



\* **INVOCATION** (*in unison*) Pastor Pepper

**For all the saints who have provided and sustained a spiritual home for us— even when we have flown the coop—we thank you and praise you, O God, and we pray that your spirit might work in and through us, so that our witness might be bold enough to inspire hope and perseverance in others. Amen.**

**PASSING OF THE PEACE** Pastor Pepper

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** Pastor Pepper

L: Worship continues with the ministry of music.

**SPECIAL MUSIC** Improvisation Jesse Acker-Johnson

**CHILDREN'S SERMON** Pastor Pepper

**CHILDREN'S BLESSING** Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us (v. 2) **NCH № 252**

*We are yours, in love be-friend us, be the guard-ian of our way;  
Keep your flock, from sin de-fend us, seek us when we go a-stray.  
Bless-ed Je-sus, bless-ed Je-sus, hear your chil-dren when we pray;  
Bless-ed Je-sus, bless-ed Je-sus, hear your chil-dren when we pray.*

*(Children in grades K-5 are excused to Church School and should be picked up following worship.  
Nursery care for babies and preschoolers is available at any time during worship.)*

**SCRIPTURE READING** Acts 9:36-43 Rev. Marvin Lance Wisner

*(Today's scripture lesson can be found on page 894 of the pew Bibles.)*

**SERMON** “Living Legacies” Rev. Dr. Arlene K. Nehring

\* **HYMN** I Was There to Hear Your Boring Cry **NCH № 351**

**PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY**

**Joys and Concerns** Rev. Marvin Lance Wisner

**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**      Eternal Spirit of the Living Christ *(v.1)*      **NCH № 520**

*E-ter-nal Spi-rit of the li-ving Christ, I know not how to ask or what to say;  
I on-ly know my need, as deep as life, and on-ly you can teach me how to pray.*

**OFFERING & DEDICATION OF OUR GIFTS**

**Mission Moment**      Dianne Dorn & Lauren Smith-Bove

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

**Offertory**      Salut d' Amour Op.12      Elgar

**\*Response**      Listen to Your Savior Call *(v.4)*      **NCH № 250**

*O my Sav-ior, hear my need: though my love is faint in-deed,  
Still I love you and a-dore—oh for grace to love you more!*

**\*Prayer of Dedication**      Pastor Marvin

**\* HYMN**      Like a Mother Who Has Borne Us      **NCH № 583**

**\* BENEDICTION**      Pastor Arlene

**\* RESPONSE**      Peace I Leave with You, My Friend *(v.2)*      **NCH № 249**

*Peace I leave with you, my friends, sha-lom, my peace, in all you do.*

*Peace I leave with you, my friends.*

*I give to you so you can give to oth-ers, too*

*Take my hand and be at peace;*

*the spir-it of our love I send.*

*And with love you will be free, until I come again.*

*Peace I leave with you, my friends, sha-lom, my peace, in all you do.*

*Peace I leave with you, my friends.*

*I give to you so you can give to oth-ers, too*

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

*(The congregation is seated for the Postlude)*

**POSTLUDE**

Lachrimae

John Dowland

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### Worship Leaders

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

Julie Booher, Greeters  
Julie Booher, Russ Newman, & Stephanie Spencer, Ushers  
Fabiola Orea & Estefani Villagomez Rosas, Childcare Workers  
Pat Payne & Keith Smith, Church School Teachers  
Jan Bass & Rozetta Walth, Counters

Julie Booher, Fellowship Captain  
Dianne Dorn & Jessie Shimmin, Fellowship Host  
Bill Adam & Carol Roach, Fellowship Helpers  
Julie Booher, Trustee on Duty  
Dawn Coburn, Sunday Sexton

### Flower Dedication

*The flowers on the altar are a tribute to all those who have extended kindness and time to children.*

### 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

**Stewardship 2019: Press On!** Eden Church has been “pressing on” to implement our new Strategic Plan, now in its third year. Like runners in the middle of the race, we push on to meet the goals of the Strategic Plan. Whether it’s nurturing spiritual growth, offering hospitality, or providing Sanctuary, our goal is to show our community God’s love and compassion for all. We invite you to help us in “pressing on” by making a financial pledge of support for 2019-2020 by **Pledge Dedication Sunday, May 19**. Pledge Forms will be mailed to member homes or can be picked up in the Church Office. To help us keep pace with inflation, please consider increasing your pledge by 3.9 percent. And, please join us for any and all of our Stewardship events.

- **TODAY:** Hydrate! Infused Water and Eden Logo Water Bottles
- **Sunday, May 19:** Carbo Load: Pasta Bar (Pledge Dedication Sunday)

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**Worship @ Baywood Court:** Pastor Arlene will lead Protestant Worship at Baywood Court on Monday, **May 20**, beginning at 10 am in the All Purpose Room. Come join in worshipping with our members and friends who are residence of Baywood, including Peggy Apperson, Pat Ball, and Marilyn Sundberg. Baywood Court is located at 21966 Dolores Street in Castro Valley. The public is welcome and encouraged to attend.

**Hayward Gay Prom: Decades Of Dance and A Lifetime Of Pride:** Project Eden/Lambda Youth invite LGBTQI-2S youth and their allies under 20 to attend the 25th annual Hayward Gay Prom on **Saturday, Jun 1** at 7 pm. If you are interested in joining Eden Church's Prom Greeters Team who attend each year to welcome Prom attendees, contact Pastor Pepper.

**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 on **Sunday, Jun 2**. 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.

**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.

**Let's Get Spiritual!** Join our Spring Bible Study as we delve into the spiritual practices that have sustained Christians for millenniums. The last evening session will meet on **Monday, May 20 at 7 pm**. Daytime Bible Study will resume in August. For more information, contact Pastor Pepper.

**Seekers Book Club:** Seekers are beginning a new book! We'll start discussing Anne Rice's *Christ the Lord: The Road to Cana* next 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 Stitchers:** 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! For more information, contact Suzie Hasselkuss.

### **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.

**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](mailto: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 **75<sup>th</sup> 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, May 12

9:00 & 11:30 am	Music Rehearsal	Sanctuary/Music Room
10:00 — 11:15 am	Worship	Sanctuary
11:15 — 12:30 pm	Hydrate! Infused Water & Bottle Sale/Fellowship	Oliver Hall

### Monday, May 13

4:00 — 7:00 pm	Computer Cafe	Norberg
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### Tuesday, May 14

10:00 — 12:00 noon	Eden Stitchers	Jensen
4:00 — 7:00 pm	Computer Cafe	Norberg

### Wednesday, May 15

10:00 — 11:30 am	Seekers	Fireside
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### Thursday, May 16

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

### Sunday, May 19

9:00 & 11:30 am	Music Rehearsal	Sanctuary/Music Room
10:00 — 11:15 am	Worship & Stewardship Pledge Dedication	Sanctuary
11:30 am	Carbo Load: Pasta Bar!	Oliver Hall

## COMING ATTRACTIONS – MARK YOUR CALENDARS

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

May 19	Stewardship/Dedication Sunday	Jun 13-15	NCNC Annual Gathering
	Carbo Load: Pasta Bar!	Jun 16	Father's Day
May 20	Evening English Bible Study	Jun 23	Roanoke Revival in Worship
May 20	Protestant Worship at Baywood Court	Jun 23	Budget Information Session
May 21	Trustees Meeting	Jun 26	Comida para Cherryland
May 27	Memorial Day – Campus Closed	Jun 30	154th Annual Meeting
Jun 01	Hayward Gay Prom	Jul 02	Church Council Meeting
Jun 02	<i>Bravo!</i> Sunday	Jul 04	Independence Day – Campus Closed
Jun 04	Council Meeting	Jul 07	Caz Jr & Sr High Camp Begins
Jun 08	Ashland-Cherryland FamFest	Jul 09	Trustees Meeting
Jun 09	Budget Information Session	Jul 10	Comida para Cherryland
Jun 10	ESLO Meeting	Jul 13	Castro Valley Pride
Jun 11	Trustees Meeting	Jul 14	Open & Affirming Anniversary
Jun 12	Comida para Cherryland		

## **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.

# Hechos 9:36-43 La Biblia de las Américas (LBLA)

## Resurrección de Dorcas

<sup>36</sup>Había entonces en Jope una discípula llamada Tabita (que traducido *al griego* es Dorcas<sup>[a]</sup>); esta mujer era rica<sup>[b]</sup> en obras buenas y de caridad que hacía continuamente. <sup>37</sup>Y sucedió que en aquellos días se enfermó y murió; y lavado *su cuerpo*, lo pusieron en un aposento alto. <sup>38</sup>Como Lida estaba cerca de Jope, los discípulos, al oír que Pedro estaba allí, le enviaron dos hombres, rogándole: No tardes en venir a nosotros.<sup>39</sup>Entonces Pedro se levantó y fue con ellos. Cuando llegó, lo llevaron al aposento alto, y todas las viudas lo rodearon llorando, mostrando todas las túnicas y ropas que Dorcas solía hacer cuando estaba con ellas.<sup>40</sup>Mas Pedro, haciendo salir a todos, se arrodilló y oró, y volviéndose al cadáver, dijo: Tabita, levántate. Y ella abrió los ojos, y al ver a Pedro, se incorporó. <sup>41</sup>Y él le dio la mano y la levantó; y llamando a los santos y a las viudas, la presentó viva. <sup>42</sup>Y esto se supo en todo Jope, y muchos creyeron en el Señor. <sup>43</sup>Y<sup>[c]</sup> Pedro se quedó en Jope muchos días con un tal Simón, curtidor.

### Footnotes:

- a. [Hechos 9:36](#) O, *Gacela*
- b. [Hechos 9:36](#) Lit., *llena*
- c. [Hechos 9:43](#) Lit., *Y sucedió que*

### **La Biblia de las Américas (LBLA)**

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