

SEASON AFTER PENTECOST



WELCOME | BIENVENIDOS
Aug 25, 2019

Eden United Church of Christ is an **LGBTQ Open & Affirming** and a **Sanctuary** 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 from the ushers and nursery care is available during worship. Please mute your mobile devices during worship. And, thank you for bringing no food or beverages into the Sanctuary other than sacramental elements and bottled water.



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ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST | 10:00 AM

The + indicates times when we are invited to stand, in body or spirit, as we are able.

OPENING MUSIC | Sabbath Eve | Ashford

WELCOME | Rev. Pepper Swanson

CENTERING SONG | This Is the Day | № 84 (v.1)

*This is the day, this is the day that our God has made, that our God has made;
we will re-joice, we will re-joice and be glad in it, and be glad in it.*

This is the day that our God has made, we will re-joice and be glad in it;

This is the day, this is the day that our God has made.

+CALL TO WORSHIP | Lauren Smith-Bove

L: Today is a good day to take a step back.

R: Today is a very good day to look at the whole picture.

L: Today is a good day to see someone is crying, a child is suffering; to see the world has needs.

R: Today is a very good day to offer to help or to heal, or simply to listen.

L: Today is a good day to set aside the silly fears, small rules and old traditions that have walled me into one way of being and thinking.

R: Today is a very good day to be brave, to question assumptions, and to set myself free to live and to love.

L: Today is a good day to answer God's call.

R: Today is a very good day!

+HYMN | This Is the Day | № 84

+OPENING PRAYER | Unison | Lauren

O God, we are good people who were taught the importance of following all the rules. We were raised in homes and taught in schools where breaking rules, making noise, and thinking for ourselves was more often punished than rewarded. We live in a system where our errors and failures have had consequences for our lives and for the lives of our children. Give us the clarity and the compassion to be like Christ, able to discern between what is humane and what is required by custom. Amen.

+PASSING OF THE PEACE | Lauren

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.

CHILDREN'S GATHERING | Rev. Marvin Wiser

CHILDREN'S SONG | Little Children, Welcome | № 323 (v.1)

Lit-tle chil-dren, wel-come! Earth is yours to live in;
arms of love pro-tect you, lit-tle chil-dren, wel-come!

BIBLE READING | Luke 13:10-17 | Keith Smith

SERMON | "Breaking Bad for Good" | Rev. Pepper Swanson

+HYMN | We Limit Not the Truth of God | № 316

OUR PRAYERS | Joys & Concerns | Pastor Pepper Swanson

JESUS' PRAYER | 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.

SUNG PRAYER RESPONSE | Hear Our Prayer, O God | № 769

Hear our prayer, O God, hear our prayer, O God;
in-cline your ear to us, and grant us your peace.

OFFERING | Keith

OFFERING MUSIC | Offertory in G Major | Marchant

SUNG RESPONSE | We Give You But Your Own | № 785

*We give you but your own, what-e'er the gift may be;
All that we have is yours a-lone, we give it grate-ful-ly.*

+OFFERING PRAYER | Keith

+HYMN | Sent Forth by God's Blessing | № 76

+BLESSING | Pastor Pepper

+SUNG RESPONSE | Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing | № 77 (v.3)

*So that when your love shall call us, Sav-ior, from the world a-way,
Fear of death shall not ap-pall us, glad your sum-mons to o-bey:
May we ev-er, may we ev-er live with you in end-less day.*

POSTLUDE | Praise His Greatness | arr. Hayes

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

The Rev. Dr. Arlene K. Nehring, Senior Minister

The Rev. Pepper Swanson, Associate Minister

The Rev. Marvin Lance Wiser, Designated Term Associate Minister

Dr. Jessie Wenchieh Lo, Organist & Music Director

Lauren Smith-Bove & Keith Smith, Liturgists

Julie Booher & TBD, Greeters

Julie Booher & TBD, Ushers

Estefani Villagomez Rosas & Fabiola Orea, Childcare Workers

Yuliana Wiser-Leon, Rozetta Walth & Izzy Walth, Church School Teachers

Linda Joost, Fellowship Captain & Host

Allie Turner & Pat Payne, Fellowship Helper

TJ Wilkinson & Bill Adam, Counters

Julie Booher, Trustee on Duty

Quinn Malloy, Audio Assistance

Oscar Rodriguez & Ricardo Villasano, Sunday Sextons

FLOWER DEDICATION

The flowers on the Communion Table today were donated in memory of Christopher MacDonald and in celebration of Charles MacDonald's birthday.

TODAY

Parent-Teacher Meeting: *It's back to school at Eden Church School. Parents and Church School teachers (and prospective teachers) are cordially invited to a post-worship get together after service **TODAY** to talk about the upcoming Church school program, including what's happening in the Nursery, Grade School, and Youth program. The meeting is at 11:30 am in the Norberg Room. Contact Pastor Pepper for more information.*

Our New Seating Area: *You may have noticed that two pews have been arranged in the inner Narthex (Lobby) to form a seating area. ESLO is trying this new arrangement for the next month to make room in the outer Narthex for our Sept 22 Welcome Home event and to provide conversation area for those waiting for worship or other events. If you have comments about the new seating area, please see Suzie Hasselkuss, Jennifer Vetrovec or any member of ESLO.*

New Name Tags: New name tags with first names in a larger bolder font have been prepared for members and other attendees. You can find them in the name tag cabinet in the breezeway. Ask any greeter or usher for assistance.

Regular Choir Rehearsals will start before and after service at 9 am and 11:30 am from **Aug 25** on. During the 9 am Pre-Service Rehearsal, all music components - including hymns, service music, and anthem - of that particular service will be rehearsed. During the 11:30 am After-Service Rehearsal, the service music for the following Sunday, and new anthems will be learned and rehearsed. Anyone who wants to be better at hymn singing, or who wants to support the music ministry, welcome to join these two sessions. Please contact **Dr. Lo** if you have any questions regarding music ministry.

Pastor Arlene's Sabbatical: Pastor Arlene will be on the second half of her 2019 sabbatical from Monday, **Aug 12**, through Sunday, **Sept 22**, returning Monday, **Sept 23**. During her time away, Pastor Arlene will be meeting with regional experts in philanthropy, exploring opportunities for the church to create and build relationships with institutional partners, and prepare and submit grant applications to foundations whose missions are concomitant with Eden's. While Pastor Arlene is away, her core responsibilities will be shared by the other two pastors, and the operations and office manager. For more details, pick up a one-page summary of her project in the church office, or speak with Pastor Arlene and/or a member of the Church Council.

SMALL GROUPS

English Bible Study: Come study the Gospels in the order in which they were written. Our English language Bible Study is taking a more historical approach to their study of the Gospels this Fall, reading the Gospels in the order scholars believe they were recorded, as well as discussing the socio-economic and historical context for the many stories about Jesus and his ministry. We meet every other Monday during the months of Aug thru Dec with both a daytime and evening session. Our first session is Monday, **Aug 26** at 1 pm and 7 pm in the Fireside Room. Contact Pastor Pepper or Dianne Dorn for more information.

Seekers Book Club: Seekers are currently reading **Tired of Apologizing for a Church I Don't Belong To: Spirituality without Stereotypes, Religion without Ranting**, by Lillian Daniel. Please join us on Wednesdays at 10 am in the Fireside Room.

Spanish Language Bible Study meets on Thursday evenings, in the Fireside Room at 6:30 pm. Childcare is available and the Cherryland Computer Cafe is open. Coming Soon: English-Spanish Language Acquisition. 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 or just drop by to admire ours! For more information, contact Suzie Hasselkuss.

Spanish-English Language Acquisition - COMING SOON!

Have you wanted to practice your Spanish, but just haven't had the opportunity or safe space to do so? Eden Church will be launching an English class for Spanish speakers this summer, and once started we will have opportunities for English-Spanish partner nights where we will have conversational "intercambios". Be on the look-out for upcoming dates!

ONGOING PROGRAMS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Comida Update: Thank you to everyone who supports Comida para Cherryland with your time, talent, and treasure. The average monthly grocery costs for Comida para Cherryland is \$1120. Based on current projections, we have enough funds available to cover grocery costs through Aug 28. 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!

Eden Church Center is almost here! You asked and we listened! Wait, what did I ask for? Don't remember? We'll remind you very soon as we begin to roll-out this awesome application for connection in September!

Cherryland Computer Café Hours: During the summer months, the CCC will provide English-language tutoring for our Sanctuary family and technical support for the 2019 ChYLI program. The CCC will be open to the public on Thursday evenings, 6 to 8 pm, during Language Acquisition & Spanish-English Bible Study Classes. Contact our Coordinator Alicia Oseguera for more information about the CCC at alicia@edenucc.com.

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

Sunday, Aug 25

9:00 & 11:30 am Music Rehearsal | Sanctuary
10:00—11:15 am Worship | Sanctuary
11:15—12:30 pm Fellowship | Oliver Hall
11:30 — 12:30 pm Parent-Teacher Meeting | Norberg Room

Monday, Aug 26

1:00—2:30 pm Daytime Bible Study | Fireside Room
7:00—8:30 am Evening Bible Study | Fireside Room

Tuesday, Aug 27

10:00—12:00 am Stitches | Jensen Room

Wednesday, Aug 28

10:00 — 11:30 am Seekers | Fireside Room
1:30—3:00 pm Comida | Oliver Hall
1:30—3:00 pm Cherryland Computer Cafe | Oliver Hall

Thursday, Aug 29

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

Sunday, Sept 1

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

COMING ATTRACTIONS

Aug 25 *Parent-Teacher Meeting*
Aug 26 *English Bible Study Begins*
Aug 28 *Comida para Cherryland*
Sep 2 *Labor Day — Campus Closed*
Sep 3 *Church Council*
Sep 10 *Trustees Meeting*
Sep 11 *Comida para Cherryland*
Sept 22 *Welcome Home Event*
Oct 6 *World Communion Sunday*
Oct 6 *Neighbors in Need*
Oct 20 *Planned Giving Seminar*
Nov 3 *All Saints | Dia de los Muertos*
Nov 3 *Family Favorites Potluck*



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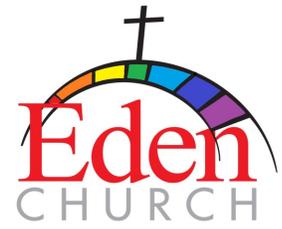
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MISSION, VISION, & VALUES | What We Believe

MISSION STATEMENT | What are we about here and now?

The members of Eden Church worship God and strive to follow Christ's example by providing a welcoming and safe environment for all, seeking God's wisdom, growing spiritually, caring for each other, enriching our neighborhood, and sharing the good news of God's creative and unfolding work in the world.



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VISION STATEMENT | What do we want to become in the next 3 to 5 years?

The vision of Eden Church is to grow in spirit, fellowship, and number by offering many opportunities for spiritual growth; by becoming a more culturally diverse congregation; by strengthening our capacity to serve our neighbors, by caring for each other as Christ cares for us; by inviting others to be a part of our community of faith; and by working to transform individual lives and our community through the power of God's love in human action.

VALUES STATEMENTS | What are the ideals and behaviors that we need to express to fulfill our mission and realize our vision?

In order to fulfill our mission and realize our vision, Eden Church strives to embrace and express the following core values:

- Worship and spiritual practices that are both traditional and contemporary
- Religious education and spiritual practices that are grounded in a progressive theology
- Caring relationships that honor differences and foster unity and growth
- Enriching experiences for children and youth in our church and community
- Programs and partnerships that serve those in need while addressing the root causes of social problems
- Being a true sanctuary that nurtures and protects all participants, especially the most vulnerable among us

OFFICERS

Jana Aloo | Moderator
Jennifer Vetovec | Vice Moderator
The Rev. Robert Parrish | Treasurer
Jan Bass | Associate Treasurer
Kim Shuss | Clerk

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EDEN EN ESPAÑOL | Lectura de la biblia

Lucas 13:10-17 La Biblia de las Américas (LBLA)

Jesús hace un milagro en día de reposo

10 Jesús estaba enseñando en una de las sinagogas un día de reposo,**11** y[a] había *allí* una mujer que durante dieciocho años había tenido una enfermedad causada por un espíritu; estaba encorvada, y de ninguna manera se podía enderezar. **12** Cuando Jesús la vio, la llamó y le dijo: Mujer, has quedado libre de tu enfermedad. **13** Y puso las manos sobre ella, y al instante se enderezó y glorificaba a Dios. **14** Pero el oficial de la sinagoga, indignado porque Jesús había sanado en día de reposo, reaccionó diciendo[b] a la multitud: Hay seis días en los cuales se debe trabajar; venid, pues, en esos *días* y sed sanados, y no en día de reposo. **15** Entonces el Señor le respondió, y dijo: Hipócritas, ¿no desata cada uno de vosotros su buey o su asno del pesebre en día de reposo y lo lleva a beber? **16** Y ésta, que es hija de Abraham, a la que Satanás ha tenido atada durante dieciocho largos años, ¿no debía ser libertada de esta ligadura en día de reposo? **17** Y al decir El esto, todos sus adversarios se avergonzaban, pero toda la multitud se regocijaba por todas las cosas gloriosas hechas por El.

Footnotes:

- a. Lucas 13:11 Lit., *y he aquí*
- b. Lucas 13:14 Lit., *respondiendo, decía*

La Biblia de las Américas (LBLA)

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