

Eden United Church of Christ
Order for Worship
Second Sunday after Epiphany
Sunday, January 13, 2019
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 mobile electronic devices during worship.

Thank you for bringing no food or beverages in the Sanctuary

other than sacramental elements and bottled water.

PRELUDE

We Shall Overcome

arr. Tom Trenney

THE LIGHT ENTERS WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT

GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Pepper Swanson

(Thank you for your gift of presence and for completing a blue or peach worship card today)

*** INTROIT**

Your Ways Are Not Our Own (v. 1)

NCH № 170

*Your ways are not our own, O gra-cious God most high,
Yet we would fol-low in your paths and on your love re-ly.*

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

Herb Graw

L: In the beginning, God's spirit moved over the waters,
and formed the firmament and brought forth the earth to sustain all life.

R: **In the time of Noah, when water still covered the earth,
God painted a rainbow in the sky as a sign of eternal hope.**

L: When our ancestors were enslaved in Egypt,
Moses parted the waters and led God's people to freedom.

R: **In the fullness of time, God sent Jesus,
who was nurtured in the waters of Mary's womb.**

L: Jesus was baptized by John in the Jordan River,
and became living water for a woman at the Samaritan well.

R: **Jesus washed the feet of his disciples,
and sent them to baptize all nations.**

L: Through the waters of our baptism,
we were called God's beloved and sent to be a blessing to others.

R: **Let us remember our baptisms as we remember the baptism of Christ.**

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 Your Ways Are Not Our Own *(v. 5)* **NCH № 5**
For-give-ness is our joy, re-ceive-ing giv-ing too.
Keep us from judg-ments hard and cruel, that we may dwell with you.

OFFERING & DEDICATION OF OUR GIFTS

Invitation

Offertory Precious Lord, Take My Hand Dorsey

***Response** Your Ways Are Not Our Own *(v. 4)* **NCH № 170**
How shall we show your love, your par-don to be-lieve?
You bid us share as we are blessed and give as we re-ceive.

***Prayer of Dedication**

*** HYMN** O Radiant Christ, Incarnate Word **NCH № 168**

*** BENEDICTION** Pastor Arlene

*** RESPONSE** May the Sending One Defend You **NCH № 79**

*** CHIMES & THE LIGHT DEPARTS WITH THE PEOPLE**

*** POSTLUDE** Tschotscholoza arr. Jefferey Ames

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
Dr. Jessie Wenchieh Lo, Organist & Music Director
Herb Graw, Liturgist
Choral Audacity, Guest Choir

Julie Booher & TBD, Greeters
Stephanie Spencer, Theressa Collier, Julie Booher, & TBD, Ushers
Fabiola Orea & Theressa Collier, Sunday Childcare Workers
Keith Smith & Dianne Dorn, Church School Teachers

TJ Wilkinson, Fellowship Captain
Keith Smith, Fellowship Host
Carol Roach & Lauren Bove-Smith, Fellowship Helpers
Bill Adam, Trustee on Duty
Dawn Coburn, Sexton on Duty

Flower Dedication

The flowers were given by Vai Day in honor of her dad's birthday.

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 four times per year 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

Joining us for worship **TODAY**, Choral Audacity is a new chamber choir advocating for diversity and inclusion within its singers and choral repertoire. By empowering underserved singers of color, Choral Audacity seeks to give pre-professionals the opportunity to work and be treated as professionals.

UPCOMING EVENTS

On **Monday, Jan 21**, there will be a rally and march in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday. The MLK Day Rally/March will begin at 9:30 am at the Hayward City Hall Plaza (777 B Street). At 10:30 am, the attendees will march around downtown Hayward, returning to the Plaza at 11:30 am for music and closing remarks. The Rally/March is sponsored by South Hayward Parish Congregations. To join the Eden UCC contingent, contact **Pastor Pepper**.

Also on **Monday, Jan 21**, everyone is invited and all youth and past participants of ChYLI are especially encouraged to join Pastor Marvin in attending the 90th Birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. at 4:30 pm at Reed L. Buffington Performing Arts Center, Chabot College, and 25555 Hesperian Blvd. Special guest Carolyn McKinstry, civil rights advocate and lifelong member of Sixteenth Baptist Church in Birmingham, Alabama, will deliver the keynote address, with musical performances by the Mount Eden High School Choir. Youth, please confirm attendance with **Pastor Marvin**.

Emergency Preparedness Training *en Español*: Join the Alameda County Fire Department and your neighbors on Saturday, **Jan 26** in Oliver Hall from 9-4 pm to receive free training in Spanish on topics like triage, using a fire extinguisher, backing up important documents, and more to help prepare you and your community in case of a natural disaster or emergency. Invite your friends and neighbors! If interested, please see Andrea in the Church office or email her at andrea@edenucc.com

Capacitación gratuita en español para desastres y emergencias: Únase al Departamento de Bomberos del Condado de Alameda y a sus vecinos el sábado **26 de enero** en Oliver Hall de 9 a 4 pm para recibir capacitación gratuita en español sobre temas como el triaje , el uso de un extintor de incendios y el respaldo de documentos importantes, y más para ayudar a usted y a su comunidad a prepararse en caso de un desastre natural o una emergencia. Invite a sus amigos y vecinos. Si está interesado, por favor vea a Andrea en la oficina principal o envíele un correo electrónico a andrea@edenucc.com

Housing Unaccompanied Immigrant Youth: 200 unaccompanied immigrant youth are enrolled in the Hayward Unified School District. Another 250 are part of migrating families. (1000 UIY and CMF are enrolled in Alameda County's public schools.) Most are unstably housed. When students lose their housing, their education and their future are in jeopardy. Join friends and neighbors for an afternoon of listening and learning about how individuals, families, faith groups, and volunteer organizations may be able to collaborate with educators and public agencies to accompany these Super Students through their educational and asylum-seeking processes, and help them not only survive, but thrive in spite of the tremendous challenges that lay before them. The event is co-sponsored by the South Alameda County Unaccompanied Immigrant Youth & Migrant Families Collaborative, of which Eden Church is a member. The event will be held from 2-5:30 pm on Sunday, **Feb 10**, in the Multi-purpose Room at First Presbyterian Church on Grove Way (near Trader Joe's) in Hayward.

SMALL GROUPS

Seekers Book Club: We hope you will join us Wednesdays at 10 am in the Fireside Room when we resume reading Joan Chittister's *The Gift of Years* and hear a presentation from Linda Joost about her recent trip to Palestine.

In February, Seekers will be joining the **Castro Valley Reads** program for the second year. This year's theme is immigration. As a springboard for conversation, the Castro Valley Library has chosen the intercontinental refugee and immigration story *A Backpack, A Bear, and Eight Crates of Vodka* by Lev Golinkin. In the twilight of the Cold War, nine-year-old Lev Golinkin and his family cross the Soviet border with only ten suitcases, six hundred dollars, and the vague promise of help waiting in Vienna. Years later, Lev, now an American, sets out to retrace his family's long trek to locate and thank the strangers who fought for his freedom. To join our discussion and obtain a free copy of the book, contact Pastor Pepper today.

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 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.

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 **75th 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 75 a suscribirse ganará un premio especial!!

The 2019 Flower Calendar: The 2019 Flower Calendar is now 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.

THIS WEEK AT-A-GLANCE

Sunday, January 13

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| 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 |
| 11:45—12:30 pm | Ministerial Relations Committee | Pastor Arlene's Office |

Monday, January 14

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| 11:30—12:30 pm | Staff Meeting | Fireside |
| 4:00—7:00 pm | Computer Cafe | Norberg |

Tuesday, January 15

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

Wednesday, January 16

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| 10:00—11:30 am | Seekers | Fireside |
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Thursday January 17

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

Sunday, January 19

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| 9:00 & 11:30 am | Music Rehearsal | Music Room/Sanctuary |
| 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**)

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| Jan 14 | Cherryland Computer Café | Jan 26 | Emergency Preparedness Training en Español |
| Jan 15 | Trustees Meeting | Jan 30 | Seekers |
| | Cherryland Computer Café | Jan 31 | Spanish Bible Study & Cherryland Computer Café |
| Jan 17 | Spanish Bible Study | Feb 5 | Church Council |
| | Cherryland Computer Café | Feb 6 | Seekers |
| Jan 20 | Youth Re-Group | Feb 9 | Ruth Schaap's Memorial Service & Reception |
| Jan 21 | MLK's Birthday—Campus Closed | Feb 10 | Housing Solutions for UIYs & CMFs (First Pres) |
| | Unity March—Hayward | | |
| | MLK Celebration—Hayward | | |
| Jan 23 | Comida para Cherryland | | |