon. They will return after the Offering to participate in Communion. Care for babies and pre-schoolers is available in our Nursery at any time during worship.)

SCRIPTURE READING Job 1:1, 2:1-10 Jennifer

(Today’s scripture lesson can be found on page 392-393 in the pew Bibles.)

SERMON “Put to the Test” Rev. Dr. Arlene K. Nehring

* **HYMN** Lead Us from Death to Life **NCH № 581**

OFFERING & DEDICATION OF OUR GIFTS

Mission Moment (*Thank you for placing your blue or peach card in the offering plate*) Jan Bass

Offertory In that Distant Place Kazakh folk song/Wang Luo Bing
Danny Boy Irish Melody

***Response** Stars and Planets Flung in Orbit (v. 1) **NCH № 567**

*Stars and plan-ets flung in or-bit,
gal-ax-ies that swirl through space,
Pow-ers hid with-in the at-om,
cells that form an in-fant's face:
These, O God, in si-lence praise you;
by your wis-dom they are made.*

***Prayer of Dedication** Jennifer

ORDER FOR HOLY COMMUNION

Lighting the Christ Candle Pastor Pepper

Invitation Pastor Arlene

Blessing Prayer

Hymn of Approach Sheaves of Summer (v. 1) **NCH № 338**

*Sheaves of sum-mer turned gold-en by the sun,
grapes in bunch-es cut down when ripe and red,
Are con-vert-ed in-to the bread and wine of God's love
in the bod-y and blood of our dear lord.*

Words of Remembrance

*** Distribution of the Elements**

*** The Rite of Holy Unction**

Communion Music Selections from The Organist Ashford

Prayers of Intercession and Thanksgiving Pastor Pepper

The Lord's Prayer (in unison)

Our Father/Creator, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

*** HYMN** I Will Trust in the Lord **NCH № 416**

*** BENEDICTION** Pastor Arlene

* **RESPONSE**

Lead on Eternal Sovereign (v. 1)

NCH № 573

*Lead on e-ter-nal Sov-ereign, we fol-low in your way;
loud rings your cry for jus-tice, your call for peace this day:
Through prayer-ful prep-a-ra-tion, your grace will make us strong,
to car-ry on the strug-gle to tri-umph o-ver wrong.*

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

(The congregation is seated for the Postlude)

POSTLUDE

True Colors

Steinberg/Kelly/Emerson

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
Jennifer Vetrovec and Jan Bass, Liturgists
Dr. Jessie Wenchieh Lo, Organist & Music Director
GAPA Men's Chorus, Guest Choir
Randy Kikukawa, Guest Conductor
Carol Roach & Linda Joost, Deacons
The Rev. Dr. Arlene K. Nehring & The Rev. Pepper Swanson, Chalice Bearers
Jennifer Vetrovec & TBD, Bread Servers
Ruth Baratta & Bill Adam, Anointers
Yoselin Penado & Fabiola Orea, Childcare Workers
Yuliana Wiser-Leon & Jana Aloo, Children's Sermon
Julie Booher, Greeter
Keith Smith, Jared Smith-Bove & Julie Booher, Ushers
Pat Payne, Fellowship Captain & Hosts
Jana Aloo, Ruth Baratta, Marvin Beck, Joanne Edmonds, Suzie Hasselkuss,
Cindy Keune, Susie Newman, Pat Payne, Jessie Shimmin,
Stephanie Spencer, Alliene Turner, and Jennifer Vetrovec
Kim Shuss & Bernie Concepcion, Fellowship Helpers
John Honerkamp, Trustee on Duty
Mary Bradford & Kim Shuss, 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 Stephanie Spencer to celebrate 26 years of marriage with Arlene.

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TODAY

Gay Asian Pacific Islander Men's Chorus: TODAY, Eden Church continues its 23-year tradition of supporting, promoting, and partnering with LGBTQ organizations in the Bay Area by hosting the Gay Asian Pacific Islander Association (GAPA) Men's Chorus at our World Communion Sunday Worship, which begins at 10 am. Established in 1989, GAPA Men's Chorus provides a showcase for the vocal music talents of gay, bisexual and transgender Asian & Pacific Islander men. Now celebrating nearly 30 years of achievement, the GAPA Men's Chorus has become the longest lasting and most enduring organization of its kind and is particularly effective in outreach to the mainstream Asian Pacific population, as well as the mainstream LGBT community. The Chorus promotes GAPA's goals by promoting diversity and gay Asian Pacific visibility at its every appearance.

Neighbors in Need Offering: Also **TODAY**, we will receive our annual special mission offering that supports ministries of justice and compassion throughout the US. One-third of NIN funds support the Council for American Indian Ministry and two-thirds of the offering is used by the UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries (JWM) to support a variety of justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects through grants. For more information about supporting NIN, contact Dianne Dorn, Stewardship Team Chair.

Soup Potluck: Following worship **TODAY**, please join us in Oliver Hall for a Soup Potluck to celebrate both World Communion Sunday and our guests.

COMING EVENTS

AC FamFest: Join Pastor Marvin along with other members of Eden Church as we register to run in the 2018 Ashland-Cherryland FamFest 5k. The race is Saturday, **Oct 13** at 9 am. Fun for the whole family all morning. Contact Pastor Marvin for information.

2018 HUSD Board of Trustees Candidates' Forum: Eden United Church of Christ and our co-sponsors and Padres Unidos de Cherryland invite the public to a 2018 HUSD Board of Trustees Candidates' Forum, **Wed, Oct 17**, from 6 to 8 pm in Oliver Hall on the Eden Church campus. A free community dinner will be served at 5:30pm. A formal panel of candidates for the Board of Trustees moderated by our leaders will be the main feature of the evening. Voter registration forms & online registration will be offered in 10 languages. Homework help and access to the Cherryland Computer Café computer will be available for school-aged children. English and Spanish interpretation will be provided. The public and the media are invited and encouraged to attend this important voter education and registration event.

Let's Make It Official: At Eden Church, people of all ages are invited to receive the Sacrament of Baptism in celebration of our inclusion into the Christian faith and the family of God. Newcomers, "fence sitters," and long-time friends who have already been baptized are officially received into the congregation through the Rite of Church Membership. These special observances will be part of morning worship on **Sunday, Oct 21**. Please see Pastor Arlene or 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 become a member here at Eden.

Gen-Z@EdenUCC: All 6th-12th grade youth are invited to our monthly Gen-Z Re-Group on **Sunday, Oct 21**, 5-7 pm in the Fireside Room. If your youth is part of the Eden Youth Group, be on the lookout for the monthly youth newsletter, Z-Digest, to appear in your email inbox. See Pastor Marvin to ensure delivery.

Call to the Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting: The meeting will be held **Sunday, Oct 28**, in the Sanctuary following morning worship and is called by the Church Council in accordance with the Church bylaws. The meeting purpose is to receive a report from the Eden Area Foundation (EAF) Board of Directors regarding the 2018 grants. Guests are welcome but members are expected to attend. For more information, contact Pastor Arlene.

All Saints Day/Dia de los Muertos: In many religious traditions, including the Christian tradition, those who have passed during the last year are remembered and the grief of survivors is acknowledged in special ways. At Eden UCC, we honor our loved ones' memories during worship, and place a photo of them in our Ofrenda in the narthex. This year, All Saints Sunday is Sunday, Nov 4. We will be joined by the talented Jesse Acker-Johnson on classical guitar. Our Deacons and Compañeras/os invite everyone to bring treasured photos on **Sunday, Oct 28**, and leave them on display in the Church lobby through **Nov 14**. To make a color copy of your photo, please see Andrea Orea in the Church Office during the week or one of our Compañeras on Sunday. For more information, contact Yuliana Wisser-Leon.

SMALL GROUPS

Seekers Book Club: Our current book is *The Gift of Years* by Joan Chittister. We meet each week on Wednesdays at 10 am in the Fireside Room. For more information, contact Pastor Pepper pepper@edenucc.com.

English Bible Study: Our Evening Bible Study started reading the Book of Revelation. Fall dates include **Oct 8 & 22, Nov 5 & 19, and Dec 3 & 17**. We meet at 7 pm in Fireside. The Daytime Bible Study began their study of Christian faith topics using the Animate video series. Fall dates include **Oct 8 & 22, Nov 5 & 19, and Dec 3 & 17**. Please meet at 1 pm in Pastor Pepper's Office.

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 cuidado para niños pequeños y el café internet va estar abierto para los jóvenes. Para preguntas contacte al Pastor Marvin: marvin@edenucc.com o 339-203-8412.

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.

Eden UCC Mobile Alerts: Be in the know wherever you go! Text "EdenUCC" to 33222 to opt-in to our text message service so that you can stay informed of important events and scenarios as they occur on our campus and in our ministry together. Envíe un mensaje de texto con "IglesiaEden" al 33222 para inscribirse en nuestro servicio de mensajes de texto en español para que pueda mantenerse informado de los eventos importantes a medida que ocurren en nuestro campus y en nuestro ministerio juntos.

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, October 7

9:00 & 11:30 am	Music Rehearsal	Sanctuary/Music Room
10:00—11:15 am	Sunday Worship	Sanctuary
11:15—12:30 pm	Fellowship	Oliver Hall

Monday, October 8

1:00—2:00 pm	English Bible Study	Fireside
4:00—7:00 pm	Computer Cafe	Norberg
7:00—8:00 pm	English Bible Study	Fireside

Tuesday, October 9

4:00—7:00 pm	Computer Cafe	Norberg
7:00—9:00 pm	Board of Trustees Meeting	Fireside

Wednesday, October 10

10:00—11:30 am	Seekers	Fireside
1:30—4:00 pm	Comida para Cherryland	Oliver Hall
1:30—4:00 pm	Computer Cafe	Norberg

Thursday, October 11

6:30—7:30 pm	Bible Study En Español	Fireside
6:30—8:00 pm	Cherryland Computer Cafe	Norberg

Saturday, October 13

9:00—TBD	AC FamFest 5K	REACH Center
9:00—TBD	Trustee Painting	WW Mens Room, PC, etc.

Sunday, October 14

9:00 & 11:30 am	Music Rehearsal	Sanctuary/Music Room
10:00—11:15 am	Sunday Worship	Sanctuary
11:15—12:30 pm	Fellowship	Oliver Hall

COMING ATTRACTIONS – MARK YOUR CALENDARS

(New items in *italic* and **bold**)

Oct 09	Trustees Meeting	Oct 28	Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting
Oct 10	Comida para Cherryland	Nov 03	Bay Association Meeting
<i>Oct 13</i>	<i>AC FamFest 5k Fun Run</i>	Nov 04	All Saints/Dia de los Muertos
Oct 17	2018 HUSD Board of Trustees	Nov 06	Church Council Meeting
	Candidates' Forum	Nov 13	Trustees Meeting
Oct 21	Baptism & New Members	Nov 14	Comida para Cherryland
<i>Oct 21</i>	<i>Youth Re-Group</i>	Nov 22-23	Thanksgiving--Campus Closed
Oct 23	EAF Board Meeting	Nov 28	Comida para Cherryland
Oct 24	Comida para Cherryland	Dec 01	Advent Decorating & Lunch



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A social justice FILM SERIES and PANEL DISCUSSION



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2018

2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Castro Valley Library

3600 Norbridge Ave.

Lives Worth Living traces the development of consciousness of disability pioneers who realized that in order to change the world they needed to work together. Through demonstrations and inside legislative battles, the disability rights community secured equal civil rights for all people with disabilities. Thanks to their efforts, tens of millions of people's lives have been changed.

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Panelists:

Kris Peterson

Kris Peterson started Special Olympics at the age of 3 and has been participating for the past 34 years. Kris has participated in the Aids Lifecycle bicycle ride for the past several years both as a volunteer support and a rider. He has been working 14 proud years within the Employment and Community Options organization as a Community Training Instructor. In his spare time, Kris is quite the poet and loves to write poems and has two published anthologies as well.

Jamie Caron

Jamie Caron is a Community Organizer at the Community Resources for Independent Living (CRIL). She attended Ohlone College in Fremont where she received her Associates degree in communications and now works at CRIL in Hayward, where they assist people with disabilities and seniors to live independently. At CRIL, Jamie works with DANY (Disabled Action Network for Youth) to advocate for the rights of disabled individuals.

Keith Nauman

Keith Nauman is the new Assistant Principal of Castro Valley Adult and Career Education, overseeing the Strides program for adults with disabilities. Keith has Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Special Education and has been involved in special education for 18 years as a teacher and administrator.

We welcome a discussion to generate frank, honest, and respectful dialogue on disability rights and issues which continue to affect members of our community with disabilities today.

Target Audience: Community members, Ages 13+

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