

Eden United Church of Christ
Order for Worship
Seventh Sunday of Easter & Sacrament of Holy Communion
Sunday, June 2, 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 cell phone, pager, and PDA during worship.
Thank you for bringing no food or beverages in the Sanctuary
other than sacramental elements and bottled water.*

PRELUDE Hymn of Praise Batiste

THE LIGHT ENTERS WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Pepper Swanson
(Thank you for your gift of presence and for completing a worship card today)

INTROIT Come, O Spirit, with Your Sound (v.1) NCH № 265
*Come, O Spir-it, with your sound like a wind, quick rush-ing;
come from heav-en, stir our hearts, each dis-ci-ple touch-ing!
Mold our ac-tions to your will, you our ser-vice giv-ing;
move in our com-mu-ni-ty, trans-form now our liv-ing!*

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

L: Like trees beside the waters,
R: we sink our roots deeply into your soil.
L: We reach up and out with our branches,
R: as we soak in the misty Pacific air.
L: Slowly, over time,
R: we grow strong and bold.
L: We bear good fruit;
R: the harvest is plentiful.
L: In our end is a new beginning,
R: as we become one with the soil and your cycle continues.

* **HYMN** Like a Tree Beside the Waters **NCH № 313**

* **INVOCATION** (*in unison*) Dave

O Tree of Life, we thank you for this brand new day and each tiny resurrection that it represents. Help us discover the ways that your liberating word is already at work in our lives, freeing us from the things that have bound us. Keep us mindful of the needs of others, and grant us the courage we need to trust and convey the earth-shaking news that you have come to set all people free. Amen.

* **PASSING OF THE PEACE** Dave

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 Dave

L: Our service continues with the ministry of music.

ANTHEM Pray for the People Pepper Choplin

CHILDREN'S BLESSING Come, O Spirit, with Your Sound (*v. 3*) **NCH № 265**

*Come, O Spir-it, fill your church, mak-ing strong our mis-sion;
fill your daugh-ters and your sons with a might-y vi-sion
Till the great and glo-rious day when the whole cre-a-tion
sings your praise as Sov-ereign One, giv-er of sal-va-tion!*

*(K-5th grade are excused for the Children's Sermon, and will return to commune with their families.
Nursery care for babies and pre-schoolers is available at any time during worship.)*

SCRIPTURE READING Acts 16:16-34 Dave

(Today's scripture lesson can be found on page 900-901 in the pew Bibles.)

SERMON "Chains Unfastened" Rev. Dr. Arlene K. Nehring

* **HYMN** Lift Every Voice and Sing **NCH № 593**

OFFERING & DEDICATION OF OUR GIFTS

Invitation (*Thank you for placing your blue worship card in the offering plate*) Dave

Offertory Interlude in G Major Trirant

* **THE LIGHT DEPARTS WITH THE PEOPLE**

(The congregation is seated for the Postlude)

POSTLUDE

Let Us Break Bread Together

Trad./Carter

Worship Leaders

The Rev. Dr. Arlene K. Nehring, Senior Minister
The Rev. Pepper Swanson, Associate Minister
Dr. Jessie Wenchieh Lo, Organist & Music Director
Dave Wallace, Liturgist

Linda Joost & Carol Roach, Deacons
Pastors Arlene & Marvin, Chalice Bearers
Rubi Guitierrez & TBD, Bread Servers
TBD & TBD, Anointers
Fabiola Orea & Estefani Villagomez Rosas, Childcare Workers
Pastor Pepper & Childcare Workers, Church School Teachers
Julie Booher & Smith-Bove Family, Greeters
Julie Booher, Keith Smith, & Jared Smith-Bove, Ushers
Pat Payne, Fellowship Captain
Pat Payne & Keith Smith, Fellowship Hosts
Rozetta Walth, Fellowship Helpers
Bravo Sunday Reception hosted by the Fellowship Committee
Russ Newman, Trustee on Duty
Dawn Coburn, Sunday Sexton

Flower Dedication

The flowers on the altar were donated by Julie Booher in honor of her nephew Jackson'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. 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. We celebrate infant and adult baptism and receive new members several times each year.

TODAY

Bravo! Sunday: Help us celebrate our 2019 high school and college graduates as well as Eden's many church school teachers, nursery volunteers, choir members and musicians, by giving them a round of applause. If you or a member of your family is completing a program of study, please let one of our Pastors know so that we can include you in our celebration. Cake will be served by our Fellowship Committee . Come and help us recognize the many talents in our community.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Church Budget Information Sessions: Information about Eden Church's budget will be provided at our annual budget information sessions for members preparing pledges and for their participation in our Annual Meeting. This year's Budget Information Sessions are scheduled for **Sundays, Jun 9 & 23**, 11:30 am in the Norberg Room. For more information, contact either Rev. Rob Parrish, Treasurer or Pastor Arlene.

Ashland-Cherryland Famfest: It's back! After being cancelled due to unhealthy smoky conditions last November, the Ashland-Cherryland FamFest is back on the schedule for 11 am to 3 pm on **Saturday, Jun 8** at the At REACH Ashland Youth Center & HARD Holland Park, located at 16335 E. 14th Street. Join your neighbors for a fun-packed community festival with exciting activities, cool music and delicious food that you just can't miss. There are a variety of activities happening throughout the day: Live entertainment, community resources, sporting activities, art exhibits, health screenings, food tastings, face painters, and so much more! If you are interested in representing Eden Church at our fabulous information booth, contact Pastor Pepper.

Seekers Book Club: Seekers have started a new book! We are discussing Anne Rice's *Christ the Lord: The Road to Cana* every Wednesday at 10 am 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 group has restarted on Tuesdays from 10 am to 12 noon in the Jensen Room. Come show us your latest project or just drop by to admire ours! For more information, contact Suzie Hasselkuss.

Sanctuary Ministry Accompaniment Opportunity: You're invited you to join us in solidarity with the Pérez Olivares family on **Wednesday, Jun 19** for their second hearing in the asylum-seeking process, as we endeavor to accompany in grace and power, building beloved community. Please contact Pastor Marvin for more details and if you can't make it in person we greatly appreciate your sustaining gifts to our Sanctuary Ministry. ¡Dios le bendiga!

Roanoke Revival Returns: On **Sunday, Jun 23**, we welcome back our favorite bluegrass band Roanoke Revival. Vocalist Sabrina Vasquez, banjo player Daniel Price, and guitarist Jesse Acker-Johnson will bring their musical gifts to help us kick off our summer season.

Call to the 154th Annual Meeting: The 154th Annual Meeting of Eden United Church of Christ has been called by the Church Council for **Sunday, Jun 30, 2019**. The meeting will be held in Oliver Hall following morning worship. This meeting is called in accordance with the Eden Church bylaws.

Agenda items include the following:

- To receive the 2018-19 Annual Report
- To receive an update on the Strategic Plan implementation
- To receive a preliminary 2018-19 year-end financial report
- To receive and act on the proposed operating budget for 2019-20
- To receive and act on a slate of officers and board and committee members for 2019-20
- To recognize elected leaders who are completing terms of service

- To install officers and board and committee members who are beginning terms of service

Members are expected. Visitors are welcome. Childcare will be provided for N-6th Grade during the business meeting. Advance copies of the Annual Meeting materials will be available in the Church Office during the month of June or by email. Please send email requests to andrea@edenucc.com before 1 pm on Friday, Jun 24.

PROGRAMS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Comida Thank You: Thank you to everyone who responded to our recent funding appeal. We are now able to cover expenses through June 2019. 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.

The ChYLLs want to say, "¡Gracias!" for your support in the Spanish Language Bible Study, Compañeras, and Stewardship Committee's joint Cinco de Mayo fundraiser. It was a smashing success! Good food, good people, and a good cause. Be on the lookout for more ways to help support our neighborhood youth this summer.

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 Friday 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

Bravo! Sunday, Jun 2

9:00 & 11:30 am	Music Rehearsal	Sanctuary/Music Room
10:00—11:15 am	Sunday Worship	Sanctuary
11:15—12:30 pm	Bravo! Recognition & Cake	Oliver Hall
11:30—12:30 pm	Sunday Counters	Library

Monday, Jun 3

4:00—7:00 pm	Cherryland Computer Café	Norberg Room
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Tuesday, Jun 4

4:00—7:00 pm	Cherryland Computer Café	Norberg Room
7:00—9:00 pm	Council Meeting	Norberg Room

Wednesday, Jun 5

10:00—11:00 am	Seekers	Norberg Room
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Saturday, Jun 8

11:00—4:00 pm	Ashland-Cherryland FamFest	<i>offsite</i>
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Sunday, Jun 9

9:00—9:45 am	Music Rehearsal	Sanctuary
10:00—11:15 am	Sunday Worship	Sanctuary
11:15—12:30 pm	Welcome Reception for Pastor Marvin's Family	Oliver Hall
11:30—12:30 pm	Music Rehearsal	Sanctuary

COMING ATTRACTIONS – MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

New or amended items are in bold & italics.

Jun 02	<i>Bravo! Sunday</i>	Jun 30	154th Annual Meeting
Jun 04	Council Meeting	Jul 01	ChYLI Info Session
Jun 08	Ashland-Cherryland FamFest	Jul 02	Church Council Meeting
Jun 09	Budget Information Session	Jul 04	Independence Day – Campus Closed
Jun 09	ChYLI Info Session	Jul 07	Folk Music in Worship
Jun 10	ESLO Meeting	Jul 07	Caz Jr & Sr High Camp Begins
Jun 11	Trustees Meeting	Jul 08	ChYLI Begins
Jun 12	ChYLI Info Session	Jul 09	Trustees Meeting
Jun 12	Comida para Cherryland	Jul 10	Comida para Cherryland
Jun 13-15	NCNC Annual Gathering	Jul 13	Castro Valley Pride
Jun 16	Father's Day	Jul 14	Open & Affirming Anniversary
Jun 23	Roanoke Revival in Worship	Jul 14	Guest Pianist Jessie Micek
Jun 23	Budget Information Session	Aug 03	Backpack Distribution & Party
Jun 26	Comida para Cherryland	Aug 09	ChYLI Fiesta

