

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

Jessie

Holy God, you have given us this race to run. We know the race is long and challenging. We know that we may be tempted to quit or to find an easier course. Lead us into new insights and new ways of being while we press on with the plans we have made to offer hospitality and sanctuary to our neighbors. Bless each of us as we invest in the future of this church, guiding us in new ways to emulate your generosity. In Christ's abundant love, Amen.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Jessie

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

Jessie

CHILDREN'S GATHERING

Rev. Marvin Wiser

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 the Church School and should be picked up in either the Nursery or the Classroom following worship. Nursery care for babies and pre-schoolers is available at any time during worship.)

SCRIPTURE READING Philippians 3:4b-14

Jessie Shimmin

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

SERMON

"Press On!"

Rev. Pepper Swanson

* **HYMN**

Guide My Feet

NCH № 497

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY

Joys and Concerns

Rev. Dr. Arlene Nehring

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.2) **NCH № 520**

*Come, pray in me the prayer I need this day;
help me to see your pur-pose and your will,
Where I have failed, what I have done a-miss;
held in for-giv-ing love, let me be still.*

OFFERING & DEDICATION OF OUR GIFTS

Mission Moment/Invitation to Pledge Dianne Dorn & Charlie Smith
(Thank you for placing your blue or peach card in the offering plate)

Offertory Interlude in the All English Style Darwall

***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** Jessie

*** HYMN** We Offer Christ **NCH № 527**

*** BENEDICTION** Pastor Pepper

*** RESPONSE** Born of God, Eternal Savior (v.4) **NCH № 542**

*See the Christ-like host ad-vanc-ing, high and low-ly, great and small,
Linked in bonds of com-mon ser-vice, an-swer-ing the Sav-ior's call.
Je-sus Christ, we hear your plead-ing that peo-ple should be one.
Grant, O grant our hope's fru-i-tion: here on earth, your will be done.*

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

(The congregation is seated for the Postlude)

POSTLUDE Lord of the Dance/Were You There Carter/Raney

Worship Leaders

Rev. Dr. Arlene K. Nehring, Senior Minister
Rev. Pepper Swanson, Associate Minister
Rev. Marvin Lance Wisner, Designated Term Associate Minister
Dr. Jessie Wenchieh Lo, Organist & Music Director
Jessie Shimmin, Liturgist
Yuliana Wisner-León & Stephanie Spencer, Church School Teachers
Estefani Villagómez Rosas & Fabiola Orea, Childcare Workers

Julie Booher, Greeter
Julie Booher, Theresa Collier, & Scott Swanson, Ushers
Sally Kusalo & David Wallace, Counters

Linda Joost, Fellowship Captain
Linda Joost, Pat Payne, & TJ Wilkinson, Fellowship Hosts
TJ Wilkinson & Rozetta Walth, Fellowship Helpers
Bill Adam, Trustee on Duty
Dawn Coburn, Sunday Sexton

Flower Dedication

Today's flowers were given by Arlene Nehring in celebration of Stephanie Spencer's birthday.

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 **TODAY**. Pledge Forms were mailed to member homes, can be picked up in the Church Office, and are in today's bulletin. 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:** *Carbo Load: Pasta Bar* (Pledge Dedication Sunday)

Gen-Z@EdenUCC Re-Group! Happening **TONIGHT** 5pm-7pm in the Fireside Room. Bring a playlist and be ready to claim the Basta! Champion title. We're revisiting some of our main projects, and looking ahead- so don't miss! Contact Pastor Marvin for additional details.

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 residents of Baywood, including Sally Kusalo, Pat Ball, and Marilyn Sundberg. Baywood Court is located at 21966 Dolores Street in Castro Valley. The public is welcome and encouraged to attend.

Gen-Z@EdenUCC Finals Stress Reliever: All youth are encouraged to get out on the green **Sunday, May 26** at 3pm at Castro Valley Golfland to have some put-put fun! We'll meet there and golf as a group. Please direct any questions to Pastor Marvin.

Eden Young Adults: First Fridays is getting bumped a week earlier this time so we can gather at Smalltown Society (beside Castro Valley Trader Joe's) on **Friday, May 31** 7pm to enjoy good company and hear The Tyler Harlow Quartet. Free entrance, donation encouraged. Contact Pastor Marvin.

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.

Prayers for Earth: Eden Area Interfaith Council invite all to a celebration of Earth with prayers, poems and art on **Saturday, June 1** at 1pm at the Sun Gallery 1015 E St., Hayward. Fun for the whole family!

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 **Sunday, Jun 9**, led by Treasurer Rev. Rob Parrish, & **Sunday, Jun 23** led by Associate Treasurer Jan Bass, 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 started a new book! We'll continue 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.

The ChYLIs want to say, "¡Gracias!" for your support in the Spanish Language Bible Study and Compañeras 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 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 19

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| 9:00 & 11:30 am | Music Rehearsal | Sanctuary/Music Room |
| 10:00 — 11:15 am | Worship & Stewardship Pledge Dedication | Sanctuary |
| 11:15 — 12:30 pm | Carbo Load: Pasta Bar Celebration | Oliver Hall |
| 5:00 — 7:00 pm | Gen-Z@EdenUCC Re-Group | Fireside |

Monday, May 20

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| 4:00 — 7:00 pm | Computer Cafe | Norberg |
| 7:00 — 8:30 pm | English Bible Study | Norberg |

Tuesday, May 21

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| 10:00 — 12:00 n. | Eden Stitches | Jensen |
| 4:00 — 7:00 pm | Computer Cafe | Norberg |

Wednesday, May 22

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

Thursday, May 23

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

Sunday, May 26

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

COMING ATTRACTIONS – MARK YOUR CALENDARS

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

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| May 20 | Evening English Bible Study | Jun 13-15 | NCNC Annual Gathering |
| May 20 | Protestant Worship at Baywood Court | Jun 16 | Father's Day |
| May 26 | Gen-Z@EdenUCC Golfland | Jun 23 | Roanoke Revival in Worship |
| May 27 | Memorial Day – Campus Closed | Jun 23 | Budget Information Session (Jan) |
| May 31 | Eden Young Adults | Jun 26 | Comida para Cherryland |
| Jun 01 | Hayward Gay Prom | Jun 30 | 154th Annual Meeting |
| Jun 01 | Prayers for Earth | 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 (Rob) | Jul 10 | Comida para Cherryland |
| Jun 10 | ESLO Meeting | Jul 13 | Castro Valley Pride |
| Jun 11 | Trustees Meeting | Jul 14 | 24 th 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 Edén

Envíe un mensaje de texto con "IglesiaEdén" 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 Edén! 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 3:4-14 La Biblia de las Américas (LBLA)

⁴ aunque yo mismo podría confiar^[a] también en la carne. Si algún otro cree *tener motivo para* confiar en la carne, yo mucho más:⁵ circuncidado el octavo día, del linaje de Israel, de la tribu de Benjamín, hebreo de hebreos; en cuanto a la ley, fariseo; ⁶ en cuanto al celo, perseguidor de la iglesia; en cuanto a la justicia de^[b] la ley, hallado irreprochable. ⁷ Pero todo lo que para mí era ganancia, lo he estimado como pérdida por amor de Cristo. ⁸ Y aún más, yo estimo como pérdida todas las cosas en vista del incomparable valor de conocer a^[c] Cristo Jesús, mi Señor, por quien lo he perdido todo, y lo considero como basura a fin de ganar a Cristo, ⁹ y ser hallado en El, no teniendo mi propia justicia derivada de *la* ley, sino la que es por la fe en Cristo, la justicia que *procede* de Dios sobre la base de la fe, ¹⁰ y conocerle a El, el poder de su resurrección y la participación en sus padecimientos, llegando a ser como El en su muerte^[d], ¹¹ a fin de llegar^[e] a la resurrección de entre los muertos. ¹² No que ya *lo* haya alcanzado o que ya haya llegado a ser perfecto, sino que sigo adelante, a fin de poder^[f] alcanzar aquello para lo cual también^[g] fui alcanzado por Cristo Jesús.¹³ Hermanos, yo mismo no considero haberlo ya alcanzado; pero una cosa *hago*: olvidando lo que *queda* atrás y extendiéndome a lo que *está* delante, ¹⁴ prosigo hacia la meta para *obtener* el premio del supremo llamamiento de Dios en Cristo Jesús.

Footnotes:

- a. [Filipenses 3:4](#) Lit., *tener confianza*
- b. [Filipenses 3:6](#) Lit., *en*
- c. [Filipenses 3:8](#) Lit., *del conocimiento de*
- d. [Filipenses 3:10](#) Lit., *conformado a su muerte*
- e. [Filipenses 3:11](#) Lit., *si de alguna manera llegue*
- f. [Filipenses 3:12](#) Lit., *por si acaso pudiera*
- g. [Filipenses 3:12](#) O, *porque también*

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