

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER



Resurrection Stories

Unlock yours.

WELCOME | BIENVENIDOS

APR 14, 2024 | 10 am

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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.

Creemos que todas las personas son hijas e hijos de Dios; que personas de todas las edades, razas y orientaciones sexuales son parte de nuestra cultura diversa. Damos la bienvenida a todas las personas al ministerio de esta iglesia.

3rd SUNDAY OF EASTER | [ONLINE WORSHIP LINK](#)

OPENING MUSIC | “In Thee Is Gladness (In Dir Ist Freude)” | Giovanni Gastoldi | Dr. Jessie Wenchieh Lo

WELCOME | Rev. Brenda Loreman

CALL TO WORSHIP | Pastor Brenda

**Rise up in us and we will rise
From death into a newfound life:
From bondage freed, from harm released,
From illness healed, as one in peace.
When all is lost our hearts are warmed,
Our hope restored, our lives transformed.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! (*repeat*)**

One: Jesus frequently shows us how to create community in the midst of feeling lost. We can form communities of sustenance and belonging.

All: We are not alone – we are found – when we share Christ’s call to peace.

One: This is a Word of Hope for the people who long for it.

All: Thanks be to the Living Word.

OPENING HYMN | “We Walk by Faith and Not By Sight” | NCH No. 256 | v. 1-4

BIBLE READING | [Luke 24:36-48](#) | [Español](#) | Jennifer Vetovec

SERMON | “Found” | Rev. Dr. Marvin Lance Wisner

SERMON HYMN | “Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound” | NCH No. 547 | v. 1-5

JOYS & CONCERNS | PASTORAL PRAYER | Pastor Brenda

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.

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE | “3-Fold Amen” | NCH No. 812

OFFERING INVITATION & PRAYER | Jennifer

OFFERTORY | “Jesus Shall Reign” | Duke Street/John Hatton | Jessie

BLESSING | Pastor Marvin

BLESSING SONG | “Rise Up in Us”



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**CLOSING SONG | “Thine is the Glory” | Judas Maccabaeus/George Handel |
Jessie**

GO IN PEACE

TODAY’S WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Dr. Arlene K. Nehring, Senior Minister

Rev. Dr. Marvin Lance Wiser, Associate Minister

Rev. Brenda Loreman, Designated Term Associate Minister

Dr. Jessie Wenchieh Lo, Pianist

Ken Rawdon, Music Director

Jennifer Vetrovec, Liturgist

Bob Turner, Trustee on Duty

Dawn Coburn, AV Technician

ABOUT TODAY’S SERVICE

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FLOWER DEDICATION

For more info and to sign up to bring flowers for a specific Sunday, click the [link](#) to go to our Online Flower Calendar or call the Office at (510) 582-9533.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

New Worship Series Begins Today: Join us in worship as we continue our celebration of the Season of Easter with a **new worship series: Resurrection Stories**. The Easter Season is a time of celebrating all the ways in which resurrection is possible in our lives. We can be in need of rising out of the depth of imprisonment, addiction, poverty, illness, and oppression—not just physically and literally, but also spiritually. What keeps us locked up inside? What holds us back from the joy of life? What binds us, keeping us from the fullness of who God created us to be? Join us for powerful testimonies of courage, kindness, strength, and overcoming — Resurrection Stories — from those who have found “resurrection” in their lives. It might just inspire you to unlock your own rising up!

Welcoming Immigrants Discussion: On **Thursday, Apr 18, at 6:00 pm**, the Eden Area Interfaith Council is sponsoring a welcoming immigrants discussion hosted by Eden's Newcomer Navigation Center in the **Norberg Room**. Join friends from local interfaith communities for supper and a presentation by our Newcomer Navigation staff about their support for recently arrived families. This is a great chance to meet again with our interfaith siblings and explore our shared concern and opportunities for newcomers in our community. Supper begins at 6:00 pm, and conversation commences at 6:30. Contact [Yuliana Wiser-León](#) or [Stephanie Spencer](#) for more information.

Coffee & Comida: Eden Church members and friends, especially previous volunteers with Comida, are invited to Oliver Hall on **Friday Apr 19 and every third Friday** thereafter at **10:30 am to 11:30 am** for **coffee and fellowship** as we kickstart new **Comida volunteer opportunities**, starting with our resource fliers. Stay tuned for more Comida volunteer announcements to come as we prepare for summer snacks and crafts! See [Pastor Marvin](#) for more information.

The Community Seder Returns: Community Seder hosted by Shir Ami is back! Our partner congregation Shir Ami is opening their doors to interfaith friends to share in a Passover Seder on **Sat, Apr 27 at 1:00 pm** at [Faith Lutheran Church in Castro Valley](#). Join us for a joyous retelling of the story of Passover, which celebrates the biblical account of the Israelites' redemption and escape from 400 years of Egyptian slavery. For planning and security, all must register in advance. To register, email [Stephanie Spencer](#) by **Fri Apr 19**, and pay (\$45 per person) by **Mon Apr 22**. Connect with Stephanie or [Pastor Arlene](#) with questions or inquiries about reduced price tickets (all are welcome regardless of ability to pay).

Service of Ordination for Ashley Wai'olu Moore: All are invited to celebrate the Ordination of Ashley Wai'olu Moore to the Ministry of Word and Sacrament on **Sunday, Apr 28, at 3:00 pm** in Eden's Sanctuary. Ashley has been called as Designated Term Associate Minister of Eden UCC and as Program Director for SF CARES' Singers of the Street homeless ministry. Read more about the festivities and [RSVP here](#) (or go to <https://edenucc.churchcenter.com/registrations>), to assure there will be enough food for the reception that follows the service. All are welcome!

Eden Crafters: The Crafters meet on Zoom at 9:30 am every **Tuesday**. Check us out in [Groups](#) on Church Center or contact [Pastor Brenda](#) for more information.

Seekers Book Club: The Seekers meet on Zoom every **Wednesday** at 10:00 am. We are starting a new book on Apr 17, which is a perfect time to join the group. Find us in [Groups](#) in Church Center, or contact [Pastor Brenda](#) for more information.

Texts & Contexts Bible Study: The Spring 2024 Texts and Contexts Bible Study is studying together "Wisdom and Theodicy." The Bible Study meets on **Thursdays through May 16**, 6:00 pm in Spanish and 7:30 pm in English, both on Zoom and in-person in the Fireside Room. For more info, [find the group on our website](#), or connect with [Pastor Marvin](#).

Choir Rehearsals & Performances: The Eden Choir rehearses on Sundays at 11:00 am in the Music Room, and the Eden Choir sings in worship two Sundays a month throughout the program year. For more information, [connect with our Music Director, Ken Rawdon](#).

Church Center: Church Center is our centralized member and community tool for digital connection. It's available for download from the [Apple App Store](#) or [Google Play Store](#). Register with your mobile number, and request to join the small groups. See [Pastor Marvin](#) for more details.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, April 14

10:00 — 11:00 am
10:00 — 11:00 am
11:00 — 12 noon
11:00 — 11:45 am

Worship | Sanctuary & Online
Church School | Pilgrim Hall
Fellowship & Wedding Reception | Oliver Hall
Choir Rehearsal | Music Room

Monday, April 15

9:00 — 5:00

Church Office Hours

Tuesday, April 16

9:00 — 5:00
9:30: — 10:45 am

Church Office Hours
Eden Crafters | Online

Wednesday, April 17

9:00 — 5:00
10:00: — 11:00 am
7:00 — 9:00 pm

Church Office Hours
Seekers | Online
EAF Board of Directors | Online

Thursday, April 18

9:00 — 5:00

Church Office Hours

Friday, April 19

9:00 — 5:00

Church Office Hours

Sunday, April 21

10:00 — 11:00 am
10:00 — 11:00 am
11:00 — 12 noon
11:00 — 11:45 am

Worship | Sanctuary & Online
Church School | Pilgrim Hall
Fellowship | Oliver Hall
Choir Rehearsal | Music Room

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

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