

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



### *Resurrection Stories*

Unlock yours.

**WELCOME | BIENVENIDOS**

**APR 21, 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.

## 4th SUNDAY OF EASTER | [ONLINE WORSHIP LINK](#)

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**OPENING MUSIC | Brother James' Air | Scottish Psalter, 1650 | Dr. Jessie Wenchieh Lo**

**CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP | The Lord Is in His Holy Temple | Floice R. Lund | Eden Church Choir & Friends**

**WELCOME | Pastor Ashley Wai'olu Moore**

**CALL TO WORSHIP | Pastor Ashley**

**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:** This is the key to peace: as soon as truth is spoken and the desire for freedom is known, Divine Love begins the process of resurrecting your life.

**All:** **We open to the possibility that nothing is closed, that our hearts can be opened anytime and anywhere, and that resurrection from death-dealing forces is possible.**

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

**All:** **Thanks be to the Living Word.**

**OPENING HYMN | "When Morning Gilds the Skies" | NCH No. 86 | v. 1-4**

**BIBLE READING | [Acts 16:16-34](#) | [Español](#) | Mike Foster**

**ANTHEM | "Shut De Do" | Randy Stonehill, arr. Greg Gilpin | Eden Church Choir and Friends | José Avalos, Soloist**

**SERMON | "Freed" | Rev. Brenda Loreman**

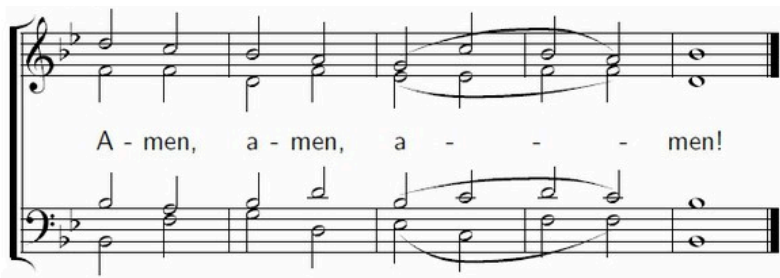
**SERMON HYMN | "My Life Flows On in Endless Song" | NCH No. 476 | v. 1-4**

## JOYS & CONCERNS | PASTORAL PRAYER | Rev. Dr. Arlene K. Nehring

### 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 | “Three-Fold Amen” | NCH No. 812



### OFFERING INVITATION & PRAYER | Mike

### OFFERTORY | “Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us” | Bradbury/Arr. John Carter | Jessie

### BLESSING | Pastor Brenda

### BLESSING SONG | “Rise Up in Us” |

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### CLOSING SONG | “O For A Thousand Tongues To Sing” | Gläser | Jessie

### GO IN PEACE

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## **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*

*Pastor Ashley Moore, Designated Term Associate Minister*

*Dr. Jessie Wenchieh Lo, Pianist*

*Ken Rawdon, Music Director*

*Eden Church Choir & Friends*

*Mike Foster, Liturgist*

*Jessie Shimmin, Greeter*

*Dawn Coburn, AV Technician*

*John Honerkamp, Trustee on Duty*

## **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**

***Easter Worship Series:*** *Join us in worship as we continue our celebration of the Season of Easter with a **worship series: Resurrection Stories**. The Easter Season is a time of celebrating all the ways in which resurrection is possible in our lives. 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!*

***Spring into Summer Health Fair:*** *TVHC invites you to their second annual Spring into Summer Health & Resource Fair on Saturday, April 27 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. The health fair will be held at Ashland Community Center, and everyone is welcome. There will be resources from community organizations, a rock-climbing wall, free aguas frescas, giveaways, and more. The fair is presented by TVHC's COA department in partnership with Alameda County Public Health Department, [Hayward Area Recreation & Park District](#), [Eden United Church of Christ](#), [Ruby's Place](#), and [Hayward Promise Neighborhoods](#).*



**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](#) 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](#).

**Coffee & Comida:** Eden Church members and friends, especially previous volunteers with Comida, are invited to Oliver Hall **every third Friday from 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.

**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.

## THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

### **Sunday, April 21**

10:00 — 11:00 am

Worship | Sanctuary & Online

10:00 — 11:00 am

Church School | Pilgrim Hall

11:00 — 12 noon

Fellowship & Wedding Reception | Oliver Hall

11:00 — 11:45 am

Choir Rehearsal | Music Room

### **Monday, April 22**

9:00 — 5:00

Church Office Hours

### **Tuesday, April 23**

9:00 — 5:00

Church Office Hours

9:30 — 10:45 am

Eden Crafters | Online

### **Wednesday, April 24**

9:00 — 5:00

Church Office Hours

10:00: — 11:00 am

Seekers | Online

1:00 — 4:00 pm

Comida para Cherryland | Oliver Hall

### **Thursday, April 25**

9:00 — 5:00

Church Office Hours

### **Friday, April 26**

9:00 — 5:00

Church Office Hours

### **Sunday, April 28**

10:00 — 11:00 am

Worship | Sanctuary & Online

10:00 — 11:00 am

Church School | Pilgrim Hall

11:00 — 12 noon

Fellowship | Oliver Hall

11:00 — 11:45 am

Choir Rehearsal | Music Room

3:00 — 4:30 pm

Ordination of Ashley Wai'olu Moore | Sanctuary

4:30 — 5:30 pm

Reception | Oliver Hall

# 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

Carlos Londoño | Moderator  
Jana Aloo | Vice Moderator  
Rev. Dr. Arlene K. Nehring |  
Treasurer pro tem  
Jan Bass | Associate Treasurer  
Kim Shuss | Clerk pro tem

## OFFICE HOURS

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