

Eden United Church of Christ
Order for Worship
Epiphany Sunday
Sunday, January 6, 2019
10:00 a.m.
Celebración de Tres Reyes
Three Kings Day Celebration

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 digital devices during worship.

*Thank you for bringing no food or beverages in the Sanctuary
other than sacramental elements and bottled water.*

PRELUDE

Sonata L. 483

Scarlatti

THE LIGHT ENTERS WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Arlene K. Nehring

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

*** INTROIT**

Brightest and Best (v.1)

NCH № 156

Bright-est and best of the stars of the morn-ing,

Dawn on our mid-night and lend us your aid.

Star of the East the ho-ri-zon a-dorn-ing,

Guide where our in-fant Re-deem-er is laid.

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

Narayah Aloo

L: As did Melchor, Gaspar, and Balthazar, we come to worship the King of Kings, the Prince of Peace.

R: **We too have different names and come from different lands.**

L: We bring with us different gifts.

R: **In the Christ-child we find the greatest gift of all:**

L: The never-ending gift of God's love;

R: **Peace, joy, and hope abundant.**

* **HYMN** Immortal Love, Forever Fully (v.1-4) **NCH № 166**

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

God of all wisdom, you lift up the lowly and name but a newborn babe King of Kings. We have waited for Your revelation with such earnest, and you still patiently wait for us. Help us to become what you need us to be this season of Epiphany. Help us to recognize the wise ones in our midst, travelling from distant lands, yet so keenly aware of your presence so near. Make weak our understandings of power, and make powerful the schemes that thwart the Herods throughout the earth. Amen.

* **PASSING OF THE PEACE** Narayah

L: La paz de Cristo sea con todos ustedes.

R: **Y también contigo.**

L: Saludemos a nuestros vecinos con un signo de paz.

MUSICAL INTERLUDE

L: Worship will continue with the Children's Gathering.

CHILDREN'S GATHERING Pastor Arlene & Pastor Marvin

CHILDREN'S BLESSING Love Came Down at Christmas (*v. 1*) **NCH № 165**
*Love came down at Christ-mas, Love all love-ly, Love di-vine;
Love was born at Christ-mas; star and an-gels gave the sign.*

(Nursery care for babies and toddlers is available at any time during worship.)

SCRIPTURE Matthew 2:1–12 (*Pew Bibles, pp. 783-784*) Narayah

Después de nacer Jesús en Belén de Judea, en tiempos del rey Herodes, unos sabios (magos) del oriente llegaron a Jerusalén, preguntando: “¿Dónde está el Rey de los Judíos que ha nacido? Porque vimos su estrella en el oriente y lo hemos venido a adorar.” Cuando lo oyó el rey Herodes, se turbó, y toda Jerusalén con él. Entonces, el rey reunió a todos los principales sacerdotes y escribas del pueblo, y averiguó de ellos dónde había de nacer el Cristo (el Mesías). Y ellos le dijeron: “En Belén de Judea, porque así está escrito por el profeta:

‘Y tu, Belen, tierra de Juda,

De ningun modo eres la mas pequeña entre los principes de Juda;

Porque de ti saldra un Gobernante

Que pastoreara a Mi pueblo Israel.’”

Entonces Herodes llamó a los sabios (magos) en secreto y de ellos determinó el tiempo exacto en que había aparecido la Estrella. Y enviándolos a Belén, dijo: “Vayan y busquen con diligencia al niño; y cuando lo encuentren, avísenme para que yo también vaya y lo adore.”

Después de oír al rey, los sabios (magos) se fueron; y la estrella que habían visto en el oriente iba delante de ellos, hasta que llegó y se detuvo sobre el lugar donde estaba el niño. Cuando vieron la estrella, se regocijaron mucho con gran alegría. Entrando en la casa, vieron al niño con su madre María, y postrándose lo adoraron; y abriendo sus tesoros le presentaron obsequios de oro, incienso y mirra. Y habiendo sido advertidos por Dios en sueños que no volvieran a Herodes, se fueron para su tierra por otro camino.

MUSICAL MEDITATION Saltarello Anonymous

SERMON “An Empty Manger | Un Pesebre Vacío” Rev. Marvin Lance Wisner

MUSICAL MEDITATION Improvisation Jesse Acker-Johnson, Guitar

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

Offering Invitation Narayah

Offertory *Caprice* *Carcassi*

* **Response** Love Came Down at Christmas (v.3) ***NCH № 165***

*Love shall be our to-ken; love be yours and love be mine;
Love to God and neigh-bor, love for plea and gift and sign.*

* **Prayer of Dedication** Narayah

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION Pastor Arlene & Pastor Marvin

Lighting the Christ Candle

Invitation

Prayer of Blessing

Hymn of Approach In a Lowly Manger Born (v.3) ***NCH № 162***

*Came to earth for you and me, gave up life up-on the tree;
There we saw God’s love re-vealed, through that pain were healed.
Lives a-gain in glo-ry bright, lives a-gain in power and might,
Our sal-va-tion now has come, gift of God, the Hu-man One!*

Words of Remembrance

* **Distribution of Elements**

* **The Rite of Holy Unction**

* **Communion Music**

Communion

Ashford

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Lord's Prayer *(in unison)*

**Padre nuestro que estás en los cielos,
santificado sea Tu nombre;
venga Tu reino;
hágase Tu voluntad en la tierra como
en el cielo.
Danos hoy el pan de cada día
y perdona nuestras deudas
como nosotros perdonamos nuestros
deudores. Y no nos dejes caer en
tentación sino que líbranos del mal.
Amén.**

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**

Hark! the Herald Angels Sing
(Jesus, the Light of the World)

NCH № 160

* **BENEDICTION**

Pastor Arlene & Pastor Marvin

* **RESPONSE**

As with Gladness Those of Old (v.4)
*Ho-ly Je-sus, ev-ery day keep us in the nar-row way;
And when mor-tal things are past, bring our ran-somed souls at last
Where they need no star to guide, where no clouds your glo-ry hide.*

NCH № 159

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

* **POSTLUDE**

We Three Kings of Orient Are

Hopkins Jr./ Mayo

Worship Leaders

Rev. Dr. Arlene K. Nehring, Senior Minister
Rev. Pepper Swanson, Associate Minister
Rev. Marvin Lance Wiser, Designated Term Associate Minister
Narayah Aloo, Liturgist & Childcare Worker
Dr. Jessie Wenchieh Lo, Organist & Music Director
Dr. Jessie Acker-Johnson, Guest Musician

Julie Booher & Smith Bove Family, Greeters
Keith Smith, Jared Smith-Bove, Julie Booher, Ushers
Jana Aloo, Jan Bass, Keith Smith, and Yuliana Wiser-León, Church School Teachers

Fabiola Orea & Araceli Villagomez, Nursery Workers
Theresa Collier, Lorena Espinoza, Karla Fernandez, Izzy Walth, Childcare Workers
Ruth Baratta, Anointer
Vicki Vivaldi, Bread Server
Compañeras Leaders & Pat Payne, Fellowship Captain
Compañeras Leaders, Fellowship Hosts
Compañeras Leaders, Fellowship Helpers
Bob Turner, Trustee on Duty
Mary Bradford & Jan Bass, 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 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.

¡Los Reyes Magos Han Venido! : Todos están invitados a la celebración Del Día de los Reyes Magos / Tres Reyes Magos hoy en Oliver Hall después del servicio de esta mañana. Los Reyes traen maravillosos regalos a todos los presentes, como lo hicieron con Jesús y sus padres. La celebración de los Reyes Magos es una oportunidad para que los participantes en el Ministerio de Compañeras de Edén le den las gracias a la Iglesia de Edén por todo el trabajo que hace al compartir juntos estas importantes fiestas. La Fiesta de Tres Reyes incluirá un almuerzo gratis que incluye pozole (de pollo y de puerco), pasta vegetariana y pan dulce hecho por miembros. El evento también incluirá música tradicional, actividades para todas las edades y culminará con regalos, dulces, y fotos con los Magos para todos los niños (infantes hasta niños en el sexto grado). Un agradecimiento especial a todos aquellos cuyos regalos de tiempo, talento y tesoro ayudaron a hacer posible este día.

The Three Kings Have Come! : Everyone is invited to the Three Kings Day / Tres Reyes Magos celebration today in Oliver Hall following morning worship. The Kings bring wonderful gifts to everyone in attendance, just as they did for Jesus and his parents. The Three Kings Celebration is an opportunity for the participants in Eden's Compañeras/os Ministry to give back to Eden Church for the work we do by sharing this important holiday together. The Three Kings Celebration/Fiesta de Tres Reyes Magos will include a free lunch consisting of pork or chicken pozole (soup), vegetarian pasta, and Mexican sweet bread made by our Compañeras members. The event will also include traditional music, activities for all ages and culminates with gifts, candy and photos with the Magi for all children (infants through grade 6). A special thank you to all those whose gifts of time, talent, and treasure helped make this day possible.

Digital Giving is Here!: Ready to give up writing paper checks for your pledge and/or for your occasional offerings to Eden Church and/or one of our many outreach ministries? Online Giving and Text-to-Give are now available. Registration for online giving is required and both credit/debit card and bank draft options are available. We encourage bank draft, as the merchant rates are lower. To get started, simply type this address into your desktop or mobile browser: <http://churchbase.gifts/222> and you'll see the Eden Church logo. And to donate with your cell phone, simply text "Give" to 1-832-905-1096. Please direct any questions to Pastor Marvin.

¡Ya aceptamos donaciones digitales!: ¿Listo para renunciar a los cheques escritos para sus ofrendas a Eden Church y para nuestros ministerios? Donaciones en línea y por texto ahora están disponibles. Se requiere registración para poder donar en línea con tarjeta debito/credito o por retiro directo de su cuenta bancaria. La dirección para registrar y donar en línea es: <http://churchbase.gifts/222>. Para donar con su teléfono celular, envíe el mensaje de texto "Give" al **1-832-905-1096**. Por favor, dirija cualquier pregunta al Pastor Marvin.

Seekers Book Club: Seekers will restart on **Wednesday, Jan 9** with a spiritual retreat from 10 am to 12 pm. 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*.

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. Nos reunimos 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 o en el Messenger @mlwiser.

Cherryland Computer Café Hours: The Café will resume its regular schedule on **Jan 7**. 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.

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 6 – Tres Reyes Worship & Fiesta

9:00 & 11:30 am	Music Rehearsal	Sanctuary/Music Room
10:00—11:15 am	Epiphany / Tres Reyes Worship	Sanctuary
11:15—12:30 pm	Tres Reyes Fiesta & Lunch	Oliver Hall

Monday , January 7

4:00—7:00 pm	Computer Cafe	Norberg
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Tuesday, January 8

4:00—7:00 pm	Computer Cafe	Norberg
7:00—9:00 pm	Church Council Meeting	Norberg

Wednesday, January 9

10:00—12:00 pm	Seekers Retreat	Fireside Room
1:30—4:00 pm	Comida para Cherryland	Oliver Hall
1:30—4:00 pm	Computer Cafe	Norberg

Thursday, January 10

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

Sunday, January 13

9:00 & 11:30 am	Music Rehearsal	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**)

Jan 7 De-decorating Begins
Jan 8 Church Council
Jan 9 Seekers Spiritual Retreat
Jan 9 Comida para Cherryland
Jan 15 Trustees Meeting
Jan 21 MLK's Birthday—Campus Closed
Jan 21 2019 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Birthday Celebration in Hayward
Jan 23 Comida para Cherryland