

* **INVOCATION**¹ (*in unison*) Lauren

**Holy, transforming Spirit, you call us
from fear to faithfulness,
from clutter to clarity,
from a desire to control to deeper trust,
from the refusal to love to a readiness to risk.
Clear the way in us, your people,
that we might all know the beauty and power
and danger of the gospel. 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.

MUSICAL INTERLUDE

Lauren

L: Worship will continue with the ministry of music.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Morning Bell

J. F. Burgmüller

CHILDREN'S GATHERING

Pastor Marvin

CHILDREN'S BLESSING O God, Whose Steadfast Love (*v.1*) **NCH № 426**

*O God, whose stead-fast love true moth-er-hood has blessed;
Who shields the in-fant small up-on its moth-er's breast:
Em-brace us, too, O God, our God, and hold us in your lov-ing arms,
and hold us in your lov-ing arms*

*(Children in grades K-5 are excused for Church School.
Nursery care for babies and toddlers is available at any time during worship.)*

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 4:1-13

Lauren

(Today's scripture lesson can be found on page 835 of the pew Bibles.)

SERMON

"Refuse"

The Rev. Pepper Swanson

HYMN

Lord Jesus, Who through Forty Days

NCH № 211

¹ Written by J. Puls, G. Cashmore. Posted on A.E. Hunt Progressive website.

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY

Pastor Marvin

Joys and Concerns

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

Pray for the Wilderness *(v. 1)*

NCH № 557

*Pray for the wil-der-ness, van-ish-ing fast,
pray for the rain for-est, o-pen and vast;
Pray for the wa-ter-falls, pray for the trees,
pray for the plan-et brought down by de-grees.*

OFFERING & DEDICATION OF OUR GIFTS

Invitation

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

Lauren

Offertory

Rocking

V. Rebikov

*Response

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending *(v.1)*

NCH № 565

*God, whose giv-ing knows no end-ing, from your rich and end-less store,
Na-ture's won-der, Je-sus' wis-dom, cost-ly cross, grave's shat-tered door:
Gift-ed by you, we turn to you of-fering up our-selves in praise;
Thank-ful song shall rise for-ev-er, gra-cious do-nor of our days.*

*Prayer of Dedication

Lauren

* HYMN

Forty Days and Forty Nights

NCH № 205

* BENEDECTION

Pastor Pepper

* RESPONSE

O Jesus Christ, May Grateful Hymns *(v.1)*

NCH № 212

*O Je-sus Christ, may grate-ful hymns be ris-ing,
in ev-ery cit-y for your love and care;
In-spire our wor-ship, grant the glad sur-pris-ing that
your blessed Spir-it rous-es ev-ery-where.*

* CHIMES & THE LIGHT DEPARTS WITH THE PEOPLE

(The congregation is seated for the Postlude)

Worship Leaders

Rev. Dr. Arlene K. Nehring, Senior Minister
 Rev. Pepper Swanson, Associate Minister
 Rev. Marvin Lance Wiser, Designated Term
 Associate Minister
 Keith Smith & Lauren Smith-Bove, Liturgists
 Omri Shimron, Pianist

Julie Booher & Smith-Bove Family, Greeters
 Keith Smith, Jared Smith-Bove, & Julie
 Booher, Ushers

Yuliana Wiser-Leon, Keith Smith, & Bob
 Turner, Church School Teachers
 Fabiola Orea & Estefani Villagomez Rosas,
 Nursery Workers
 TJ Wilkinson, Fellowship Captain
 Keith Smith, Fellowship Host
 Carol Roach & Lauren Bove-Smith,
 Fellowship Helpers
 Julie Booher, 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.

Flower Dedication

The flowers were given by David Wallace in honor of Jan Bass' birthday today.

TODAY

Soup Potluck: TODAY, there will be a soup potluck after worship, soup being one of Eden's Lenten traditions. Please join us in Oliver Hall to warm up, body and soul.

REFLECT, RESIST, REFUSE, RETURN...RE-LENT!

Lent is the 40-day period before Easter, which began this past Wednesday, Mar 6. We invite you to re-experience Lent at one of our progressive and inclusive services and events planned for the month of March. Whoever you are and wherever you are at on your Lenten journey, you are welcome at Eden Church.

Mix It Up Potlucks: We had so much fun at last year's new Mix-It-Up Potlucks, we're having them again this Lent. A Mix-It-Up Potluck is an opportunity to share food and conversation with other Eden Church members, friends, and newcomers. Each potluck will have space for 6 people who have been around Eden for 5 years or longer and 6 people who have been around Eden for 5 years or fewer. Participants will be asked to bring an appetizer, salad, or entrée to serve 6 or so people. Drinks, paper goods, and a few good conversation starters will be provided. This year, there will be Wednesday night potlucks on **Mar 13 & 20, and Apr 3 & 10**, beginning at 7 pm and there will be Sunday potlucks on **Mar 24, 31 & Apr 7**, beginning at 12 noon. All potlucks will be in the Fireside Room. For more information and to arrange childcare, please contact Pastor Pepper.

Introduction to Labyrinth: On **Sunday, Mar 17**, after worship, there will be an introduction to our courtyard Labyrinth. History and background information will be provided as well as instructions on how to use the labyrinth to calm your mind and nurture your spirit. Alternatives to walking the labyrinth will also be provided.

UPCOMING EVENTS

First Fridays for Eden's Youngish Adults: All youngish adults are invited to Pastor Marvin and Yuliana's place for themed dinners and deep conversations the first Fridays of the month. We'll meet **Friday, Apr 5** at 6 pm. Contact Pastor Marvin for details and address.

National Poetry Month: April 2019: Does poetry touch your soul? Do you read or write poetry to get in touch with your deepest spiritual yearnings or to express your fear, anger, or hope for our political situation? Is poetry a gateway to God for you? We invite you to contribute your favorite poem or, better yet, an original poem for our Poetry as Prayer display and prayer station in the Church's West Wing. For more information, contact Pastor Pepper.

Save the Date: *The Good Book at The Berkeley Rep*: Eden's Bible Study is sponsoring a small group excursion to see a new play about the Bible at the Berkeley Rep on **Wednesday, May 1, at 7 pm**. The Good Book weaves together three distinct yet connected stories: a devout young man struggling to reconcile his belief with his identity, an atheist biblical scholar trying to find meaning as she faces her own mortality, and the creative journey of the Bible itself – from ancient Mesopotamia to medieval Ireland to suburban America – through the many hands, minds, hearts, and circumstances that molded this incredibly potent testament to the human spirit. For information about ordering discount tickets (\$40) and carpooling for the May 1 performance, contact Pastor Pepper. You may also purchase your own discounted tickets for performances on May 1, 3, 4 (matinee), and 5 by using Eden's promo code PAGES on the Berkeley Rep website.

ONGOING SMALL GROUPS

Let's Get Spiritual! Join our Spring Bible Study as we delve into the spiritual practices that have sustained Christians for millennia. Our next session is Monday, **Mar 11** and the focus is money and the joy of sharing. Come to our daytime group at 1 pm or our evening session at 7 pm. Other dates are **March 25 and April 8 & 22**. For more information, contact Pastor Pepper.

Seekers Book Club: Seekers are reading *A Backpack, A Bear, and Eight Crates of Vodka* by Lev Golinkin. Discussion continues at 10 am this Wednesday in the Fireside Room.

Spanish language Bible Study happens Thursday evenings in the Fireside Room at 6:30 pm. See Pastor Marvin for more information.

PROGRAMS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Cherryland Computer Café Hours: Regular 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!!

The 2019 Flower Calendar: The 2019 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’s Sabbatical: Pastor Arlene is away for part 1 of her sabbatical through March 28, returning to the pulpit on March 31, 2019. For more details, pick up a one-page summary of her project in the church office, or speak with a member of the Church Council.

THIS WEEK AT-A-GLANCE

Sunday, Mar 10

9:00— 9:45 am	Music Rehearsal	Sanctuary
10:00— 11:15 am	Worship	Sanctuary
11:15— 12:00 pm	Lenten Soup Potluck & Fellowship	Oliver Hall

Monday, Mar 11

1:00— 2:30 pm	Bible Study	Fireside
4:00— 7:00 pm	Computer Cafe	Norberg
7:00— 8:30 pm	Evening Bible Study	Fireside

Tuesday, Mar 12

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

Wednesday, Mar 13

10:00— 12:00 pm	Seekers	Fireside
1:30—4:00 pm	Comida para Cherryland	Oliver Hall
1:30—4:00 pm	Computer Cafe	Norberg
7:00—8:30 pm	Mix It Up Potluck #1	Fireside

Thursday, Mar 14

6:30— 8:00 pm	Computer Cafe	Norberg
1:00— 3:00 pm	Stewardship Meeting	Norberg
6:30— 8:00 pm	Spanish Bible Study	Fireside

Sunday, Mar 17

9:00 — 9:45 am	Music Rehearsal	Sanctuary/Music Room
10:00— 11:15 am	Worship	Sanctuary
11:15— 12:00 pm	Mix It Up Potluck #2	Fireside

COMING ATTRACTIONS – MARK YOUR CALENDARS

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

Mar 11 English Bible Study	Apr 05 Youngish Adult First Friday Potluck
Mar 13 Comida para Cherryland	Apr 07 Mix It Up Potluck
Mar 13 Mix It Up Potluck	Apr 07 Taste & See
Mar 14 Spanish Bible Study	Apr 08 English Bible Study
Mar 14 Stewardship Meeting	Apr 09 Trustees Meeting
Mar 17 Introduction to Labyrinth	Apr 10 Comida para Cherryland
Mar 20 Mix It Up Potluck	Apr 10 Mix It Up Potluck
Mar 21 Spanish Bible Study	Apr 11 Spanish Bible Study
Mar 24 Mix It Up Potluck	Apr 13 Cherryland Eggstravaganza
Mar 24 Youth Re-Group	Apr 14 Palm Sunday
Mar 25 English Bible Study	Apr 18 Maundy Thursday Service
Mar 27 Comida para Cherryland	Apr 19 Good Friday Labyrinth Walk
Mar 31 Pastor Arlene Returns	Apr 21 Easter & Easter Egg Hunt
Mar 31 One Great Hour of Sharing	
Mar 31 Mix It Up Potluck	
Apr 01 ESLO Meeting	
Apr 02 Church Council Meeting	
Apr 03 Mix It Up Potluck	
Apr 04 Spanish Bible Study	

O Lord, The Spirit Led You

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*O Lord, the Spirit led you into the wilderness;
For forty days the devil would put you to the test.
You fasted! You were famished! And soon the devil said,
"If you're God's Son, then show it: just turn this stone to bread."*

*Yet, Christ, your way was steady — as solid as that stone;
You trusted in God's promise, and not in bread alone.
Nor would you bow to earn you a kingdom made of sod,
For everyone must offer allegiance unto God.*

*High on the temple tower, you heard the tempter say:
If you think God has power, then simply step this way!
But you rebuked the devil, said, "No!", and turned around;
When others fell for evil, you stood on solid ground.*

*You were, in most ways, like us, and yet you did not sin.
We're grateful you walk with us as Lenten days begin.
May we, in each decision, be faithful, strong and sure.
May we, too, have a vision of things that will endure.*

EDEN EN ESPAÑOL

Estudio Bíblico

Todas están invitadas 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.

Avisos móviles de la Iglesia Eden

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!

Necesitamos voluntarias

Si habla español, ¡nos encantaría su ayuda en la Iglesia Eden! Se necesitan personas a dar la bienvenida en español y repartir los boletines todos los domingos e incluyendo servicios especiales para extender la hospitalidad a nuestros visitantes. También, sería una bendición tener ayudantes para la comunión que hablan español cada primer domingo de mes. Además, se busca maestras que hablan español para la escuela dominical. Si tiene interés en algún papel, comuníquese con el Pastor Marvin.

Flores para la mesa de comunión.

Si desea traer flores para la mesa de la comunión, pase por la Oficina de la Iglesia para inscribirse en una fecha que coincida con una ocasión especial que tenga usted. Las flores pueden ser proporcionadas a través de estas maneras: 1) Usted puede cortar flores de su casa o comprar flores y arreglarlas a su gusto en casa o aquí en la iglesia para luego colocarlas en la mesa de la comunión; 2) Haga arreglos con la Coordinadora de Flores de la iglesia, Mary Graw, para proporcionar las flores y ella las arreglará; o 3) Ordene flores de una florería para que sean entregadas a la iglesia antes de su fecha. Las dedicaciones al boletín se deben entregar en la Oficina de la Iglesia antes del mediodía del miércoles anterior a su fecha. Para información y asistencia, contacte a Andrea Orea.

Lucas 4:1-13

La Biblia de las Américas (LBLA)

Jesús es tentado

4 Jesús, lleno del Espíritu Santo, volvió del Jordán y fue llevado por el^[a] Espíritu en el desierto ²por cuarenta días, siendo tentado por el diablo. Y no comió nada durante esos días, pasados los cuales tuvo hambre.³ Entonces el diablo le dijo: Si eres Hijo de Dios, di a esta piedra que se convierta en pan. ⁴Jesús le respondió: Escrito está: "NO SOLO DE PAN VIVIRA EL HOMBRE."⁵ Llevándole a una altura, *el diablo* le mostró en un instante todos los reinos del mundo^[b]. ⁶Y el diablo le dijo: Todo este dominio y su gloria te daré; pues a mí me ha sido entregado, y a quien quiero se lo doy. ⁷Por tanto, si te postras^[c] delante de mí, todo será tuyo. ⁸Respondiendo Jesús, le dijo: Escrito está: "AL SEÑOR TU DIOS ADORARAS, Y A EL SOLO SERVIRAS."⁹ Entonces *el diablo* le llevó a Jerusalén y le puso sobre el pináculo del templo, y le dijo: Si eres Hijo de Dios, lánzate abajo desde aquí, ¹⁰pues escrito está:

"A SUS ANGELES TE ENCOMENDARA PARA QUE TE GUARDEN",

¹¹y:

"EN LAS MANOS TE LLEVARAN,
NO SEA QUE TU PIE TROPIECE EN PIEDRA."

¹²Respondiendo Jesús, le dijo: Se ha dicho: "NO TENTARAS^[d] AL SEÑOR TU DIOS."

¹³Cuando el diablo hubo acabado toda tentación, se alejó de El esperando^[e] un tiempo *oportuno*.