

* **INVOCATION** *(in unison)* Kern

O God of Pilgrims Everywhere, as we gather like Jesus' first followers in Martha's home at Bethany, grant us the spiritual nourishment we need to lean into every Lenten challenge that lies ahead, so that with might wake up and smell the good news that you are offering us. Amen.

* **PASSING OF THE PEACE** Kern

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 worship continues with the ministry of music.

ANTHEM *Holy Mystery* **P. Choplin**

CHILDREN'S BLESSING O God, Whose Steadfast Love *(v.4)* **NCH № 426**

*May your house-hold of faith one fam-i-ly be-come,
that love may be in-creased and none may be a-lone;
That moth-er's love and fa-ther's care and chil-dren's joy we all may share,
and chil-dren's joy we all may share.*

Children in grades K-5 are excused for the Children's Sermon and will return for Communion. Nursery care for babies and toddlers is available at any time during worship.

SCRIPTURE John 12:1-8 *Pew Bibles, p. 874-875* Kern

SERMON "Wake up & Smell the Good News" Rev. Dr. Arlene K. Nehring

* **HYMN** Said Judas to Mary **NCH № 210**

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

Offering Invitation Kern

Offertory Volksweise Grieg

* **Response** God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending *(v. 4)* **NCH № 565**

*Lend your joy to all our giv-ing, let it light your pil-grimway;
From the night of anx-ious keep-ing, loose us in-to gen-erous day.
Then when years on earth are o-ver, and we've lived our hu-man span,
God ful-fill be-yond our dream-ing, all our stew-ard-ship began.*

* **Prayer of Dedication** Kern

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Lighting the Christ Candle

Pastor Pepper

Invitation

Pastor Arlene

Prayer of Blessing

Hymn of Approach Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life (v. 1)

NCH № 331

*Come, My Way, my Truth, my Life: such a way as gives us breath;
Such a truth as ends all strife;
such a life as con - - - quers death.*

Words of Remembrance

Pastors Arlene & Pepper

* **Distribution of Elements**

* **The Rite of Holy Unction**

* **Communion Music**

Andante in E-flat Major

Batiste

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Pastor Pepper

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 libranos 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** "Take Up Your Cross," the Savior Said (v. 1-2)

NCH № 204

* **BENEDICTION**

Pastor Arlene

* **RESPONSE** O Jesus Christ, My Greatful Hymns (v.3)

NCH № 212

*Show us your Spir-it, brood-ing o'er each cit-y,
as you once wept a-bove Je-ru-sa-lem,
Seek-ing to gath-er all in love and pit-y,
and heal-ing those who touch your gar-ment's hem.*

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

POSTLUDE

Lamb of God

Paris/Larson

Worship Leaders

Rev. Dr. Arlene K. Nehring, Senior Minister
Rev. Pepper Swanson, Associate Minister
Rev. Marvin Lance Wiser, Designated Term Associate Minister
Kern Wallace, Liturgist
Dr. Jessie Wenchieh Lo, Organist & Music Director

Julie Booher & Smith Bove Family, Greeters
Julie Booher & Keith & Jared Smith Bove, Ushers
Yuliana Wiser-Leon & Jana Aloo, Children's Sermon
Fabiola Orea & Estefani Villagomez, Nursery Workers
Rev. Dr. Arlene K. Nehring & Rev. Pepper Swanson, Chalice Bearers
Ruth Baratta & Rev. Marvin Lance Wiser, Anointers
Izzy Walth & Kern Wallace, Bread Servers
Julie Booher, Fellowship Captain
Julie Booher & Jessie Shimmin, Fellowship Hosts
Jessie Shimmin & Rozetta Walth, Fellowship Helpers
Mary Bradford & Alliene Turner, Counters
John Honerkamp, Trustee on Duty
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.

TODAY

Mix It Up Potluck: Our fourth Mix It Up Potluck is happening **TODAY** at 11:30 am in the Fireside Room.

Taste & See: New to Eden? Visitors and newcomers are invited to join our pastor and welcoming team for a reception in the Norberg Room **TODAY** from 11:30 am to 12:30 pm. Grab coffee & a snack from Fellowship in Oliver Hall then come to our gathering. Tell us a little about yourself and your spiritual journey. Ask questions. Learn more about enriching experiences offered at Eden such as Bible study, volunteer opportunities, and church school. Children are welcome!

Easter Cards: Please take a moment to sign the Easter cards in Oliver Hall **TODAY**. These cards are for our shut-ins and non-resident members who are unable to worship with us on a regular basis. They are much appreciated by those who receive them.

HOLY WEEK & EASTER

HOSANNA! HOSANNA! On **Sunday, Apr 14**, we will celebrate Palm Sunday and Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem. We will celebrate with the most historic of Palm Sunday traditions - the reception of new members. Join us as we welcome our new members and their children. There will also be a palm procession, and egg decorating for the children in Oliver Hall during Coffee Hour.

MAUNDY THURSDAY: Our Maundy Thursday worship will begin at 7 pm in Pioneer Chapel on **Thursday, Apr 18** and include a homily, celebration of the Last Supper, and candlelight Tenebrae Service. Participate in this ancient ritual of remembering Christ's final evening with his disciples, his great commandment that we serve one another, and his imprisonment and trial on the way to the cross. Childcare will be available in the Chapel Office.

IT'S A SPIRITUAL JOURNEY: A bilingual guided Good Friday labyrinth walk will be held **Friday, Apr 19** in the Eden Church Courtyard at 6 pm. A brief introduction to this ancient, ecumenical, and cross-cultural prayer practice will be provided by Pastor Arlene.

CELEBRATE EASTER! Celebrate **Easter Sunday** at Eden Church! Our worship service begins at 10 am on **Sunday, Apr 21**, and includes a children's gathering, homily, special music, Holy Communion, and Easter Offering. Church school for children K-6 and childcare for infants through preschoolers will be provided in our Loving Arms Nursery during the sermon. Following the service there will be an Easter Egg Hunt in the Courtyard and a time of fellowship in Oliver Hall. The Easter Egg Hunt is for toddlers through Grade 6. For more information, contact either Pastor Arlene or Pastor Pepper.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Cherryland Eggstravaganza: The 11th Annual Easter Eggstravaganza is coming up on **Saturday, April 13** at Meek Estate Park from 10 am – 3 pm. There will be Easter egg hunts, Bonnet parades, and lots of activities for the children. Eden Church will have an information booth; if you would like to join us for a short shift at the booth, contact either Keith Smith, Athena Malloy, or Pastor Pepper.

Community Passover Seder: Congregation Shir Ami will be retelling the story of the liberation of the Jewish people from slavery and their redemption on **Saturday, Apr 20** in Oliver Hall. The Evening Service begins at 4:30 pm and will feature Passover stories and songs and will be led by the Congregation's Rabbinic Intern Sam Klein. The evening includes dinner. Non-members' cost - Adults \$40; non-member children (under 18) \$15. Reservations may be made by check, payable to Congregation Shir Ami and mailed to: Congregation Shir Ami, ATTN: Community Passover Seder, 4529 Malabar Ave, Castro Valley, CA 94546. For more information, email events@congshirami.org.

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. A small group of Eden members is going to the **May 1** performance. Contact Pastor Pepper for more information.

FESCO Shuffle: A Walk to End Family Homelessness: Please join FESCO (Family Emergency Shelter Coalition) for the 22nd Annual FESCO Shuffle on **Saturday, May 4**, from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm at the San Leandro Marina Park – Seagull Picnic area. This is a family-friendly, dog-friendly event with morning refreshments, lunch, entertainment and a drawing for door prizes. If you are attending, you can sponsor yourself or get your friends and families to sponsor you. If you are unable to attend, please consider sponsoring a walker or making a direct financial contribution to FESCO. Your donations impact

hundreds of homeless children and their parents each year. Sign up to walk or donate at www.FES-COShuffle.org. Be sure to join Team Eden and help us meet our goal of raising \$500. For more information or a pledge sheet, go to www.fescofamilyshelter.org or call Stephanie Miller at the FESCO office at (510) 886-5473, Ext. 105.

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 April 22** 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 include **May 6 and 20**. For more information, contact Pastor Pepper.

Seekers Book Club: Seekers are reading *When Breath Becomes Air* by Paul Kalanithi. Please join us at 10 am on Wednesdays 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.

Eden Stitches: Our weekly quilting and creative arts & crafts is restarting on Tuesdays from 10 am to 12 noon in the Jensen Room. The first session will be **Tuesday, Apr 23**. For more information, contact Suzie Hasselkuss.

PROGRAMS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Important Comida Budget Update: Our highly successful Comida para Cherryland program is in urgent need of cash contributions -- only \$146 remains in our account, for a program that requires (on average) \$250 per Comida for the purchase of food that serves over 100 families every time we open our doors. Every dollar contributed goes directly to the purchase of food. The direct costs of the Comida are solely supported by donations from members and friends (not the church's annual budget). A contribution of \$5 buys one bag for the average size family served (7-9 members—mostly children) and includes one bag of rice and one bag of beans, a can of peanut butter, a can of tuna, a can of tomato product, oatmeal, fresh fruit and vegetables, and a bag of chicken legs. Contributions may be made by mailing contributions to the church, online, or via our Church app. Please make checks payable to Eden United Church of Christ and note "Comida" on the envelope or check. For information about the budget, see the Rev. Rob Parrish. To discuss a financial contribution to the Comida, see Jan Bass.

Adults, join the Super-Secret Egg Society today! We can't be very open about what the Super Secret Egg Society does but it may involve eggs, candies, toys, and stuffed animals in the very near future. If you would like to donate candy & eggs, please whisper (or email) the password "I'm Eggstra Nice" to Pastor Pepper.

Fellowship Volunteers Needed: When it comes to setting up and cleaning up our weekly coffee time, we are short-handed! Several of our regular volunteers are out for medical reasons and NEW volunteers are needed. Might you be called to the ministry of coffee and cookies? If so, please see Pat Payne. Many hands make light work!

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.

THIS WEEK AT-A-GLANCE

Sunday, April 7

9:00 & 11:30 am	Music Rehearsal	Sanctuary/Music Room
10:00 — 11:15 am	Worship	Sanctuary
11:15 — 12:00 noon	Fellowship	Oliver Hall
11:30 — 12:30 pm	Taste & See	Norberg Room
11:30 — 1:00 pm	Mix It Up Potluck #4	Fireside
11:30—12:30 pm	Sunday Counters	Library

Monday, April 8

4:00 — 7:00 pm	Computer Cafe	Norberg
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Tuesday, April 9

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

Wednesday, April 10

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

Thursday, April 11

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

Sunday, April 14

9:00 & 11:30 am	Music Rehearsal	Sanctuary/Music Room
10:00 — 11:15 am	Worship	Sanctuary
11:15 — 12:00 noon	Fellowship	Oliver Hall

COMING ATTRACTIONS – MARK YOUR CALENDARS

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

Apr 09	Trustees Meeting	May 01	<i>The Good Book</i> Excursion
Apr 10	Comida para Cherryland	May 02	Spanish Bible Study
Apr 10	Mix It Up Potluck	May 04	Bay Association Meeting & Shelter Shuffle
Apr 11	Spanish Bible Study	May 05	Stewardship Campaign Begins
Apr 13	Cherryland Eggstravaganza	May 06	English Bible Study
Apr 14	Palm Sunday	May 07	Church Council Meeting
Apr 18	Maundy Thursday Service	May 08	Comida para Cherryland
Apr 19	Good Friday Labyrinth Walk	May 09	Spanish Bible Study
Apr 20	Shir Ami Passover Seder	May 11	Stewardship Event?
Apr 21	Easter & Easter Egg Hunt	May 12	Festival of Christian Household
Apr 22	English Bible Study	May 14	Trustees Meeting
Apr 24	Comida para Cherryland	May 16	Spanish Bible Study
Apr 25	Spanish Bible Study	May 19	Stewardship/Dedication Sunday
Apr 28	Roanoke Revival	May 20	English Bible Study

EDEN EN ESPAÑOL

Estudio Bíblico

Esta semana no habrá estudio bíblico pero se reanudará **Abril 4** a las **6:30** de la tarde. 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.

Juan 12:1-8

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María unge a Jesús

12 Entonces Jesús, seis días antes de la Pascua, vino a Betania donde estaba Lázaro^[a], al que Jesús había resucitado de entre los muertos.² Y^[b] le hicieron una cena allí, y Marta servía; pero Lázaro era uno de los que estaban^[c] a la mesa con Él. ³Entonces María, tomando una libra de perfume de nardo puro que costaba mucho, ungió los pies de Jesús, y se los secó^[d] con los cabellos, y la casa se llenó con la fragancia del perfume. ⁴Y Judas Iscariote, uno de sus discípulos, el que le iba a entregar^[e], dijo*: ⁵¿Por qué no se vendió este perfume por trescientos denarios^[f] y se dio a los pobres? ⁶Pero dijo esto, no porque se preocupara por los pobres, sino porque era un ladrón, y como tenía la bolsa del dinero, sustraía de lo que se echaba en ella. ⁷Entonces Jesús dijo: Déjala, para que lo guarde para el día de mi sepultura^[g]. ⁸Porque a los pobres siempre los tendréis^[h] con vosotros; pero a mí no siempre me tendréis^[i].

Footnotes:

- a. [Juan 12:1](#) Algunos mss. agregan: *el que había estado muerto*
- b. [Juan 12:2](#) Lit., *Por tanto*
- c. [Juan 12:2](#) Lit., *se reclinaban*
- d. [Juan 12:3](#) Lit., *y le secó los pies*
- e. [Juan 12:4](#) O, *traicionar*
- f. [Juan 12:5](#) Un denario valía aprox. 4 gramos de plata, o el equivalente al salario de un día
- g. [Juan 12:7](#) I.e., la costumbre de ungir para la sepultura
- h. [Juan 12:8](#) Lit., *tenéis*
- i. [Juan 12:8](#) Lit., *tenéis*

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