

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

Great God of all our cycles and journeys, let us never become so settled that we become complacent. Dispel the myths we use to place ourselves above others. We are all Your children, God, no matter our race, gender, sexual orientation, or migratory status. Help us to traverse the borders of separation that our human systems have instituted. Teach us your boundless and borderless love. Amen.

* **PASSING OF THE PEACE** Rob

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.

ANTHEM Sing to the Lord of Harvest Monsell/Willan

CHILDREN'S GATHERING Pastor Pepper

BLESSING Jesus Loves Me *(v. 1)* **NCH № 327**

*Je-sus loves me! This I know, for the Bi-ble tells me so.
Lit-tle ones to him be-long; they are weak, but he is strong.
Yes, Je-sus loves me! Yes, Je-sus loves me!
Yes, Je-sus loves me! The Bi-ble tells me so.*

*(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 Ezra 9:1-4 & Ruth 1:1-10; 16-18 Rob

(Today's scripture lesson can be found on page 372 and page 210 in the pew Bibles.)

SERMON "Ruth Resisted" Rev. Marvin Wiser

* **HYMN** O for a World **NCH № 575**

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

Remember Me

NCH № 773

OFFERING & DEDICATION OF OUR GIFTS

Invitation

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

Rob

Offertory

Sometimes I Feel Like a Motherless Child

Spiritual

***Response**

We Praise You, O God (v.1)

NCH № 420

*We praise you, O God, our Re-deem-er, Cre-a-tor;
in grate-ful de-vo-tion our trib-ute we bring.
We lay it be-fore you, we kneel and a-dore you;
We bless your ho-ly name, glad prais-es we sing.*

***Prayer of Dedication**

Rob

*** HYMN**

Wherever You Go

see insert

*** BENEDICTION**

Pastor Marvin

*** RESPONSE**

Now Thank We All Our God (v.1)

NCH № 419

*Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voic-es,
Who won-drous things has done, in whom this world re-joic-es,
Who, from our par-ents' arms, has blessed us on our way
With count-less gifts of love, and still is ours to-day*

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

(The congregation is seated for the Postlude)

POSTLUDE

Poor Wayfaring Stranger

Trad. Amer. Spiritual

Worship Leaders

Rev. Dr. Arlene K. Nehring, Senior Minister
Rev. Pepper Swanson, Associate Minister
Rev. Marvin Lance Wiser, Designated Term Associate Minister
Rev. Rob Parrish, Liturgist
Dr. Jessie Wenchieh Lo, Organist & Music Director
Yoselin Penado & Fabiola Orea, Loving Arms Nursery
Keith Smith, & Dianne Dorn, Church School Teachers
Julie Booher & TBD, Greeters
Julie Booher, TBD, & TBD, Ushers
TJ Wilkinson, Fellowship Captain
Keith Smith, Fellowship Host
Lauren Bove Smith & Carol Roach, Fellowship Helpers
Julie Booher, 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. We will celebrate infant and adult baptism and receive new members next on **Sunday, Oct 21**, 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.

TODAY

Thanksgiving Cards: Please take a moment after worship to sign the Thanksgiving cards for our members and friends who are unable to worship with us. The cards will be available to sign in Oliver Hall **TODAY** and **Nov 18**. For more information, contact Jan Bass.

Gen-Z@EdenUCC is getting together for a fun activity today at 3 pm at Golfland in Castro Valley. See you there!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Roanoke Revival Returns: On **Sunday, Nov 18**, we welcome back the bluegrass band Roanoke Revival to our 10 am worship. Join us and Sabrina Vasquez, Daniel Price, and Jesse Acker-Johnson for the last bluegrass session of our program year.

Gen-Z@EdenUCC Re-Group in November: Eden's youth group for youth in grades 6 to 12 will meet on **Sunday, Nov 18**, from 5 to 7 pm in the Fireside Room. Join us for pizza, conversation, and some pre-Thanksgiving relaxation and fun. For more information, contact Pastor Marvin.

Advent Decorating & Nacimiento Creation: The Advent season is just around the corner, and it's almost time to decorate our Church. Please join the Deacons, Trustees, and our Cherryland friends and neighbors on **Saturday, Dec 1**, from 9:30 am to 1 pm, for a fun time adorning the church and creating

our annual Nacimiento. Kids can help or make crafts for the holidays. Coffee, cocoa, and coffee cake at 9:30 am in Oliver Hall. Lunch will served at 12:15 pm. Questions? Contact Pastor Pepper.

SMALL GROUPS

Seekers Book Club: For Advent, Seekers will be reading Anne Rice's *Christ the Lord: Out of Egypt*. We hope you will join us Wednesdays at 10 am in the Fireside Room. For more information, contact Pastor Pepper pepper@edenucc.com.

Bible Study: Our Evening Bible Study will continue reading the Book of Revelation on Mondays, Nov 19, and Dec 3 & 17. The Evening Bible Study meets at 7 pm in Fireside. The Daytime Bible Study is studying Christian faith topics using the Animate video series and meets on the same dates 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

Poinsettias and Comida Donation: The Eden Church Deacons and our Flower Coordinator Mary Graw invite members and friends to contribute funds for Comida para Cherryland this Advent Season. With your donation, the Comida will purchase groceries and, in appreciation, the Flower Coordinator will purchase poinsettias for display in the Sanctuary during the Advent, many of which will be delivered to our homebound and hospitalized members and friends. Submit your donation form by **Wednesday, Dec 5**. Forms are available in your bulletin, in the Church Office, and by clicking the link in the e-Chimes.

We're Wishing for Books & Toys: Who doesn't love shopping for books and toys! Blessed with a growing number of Spanish-speaking and bilingual children ages 2 to 6, Eden UCC needs to restock its Nursery shelves. If you are interested in helping, please see our Eden UCC Church School Wish List on Amazon.com. To find the list, simply go to their Find List function and type Eden UCC.

Win a Prize!! 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. The 50th person to subscribe will win a special prize!! 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. ¡ La persona 50 a suscribirse ganará un premio especial!!

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.

PASTOR ARLENE ON VACATION (NOV 8-22)

Pastor Arlene and Stephanie will be on vacation in France from Nov 8 through Nov 22. If you or a loved one needs pastoral care while Pastor Arlene is away, please contact the church office, 510-582-9533, and our Office Manager Andrea Orea, will connect you with Pastor Pepper or Pastor Marvin.

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 on Wednesday, Jan 9 from 10 am to 1 pm, including a light lunch. 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.

ADVENT PREVIEW

Eden's Choir will perform every Sunday in Advent!

- Dec 1 Advent Decorating & Nacimiento Creation, 9:30 to 1 pm
- Dec 2 Advent 1 - Pageant Rehearsal (during Church School)
- Dec 9 Advent 2 - Holy Communion, Pageant Rehearsal (during Church School)
- Dec 16 Advent 3 - Children's Pageant, Baptism and Reception of New Members, "Happy Birthday, Jesus" Party
- Dec 23 Advent 4 - Christmas Worship & Fellowship
- Dec 24 Candlelight Christmas Eve, Sanctuary, 7 pm
- Dec 30 New Year's Worship, Pioneer Chapel, 10 am

THIS WEEK AT-A-GLANCE

Sunday, November 11

9:00 & 11:30 am	Music Rehearsal	Sanctuary/Music Room
10:00—11:15 am	Sunday Worship	Sanctuary
11:30—12:30 pm	Fellowship	Oliver Hall
3:00—5:00 pm	Youth Re-Group Mini-Golfing	CV Golfland

Monday, November 12

4:00—7:00 pm	Computer Cafe	Norberg
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Tuesday, November 13

4:00—7:00 pm	Computer Cafe	Norberg
7:00—9:00 pm	Trustee Meeting	Fireside

Wednesday, November 14

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

Thursday, November 15

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

Sunday, November 18

9:00 & 11:30 am	Music Rehearsal	Sanctuary/Music Room
10:00—11:15 am	Sunday Worship with Roanoke Revival	Sanctuary
11:15—12:30 pm	Fellowship	Oliver Hall
5:00—7:00 pm	Youth Re-Group	Fireside

COMING ATTRACTIONS – MARK YOUR CALENDARS

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

Nov 14	Comida para Cherryland	Dec 11	Trustees Meeting
Nov 18	Youth Re-Group	Dec 16	Third Sunday in Advent/Christmas
Nov 19	English Bible Study		Pageant/Happy Birthday, Jesus
Nov 22-23	Thanksgiving--Campus Closed	Dec 17	English Bible Study
Nov 28	Comida para Cherryland	Dec 23	Fourth Sunday in Advent
Dec 01	Advent Decorating/Nacimiento	Dec 24	Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship
Dec 02	First Sunday in Advent		
Dec 02	Taste & See	Dec 30	New Year's Worship in Pioneer Chapel with Tailgate Fellowship
Dec 03	English Bible Study		
Dec 09	Second Sunday in Advent		