

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

Almighty God, today we sing and celebrate your power and we open our hearts to you. Grant us, by your spirit, a deeper faith, a full measure of your grace, and a deep peace that we may experience healing in our lives, and be agents of healing in our families and communities. Amen.

* **PASSING OF THE PEACE** Rob

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 Rob

L: Worship will continue with the Children's Gathering.

CHILDREN'S GATHERING Pepper

CHILDREN'S BLESSING I've Got Peace Like a River (v. 2) **NCH № 478**

*You've got joy like a foun-tain, You've got joy like a foun-tain,
You've got joy like a foun-tain, You've got joy like a foun-tain in your soul.*

*(Children are excused to Summer Celebration. Youth may assist in Summer Celebration or remain in worship.
Nursery care is available at any time during worship. Please see an usher for an escort to the nursery.)*

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 14:22-33 Rob

(Today's scripture lesson can be found on page 796 in the pew Bibles)

SERMON "Get Out of the Boat" The Rev. Dr. Arlene K. Nehring

* **HYMN** I'm So Glad, Jesus Lifted Me **NCH № 474**

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY

Joys and Concerns Rob

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 Jesus --- The Very Thought to Me (v. 5) **NCH № 507**
*Je-sus, our joy, our great-est bliss, and you our prize will be;
Our glo-ry here and now is this, and through e-ter-ni-ty.*

OFFERING & DEDICATION OF OUR GIFTS

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

Offertory I Will Sing of My Redeemer arr J. Wilson

* **Response** Thank You, God (v. 5) **NCH № 559**
*Thank you, God, for mak-ing plan-et earth a home for us and a-ges yet un-born.
Help us to share, con-sid-er, save, and store. Come and re-new the face of the earth.*

* **Prayer of Dedication** Rachael

* **HYMN** Lead On Eternal Sovereign **NCH № 573**

* **BENEDICTION** Pastor Arlene

* **RESPONSE** Part in Peace (v. 3) **NCH № 78**
*Part in peace! our voic-es rais-ing, in God's pres-ence al-ways be.
This the wor-ship and the prais-ing, bring-ing peace to you and me.*

* **CHIMES AND THE LIGHT DEPARTS WITH THE PEOPLE**

* **POSTLUDE** Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise arr L. Shackley

Today's Worship Leaders

The Rev. Dr. Arlene K. Nehring, Senior Minister
The Rev. Pepper Swanson, Associate Minister
Dr. Jessie Wenchieh Lo, Organist & Music Director
The Rev. Rob Parrish, Itinerant Minister & Liturgist

Julie Booher &, Greeters
Stephanie Spencer, Miriam Hutchinson, Russ Newman & Julie Booher, Ushers
Kemy Gekara & Yoselin Penado, Nursery Workers

TJ Wilkinson, Fellowship Captain
Keith Smith, Michael Stuber, Fellowship Hosts
Carol Roach, Sally Kusalo, Fellowship Helpers
Rozetta Walth, Margo Heath, & Miriam Hutchison, Counters
Bill Adam, Trustee on Duty
Dawn Coburn, Sunday Sexton

Flower Dedication

The flowers were given by Stephanie Spencer, in celebration of Arlene's birthday.

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.

TODAY

Blues & BBQ for FESCO: Come enjoy a Blues concert with the Giant Garage Spiders featuring Chris Marquis, and the Sycamore 129 Blues Band **TODAY**, from 1-5pm. Admission is free. Donations will be accepted. All proceeds benefit the Family Emergency Shelter Coalition (FESCO). Celebrity Chef Hayward City Council Member Mark Salinas will be BBQing chicken and corn! The Event will be held at Hayward's Memorial Park, in the amphitheater area behind the Plunge, which also has hiking trails and a kids' play area nearby. Plenty of free parking. Bring your lawn chairs and blankets, beverage of your choice, and sit back and float away with the music or, if the mood strikes you, get up and dance! Come and enjoy a relaxing Sunday afternoon and support FESCO!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Green Waste Training: Our member Isabel Walth cares about life here at the Church and wants us to become "greener". So, she applied for and won a \$500 grant for Eden Church from the Alameda County Waste Management Authority to spend on green waste receptacles for the church. On **Friday, Aug 18 at 2:30 pm**, there will be a special training in Oliver Hall to explain to everyone what kind of waste goes in which container. If you would like to attend the training or if you have questions about the program, please contact Diana Zankowsky, Operations Manager.

ESLO Meeting: The ESLO Committee will meet Sunday, **Aug 27** to discuss this year's Open House Sunday, as well as our Fall event calendar. Committee chairs should plan to attend and everyone interesting in planning activities and events is invited to participate. Contact Suzie Hasselkuss or Jennifer Vetrovec for more information.

First Aid/CPR: If you have signed up for First Aid/CPR, please remember to mark your calendars for Saturday, Sept 16, 10:30 am to 1:30 pm. The class is currently full but to be placed on a waiting list, please contact Pastor Pepper.

Bluegrass Music is Coming Back! *Roanoke Revival* will be returning to Eden Church on Sunday, **Sept 17** for our annual **Open House Sunday!** The local three-piece bluegrass band, featuring Daniel Price on banjo, Sabrina Vasquez singing, and Jesse Acker-Johnson on rhythm guitar, will bring their soulful blend of acoustic music to our ya'll come Sunday worship, which begins at 10 am. Please invite your friends to join us for our bluegrass music worship and for fun & games during Coffee Hour.

Eden Choir Resumes in Sept with New Rehearsal Schedule: Summer is almost over for Eden's singers and musicians! Choir will resume regular rehearsals at 9 and 11:30 am every Sunday beginning Sunday, **Sept 3**. Everyone is invited to participate! For more information, contact our Music Director & Organist Dr. Jessie Lo.

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.

SMALL GROUPS

Seekers Book Club: Seekers are reading and discussing *Aging as a Spiritual Practice: A Contemplative Guide to Growing Older and Wiser* by Lewis Richmond. *Aging as a Spiritual Practice* is a wise, compassionate book that guides readers through the four key stages of aging—such as “Lightning Strikes” (the moment we wake up to our aging)—as well as the processes of adapting to change, embracing who we are, and appreciating our unique life chapters. Unlike many philosophical works on aging this one incorporates illuminating facts from scientific researchers, doctors, and psychologists as well as contemplative practices and guided meditations. Seekers meet **Wednesdays** at 10 am in the Community Room. Newcomers are always welcome.

Bible Study: Bible Study will resume in September with a new video-based curriculum, *Animate: Bible*. This seven-session exploration of the Bible features short talks by renowned scholars and preachers Eric Elnes, Phyllis Tickle, Nadia Bolz-Weber, Jose Morales, Will Willimon, Jay Bakker, and Rachel Held-Evans, followed by an opportunity for discussion and self-reflection. Fall dates for both the morning and evening sessions include Sept 25, Oct 9 & 23, Nov 6 & 20, and Dec 4 & 18. For information, contact Pastor Pepper, Dianne Dorn or Keith Smith.

Short Excursions: Are you interested in short excursions with other members and friends of Eden? Two excursions were scheduled for this summer. Have an idea for a short excursion? Willing to host the event and help with publicity and arrangements? Contact Pastor Pepper for more information.

Eden Stitches: Quilters and others with sewing projects are invited to join the Eden Stitches on Tuesdays at 10 am in the Jensen Room. Contact Suzie Hasselkuss or Shannon Whitney for the date of the next meeting.

Single Women’s Group: Single women meet for fellowship and lunch on the first Friday of every month. The next meeting is Friday, **Sep 1**. For information, contact Daniella Prym.

ONGOING PROGRAMS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Cherryland Computer Café *Updated Summer Hours:* Need a computer for schoolwork, apartment hunting, or online bill pay? Need to prepare a resume, conduct a job search, or apply for a job online? All ages welcome and mentors available to help you succeed. The Café will be open **Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday from 1 to 3:30pm**, until **Aug 16**. The Café will be closed the week of Aug 21, except from 5:30-7:30 pm, **Aug 23**, for the Immigration/Adaption Program.

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. 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, August 13

9:00—9:45 am	Music Rehearsal	Sanctuary
10:00—11:15 am	Worship	Sanctuary
11:15—12:30 pm	Fellowship	Oliver Hall
12:30—1:30 pm	Sunday Counters	Library

Monday, August 14

1:00—3:30 pm	Cherryland Computer Café	Norberg Room
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Tuesday, August 15

1:00—3:30 pm	Cherryland Computer Café	Norberg Room
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Wednesday, August 16

10:00—11:30 am	Seekers	Community Room
1:00—3:30 pm	Cherryland Computer Café	Norberg Room
5:30—7:30 pm	Immigration/Adaptation Program	Fireside Room

Friday, August 18

2:30—3:30 pm	Green Waste Training	Oliver Hall
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Sunday, August 20

9:00—9:45 am	Music Rehearsal	Sanctuary
10:00—11:15 am	Worship	Sanctuary
11:15—12:30 pm	Fellowship	Oliver Hall
12:30—1:30 pm	Sunday Counters	Library

Coming Attractions – Mark Your Calendars!

New or amended items are in italics

- Aug 18 Green Waste Training
- Aug 23 Comida para Cherryland
- Aug 27 ESLO Committee Meeting
- Sep 04 Labor Day
- Sep 05 Church Council Meeting
- Sep 13 Comida para Cherryland
- Sep 16 First Aid/CPR
- Sep 17 Open House Sunday with Roanoke Revival (Bluegrass Music)
- Sep 17 Church School Resumes
- Sep 25 *Bible Study Begins (Both Day & Evening Sessions)*
- Sep 27 Comida para Cherryland
- Oct 01 World Communion Sunday & Neighbors in Need Offering
- Oct 03 Church Council Meeting
- Oct 08 Roanoke Revival (Bluegrass Music)
- Oct 09 *Bible Study*
- Oct 11 Comida para Cherryland
- Oct 14 Ashland-Cherryland FamFest
- Oct 22 ESLO Committee
- Oct 23 *Bible Study*
- Oct 23 EAF Board
- Oct 25 Comida para Cherryland
- Oct 29 *Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting*
- Nov 05 *All Saints Sunday (Spanish Guitar)*
- Nov 06 *Bible Study*
- Nov 07 *Church Council Meeting*

Get All the Latest Eden Events Sent Straight to Your In-Box!

Each Friday, the weekly e-Chimes is delivered by email. Each edition features two or three upcoming events as well as links to all your favorite paper Chimes features such as the monthly calendar, the duty roster, and a photo gallery of last month's activities.

If you aren't signed up to receive the weekly e-Chimes, go to www.edenucc.com and subscribe by clicking "Subscribe Now" under Receive the Eden e-Chimes!

And, remember to check your spam folder if you haven't received your e-Chimes lately. For more information or assistance signing up, contact Pastor Pepper or Tania Martinez.

Free Concert Sunday August 13!

Hayward Memorial Park • 24176 Mission Blvd., Hayward
(by the Plunge Indoor Swimming Pool) 1-5 pm

FEATURING

What's Up Big Band, Fault Line Blues Band & Sycamore 129 Blues Band

*Enjoy the Music • Dance • Play Chess
Hand Analysis • Bring a Picnic (no alcohol)
Kids of all ages are welcome to create Chalk Art!*

*With Celebrity Guest Chef
City Council Member Mark Salinas!*

Free admission
Donations will be gratefully accepted
for the local non-profit

FESCO

Family Emergency Shelter Coalition

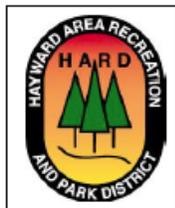
www.fescofamilyshelter.org

"Helping homeless families move toward self-sufficiency."

**Please bring school supplies, non-perishable
food, and office supply items to donate!**



Enjoy our ongoing 2017 **Free Summer Plunge Concert Series**
1:00-5:00 pm on Sundays Aug 6, 13, 27, Sept 10, 17, & 24



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the community www.haywardlodge.org.

