

* **INVOCATION**¹ *(in unison)* Pastor Marvin
Teach us, O Christ, what it means that we are citizens of heaven and tutor us in the art of resistance and proclamation so we might resist evil in all its forms. In all the ways, in all the places where your love and justice are denied, where the song of your grace is silenced, and where the noise of sin robs people of life, teach us to hear the whispers of your reign, and to persistently proclaim your Gospel in word and action. 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

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 Philippians 3:17-4:1 Pastor Marvin

(Today's scripture lesson can be found on page 955 of the pew Bibles.)

SERMON "Imitate & Resist" The Rev. Pepper Swanson

HYMN We Offer Christ *(v. 1-3)* **NCH № 527**

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY Pastor Marvin

Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

¹ Adapted from a prayer by John van de Laar, on his website Sacredise.com.

WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Dr. Arlene K. Nehring, Senior Minister
Rev. Pepper Swanson, Associate Minister
Rev. Marvin Lance Wiser, Designated Term
Associate Minister, Liturgist
Omri Shimron, Pianist

Julie Booher & TBD, Greeters
Julie Booher, Theresa Collier, &
Scott Swanson, Ushers

Yuliana Wiser-Leon, Dianne Dorn & Rozetta
Walth, Church School Teachers
Fabiola Orea & Estefani Villagomez Rosas,
Nursery Workers
Pat Payne, Fellowship Captain & Host
Dianne Dorn, Fellowship Host
Jan Bass & TBD, Fellowship Helpers
Bill Adam, Trustee on Duty
Sally Kusalo & TJ Wilkinson, 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 donated by Pat Payne in memory of her parents, George and Betty Clifford.

TODAY

Guest Pianist We are pleased to welcome Dr. Omri Shimron, Assistant Professor of Music at Cal State, East Bay where he is Director of Keyboard Studies. He teaches piano, group piano, as well as courses in musicianship and music theory. Dr. Shimron holds a Doctor of Musical Arts degree in Performance and Literature (Piano), a Master of Music (Piano) and a Master of Arts in Music Theory Pedagogy from the Eastman School of Music. He earned his Bachelor of Arts in Music (Phi Beta Kappa, magna cum laude) from the University of Rochester. In addition to his academic credentials he also trained at the Chautauqua Institution, the American Conservatory in Fontainebleau, the Banff Center for the Arts, and the Jerusalem Music Center. Dr. Shimron has an extensive resume of music experiences and accolades. His full bio can be found in the Church Office.

Introduction to Labyrinth: TODAY, after worship at 11:30 am in the Fireside Room, 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.

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. Participants will be asked to bring an appetizer, salad, or entrée to serve 6 people. Drinks, paper goods, and a few good conversation starters will be provided. Available Wednesday night potlucks are on **Mar 20 & Apr 10**, beginning at 7 pm and Sunday potlucks on **Mar 24 and 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.

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.

The Good Book at The Berkeley Rep: Discounted tickets are available 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 millenniums. Our next session is Monday, **Mar 25** and the focus is the Sacraments and other Church traditions. Come to our daytime group at 1 pm or our evening session at 7 pm, both in the Fireside Room. Other dates are **April 22 & May 13**. 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. The Seekers' next book, which we will begin Apr 3, is *When Breath Becomes Air* by Paul Kalanithi.

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 17

9:00 — 9:45 am	Music Rehearsal	Sanctuary/Music Room
10:00 — 11:15 am	Worship	Sanctuary
11:30 — 12:00 pm	Introduction to Labyrinth	Fireside

Monday, Mar 18

4:00 — 7:00 pm	Computer Cafe	Norberg
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Tuesday, Mar 19

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

Wednesday, Mar 20

10:00 — 12:00 pm	Seekers	Fireside
7:00 — 9:00 pm	Mix It Up Potluck #2	Fireside

Thursday, Mar 21

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

Sunday, Mar 24

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 #3	Fireside
5:00 — 7:00 pm	Eden Youth Re-Group	Fireside

COMING ATTRACTIONS – MARK YOUR CALENDARS

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

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

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.

Filipenses 3:17-4:1 La Biblia de las Américas (LBLA)

¹⁷ Hermanos, sed imitadores míos, y observad a los que andan según el ejemplo que tenéis en nosotros. ¹⁸ Porque muchos andan como^[a] os he dicho muchas veces, y ahora os lo digo aun llorando, *que son* enemigos de la cruz de Cristo, ¹⁹ cuyo fin es perdición, cuyo dios es su apetito^[b] y cuya gloria está en su vergüenza, los cuales piensan sólo en las cosas terrenales. ²⁰ Porque nuestra ciudadanía^[c] está en los cielos, de donde también ansiosamente esperamos a un Salvador, el Señor Jesucristo, ²¹ el cual transformará el cuerpo de nuestro estado de humillación^[d] en conformidad al cuerpo de su gloria^[e], por el ejercicio del poder que tiene aun para sujetar todas las cosas a sí mismo.

* **4** Así que, hermanos míos, amados y añorados, gozo y corona mía, estad así firmes en el Señor, amados.