

Eden United Church of Christ
Order for Worship
Second Sunday after Pentecost
June 18, 2017
10:00 a.m.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Eden United Church of Christ is an Open and Affirming 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 upon request from the ushers.

Thank you for muting your cell phone, pager, and PDA during worship.

*Thank you for bringing no food or beverages in the Sanctuary
other than sacramental elements and bottled water.*

PRELUDE

Prelude in G Major

Stefanuk

(Nursery care is available at any time during worship.)

THE LIGHT ENTERS WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Rev. Pepper Swanson

(Thank you for your gift of presence and for completing a blue worship card today)

INTROIT

Creator God, Creating Still (v.4)

NCH № 278

Great Tri-une God, for this new day we need your pres-ence still.

Cre-ate, re-deem, sus-tain us now to do your work and will.

* **CALL TO WORSHIP** *(All who are able may stand)* The Rev. Dr. Arlene K. Nehring

L: Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth.

R: Worship God with gladness; come into God's presence with singing.

L: Know that the Most High is God.

R: It is God who made us, and to God we belong;

L: We are God's people, and the sheep of God's pasture.

R: Enter God's gates with thanksgiving,

L: And God's courts with praise.

R: Give thanks to God, bless God's name.

L: For God is good; God's steadfast love endures forever

R: And God's faithfulness to all generations.

* **HYMN**

God Reigns o'er All the Earth

NCH № 21

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

Arlene

We thank you, O God, for the faith of our forebears, who trusted your promise of a better day and a better way, even in the midst of slavery and famine. We thank you, too, for being their steadfast companion on life's journey and for guiding and goading them along the way. Help us to study the trails that they have taken so that we may learn from their struggles and successes and leave a legacy of love and justice that our posterity deems worthy of emulating. Amen.

* **PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Arlene

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

Arlene

L: Worship will continue with ministry of music.

CHILDREN'S GATHERING

Pepper

CHILDREN'S BLESSING Down in My Heart (I've got the Joy)

G. Cooke

*I've got the joy, joy, joy, joy
Down in my heart (Where?)
Down in my heart! (Where?)
Down in my heart!
I've got the joy, joy, joy, joy
Down in my heart
Down in my heart to stay.
And I'm so happy
So very happy
I've got the love of Jesus in my heart
And I'm so happy So very happy
I've got the love of Jesus in my heart.*

(Children in grades K-5 will be excused to our summer "Caring for Creation" class.

Youth in grades 6-12 may help with the children's program or stay in worship.

Nursery care is available at any time during worship. Please see an usher for an escort to the nursery.)

SCRIPTURE READING

Exodus 19: 2-8a

Arlene

FAITH REFLECTIONS

Marie Rodriguez-Takada & Jan Bass

* **HYMN**

You Are the Seed *(v. 1-3 in English)*

NCH № 528

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY

Joys and Concerns

Pepper

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

Bless God, O My Soul *(v.5)*

NCH № 549

*Bless God, hosts of heaven, ev-ery-one who does God's will!
God's do-min-ion ne-ver ends! Bless...God, O my soul!*

OFFERING & DEDICATION OF OUR GIFTS

Invitation

(Thank you for placing your blue worship card in the offering plate)

Arlene

Offertory

Love at Home

MacNaughton/Lybbert

* Response

O Jesus, I Have Promised *(v.1)*

NCH № 493

*O Je-sus, I have prom-ised to serve you to the end;
remain for-ev-er near me, my Sav-ior and my Friend:
I shall not fear life's strug-gles if you are by my side,
nor wan-der from the path-way if you will be my guide.*

* Prayer of Dedication

Arlene

* HYMN

Faith of Our Fathers

(insert)

* BENEDICTION

Arlene

* RESPONSE

Holy, Holy, Holy *(v. 4)*

NCH № 277

*Hol-y, ho-ly, ho-ly, God the Al-might-y!
All your works shall praise your name in earth and sky and sea.
Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly! Mer-ci-ful and might-y!
God in three per-sons, bless-ed Trin-i-ty!*

* CHIMES AND THE LIGHT DEPARTS WITH THE PEOPLE

* POSTLUDE

O My Father & Jesu,
Joy of Man's Desiring

Snow/McGranahan/
Bach/Hutchings

Today's Worship Leaders

The Rev. Dr. Arlene K. Nehring, Senior Minister
The Rev. Pepper Swanson, Associate Minister
Marie Rodriguez-Takada & Jan Bass, Liturgists
Dr. Jessie Wenchieh Lo, Organist & Music Director
Julie Booher, Greeters
Scott Swanson, Theressa Collier, and Julie Booher, Ushers
Kemy Gekara & Yoselin Penado, Nursery Workers
Jana Aloo & Bob Turner, Church School Teachers
Jan Bass, Fellowship Captain
Marv Beck, Jan Bass, Fellowship Hosts
Linda Joost, Suzie Hasselkuss & Pat Payne, Fellowship Helpers
Dave Wallace & Debby Andrade, Counters
Bill Adam, Trustee on Duty
Dawn Coburn, Sunday Sexton

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 will celebrate infant and adult baptism and receive new members several times each year.

Flower Dedication

The flowers were given by Stephanie Spencer, in celebration of Pastor Arlene's 29th Ordination Anniversary on June 19, 1988

TODAY

New to Eden? Visitors and newcomers are invited to join our pastor and welcoming team for a **Taste & See** reception **TODAY**, 11:30 am to 12:30 pm, in the Norberg Room. Grab coffee & a snack from Fellowship in Oliver Hall, meet up in the Norberg Room (east wing). Tell us a little about yourself and your spiritual journey. Ask questions. Learn more about enriching experiences offered at Eden such as Bible study, volunteer opportunities, and church school. Children are welcome!

2017 ChYLI Enrollment/Orientation: The Cherryland Youth Leadership Institute (ChYLI) will be held **Jul 10 to Aug 11**. Classes will meet on Monday and Wednesdays, from 3:30 to 5:30 pm. Some field trips will also be held on Saturdays. This summer youth ministry program builds on the cultural strengths and values of participating families and introduces Eden Area youth to academic, social, and practical experiences. All materials, activities, and field trips are offered free of charge to the students in the ChYLI program. Admission is on a first-come, first-served basis for students entering 9-12th grades who live in the Eden Area and must attend **one** of the orientation meetings: **1) TODAY, Sunday, Jun 18, 5:00 - 6:30 pm, Oliver Hall**, includes a free supper for the whole family or **2) Wednesday, Jun 28, 2:00 -3:30 pm, Norberg Room**, includes a free snack. Call or text Pastor Arlene at 510-461-3285, or Andrea Orea 510-432-9660.

UPCOMING EVENTS

First-Aid & CPR Class: For those who have registered with Pastor Pepper, there will be First Aid & CPR/AED certificate training this Wednesday, **Jun 21** in Oliver Hall from 6 to 9 pm (est.). Please be on time – we have a lot of important material to cover!

Call to the 152nd Annual Meeting

The 15th Annual Meeting of Eden United Church of Christ has been called by the Church Council for Sunday, Jun 25, 2016. The meeting will be held in Oliver Hall following morning worship, which begins at 10 am. This meeting is called in accordance with the Eden Church bylaws. Agenda items include the following:

- Receive the 2016-17 Annual Report
- Receive a preliminary 2016-17 Year-End Financial Report
- Receive and act on the proposed Operating Budget for 2017-18
- Elect Officers, Councilmembers, Trustees, and Standing Committee members for 2017-18
- Recognize elected leaders who are completing terms of service
- Install officers and board and committee members who are beginning terms of service
- Receive a report from the Church Council regarding the Oliver Properties LLC
- Receive a report from the Church Council on Eden's Strategic Plan implementation
- Receive and act on three recommendations from the Church Council:
 - 1) Call the Rev. Patricia Swanson as Associate Minister,
 - 2) Authorize Council to search for a Designated Term Associate Minister for Youth, Young Adults, and Young Families for a term of 3 years, and
 - 3) Adopt a resolution declaring Eden UCC "a Sanctuary Church" and affirming our historic and ongoing immigrant rights work.

Members are expected. Visitors are welcome. A light lunch will be provided by Pastor Arlene & Stephanie Spencer. Middle and high school students are encouraged to participate in the meeting. Childcare will be provided for N-5th Grade during the business meeting.

Jan Bass, Clerk of the Church

*Advance copies of the Annual Meeting materials are available in the church office today or by email. Please send green/email requests to tania@edenucc.com before 1 p.m. on Friday, **Jun 23**.*

Contemporary Worship: Eden's Worship Practices Team, one of the three teams launched as part of our Strategic Planning process last June, will bring their experimental series of services to a close on Sunday, **Jun 25**, by offering a contemporary-style worship service. The service will be held in Oliver Hall at 10 am, and feature an informal-style liturgy and a rock band, including Jessie Wenchieh Lo, on keyboard, Jesse Acker-Johnson, playing electric guitar, and Dawn Coburn singing vocals. Worshippers will be asked to provide feedback on the service by completing a brief questionnaire to be distributed after the benediction. A summary of the team's findings and analysis will be shared with the congregation in August.

Pie for the 4th of July: Fellowship is celebrating the 4th of July with pie. We invite members to bring their favorite pie for Coffee Hour on July 2nd. What is your favorite pie? As American as Apple, Blueberry, Cherry, Strawberry Rhubarb, or Lemon Meringue. Please drop off pie in the kitchen by 9:30 am. Please notify Pat Payne, Fellowship Co-Chair, what you plan to bring at ppayne115@yahoo.com or 510-427-5261.

Castro Valley Pride: Join Eden Church at the 7th Annual Castro Valley Pride on Sunday, **Jul 8**. Eden's E-Team and friends will have a booth in the shade and plenty of time to talk with Pride attendees about Eden Church and its many community ministries. The event begins at 12 noon and ends at 5 pm and is located under the parking cover of Castro Valley High School. To sign up for a short shift at the booth, see the sign up sheet in the Church office or contact Pastor Pepper.

Our 22nd Open and Affirming Anniversary: On Sunday, Jul 10, we will celebrate 22 years of being an Open & Affirming (gay-friendly) church! Worship begins at 10 am, followed by a warm and welcoming coffee hour. For more information, contact Pastor Arlene.

Cherryland Friendship Lunch & Driving Tour: On Sunday, **Jul 23**, Eden's Compañeras Ministry will host an all-church all-Cherryland community lunch and driving tour. This fellowship and education event will provide congregants, community members, and Comida supporters an opportunity to get better acquainted with each other and learn more about our local context. Lunch will be provided by Padres Unidos de Cherryland and begin immediately following worship in Oliver Hall. A free-will offering will be received for the Padres Unidos Good Neighbor Fund. Introductions and a driving tour will follow lunch, and include these points of interest: Meek Estate, Cherryland Park, Cherryland Elementary School, and the Sunset Campus (which is the site of the new Cherryland School funded by Measure L.) RSVP by email tania@edenucc.com or phone (510) 582-9533 to Tania Martinez.

SMALL GROUPS & ONGOING PROGRAMS

Member Attendance Pilot Project: In late June, the Congregational Life Team will be evaluating the use of a touch screen laptop to record member attendance. Evaluation of the system will take place during July.

Seekers Book Club: Eden's weekly book club is reading *The Book of Joy* by the Dalai Lama and the Rev. Desmond Tutu. Newcomers are always welcome on Wednesdays at 10 am.

Single Women's Group: Single women meet for fellowship and lunch on the first Friday of every month. The next meeting is Friday, **Jul 7**. For information, contact Daniella Prym.

Join the Choir: Eden's music program provides a wide variety of musical styles and welcomes one and all to serve in the Ministry of Music. Interested in singing? Join the Eden choir! Interested in playing instrumental music? You are welcome to sign up with Dr. Jessie Lo to coordinate repertoire and schedule. If you'd like to be a part of the music making process for certain services but have little prior knowledge of music? Please contact Dr. Lo and she will work with you to create a tailored musical role.

Cherryland Computer Café: Need a computer for schoolwork? Need to complete or print a job application? All ages welcome and mentors available to help you succeed. Open hours for **Spring 2017** are scheduled for Mondays from 4 to 7 pm and Comida Wednesdays (2nd & 4th) from 1 to 4 pm. Hours may change; please call our Office at (510) 582-9533 to confirm availability.

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. The church also makes a reasonable attempt to provide childcare for church-sponsored meetings/events. (Childcare during worship is offered for infants, toddlers and preschoolers, and childcare during meetings and events is offered for infants through 6th grade.) To request childcare for your family or for a church meeting/event, contact Pastor Pepper at pepper@edenucc.com.

Flowers for Worship: The 2017 Flower Calendar is posted in the Church Office. Several Sundays are available for dedications. 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, June 18

9:00— 9:45 am	Music Rehearsal	Sanctuary
10:00—11:15 am	Worship	Sanctuary
11:15—12:30 pm	Fellowship	Oliver Hall
11:30—12:30 pm	Sunday Counters	Library
11:30—12:30 pm	Taste & See	Norberg Room
5:00— 6:30 pm	ChYLI Orientation	Oliver Hall

Monday, June 19

4:00—7:00 pm	Cherryland Computer Café	Norberg Room
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Tuesday, June 20

10:00—12:00 pm	Eden Stitches	Jensen Room
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Wednesday, June 21

10:00—11:00 am	Seekers	Community Room
6:00— 9:00 pm	CPR/First Aid Training	Oliver Hall

Saturday, June 24

1:00— 2:00 pm	Rebecca Wiebe Memorial Service	Sanctuary
2:00— 3:00 pm	Memorial Reception	Oliver Hall

Sunday, June 25

9:00— 9:45 am	Music Rehearsal	Sanctuary
10:00—11:15 am	Contemporary Worship	Oliver Hall
11:15—12:30 pm	Lunch & 152 nd Annual Meeting	Oliver Hall
12:30— 1:30 pm	Sunday Counters	Library

Coming Attractions – Mark Your Calendars!

New or amended items are in italics

Jun 21 First Aid & CPR Class

Jun 25 Contemporary Worship

Jun 25 152nd Congregational Meeting

Jun 28 Comida para Cherryland

Jun 28 ChYLI Orientation

Jul 2 Pie Day Fellowship

Jul 4 Independence Day/Campus
Closed

Jul 7 Single Women's Group

Jul 8 Castro Valley Pride E-vent

Jul 9 Open & Affirming Anniversary

Jul 9 ChYLI begins

Jul 12 Comida para Cherryland

Jul 23 Cherryland Friendship Lunch &
Tour

Jul 26 Comida para Cherryland

Aug 9 Comida para Cherryland

Aug 11 ChYLI Fiesta

Aug 12 Marina Walk Excursion

Aug 23 Comida para Cherryland