

Eden United Church of Christ
Order for Worship
19th Sunday after Pentecost
October 15, 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

Prayer from Lohengrin

R. Wagner

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

THE LIGHT ENTERS WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Rev. Dr. Arlene Nehring

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

INTROIT

Awake, Awake to Love and Work (v. 1)

NCH № 89

*A-wake, a-wake to love and work! The lark is in the sky;
the fields are wet with dia-mond dew; The worlds a-wake to cry
their prais-es to the Fount of Life; Christ Je-sus pass-es by.*

*** CALL TO WORSHIP** *(All who are able may stand)¹*

The Rev. Rob Parrish

L: Let the Lord go with us.

R: For God is merciful and gracious.

L: For God is slow to anger.

R: For God abounds in steadfast love and faithfulness.

L: Since God has taken us for his inheritance.

R: Let us find favor in God's sight. Amen.

¹ Adapted from Exodus 34:6-9

* **HYMN** Sing Them Over Again to Me (Wonderful Words of Life) **NCH № 319**

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

O God, we confess that in times of fear and uncertainty, we quickly turn to sad and ineffective substitutes for your steadfast love and grace. Break our false idols, restore our trust in your presence and in your power, and continue to be our faithful companion on life's journey to the Promised Land. 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

L: Worship will continue with the Ministry of Music.

ANTHEM Sing to the Lord of Harvest Wie lieblich ist der Maien/Nuernberg
Setting by H. Willan

CHILDREN'S GATHERING Pastor Arlene

CHILDREN'S BLESSING God Bless the Children (insert) P. Stevens

(Children in grade K-8 are excused to Church School. High school youth may remain in worship or assist with Church School. Nursery care is available at any time during worship. Please see an usher for an escort to the nursery.)

SCRIPTURE READING Exodus 32:1-14 Rob

*(Today's scripture lesson can be found on **page 69** in the pew Bibles)*

SERMON "In Case of Evacuation" The Rev. Pepper Swanson

* **HYMN** Love Divine, All Loves Excelling **NCH № 43**

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY Pastor Pepper

Joys and Concerns

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

Down to the River to Pray
*As I went down to the river to pray,
Studying about that good old way
And who shall wear the starry crown
Good Lord, show me the way!*

Traditional

*O sisters, let's go down,
Let's go down, come on down
O sisters, let's go down
Down in the river to pray*

OFFERING & DEDICATION OF OUR GIFTS

Invitation

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

Rob

Offertory

In Christ Alone

Townend/Getty/arr. L. Shackley

* Response

Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love *(Refrain)*

NCH № 498

*Je-su, Je-su, fill us with your love,
show us how to serve the neigh-bors we have from you.*

*Je-su, Je-su, fill us with your love,
show us how to serve the neigh-bors we have from you.*

* Prayer of Dedication

Rob

* HYMN

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

NCH № 565

* BENEDICTION

Pepper

* RESPONSE

Eternal Spirit of the Living Christ *(v. 1)*

NCH № 520

*E-ter-nal Spi-rit of the li-ving Christ, I know not how to ask or what to say;
I on-ly know my need, as deep as life, and on-ly you can teach me how to pray.*

* CHIMES AND THE LIGHT DEPARTS WITH THE PEOPLE

* POSTLUDE

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

Bradbury arr. J. Carter

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, Liturgist

Julie Booher, Greeters
Theressa Collier, Julie Booher, TBD, & TBD, Ushers
Kemy Gekara & Yoselin Penado, Nursery Workers
Jana Aloo & Rozetta Walth, Church School Teachers
Dave Wallace & Sally Kusalo, Counters

Jan Bass, Fellowship Captain
Jan Bass, Fellowship Host
Suzie Hasselkuss & Lauren Smith-Bove, Fellowship Helpers
Julie Booher, Trustee on Duty
Dawn Coburn, Sunday Sexton

Flower Dedication

The flowers were given by Keith R. Smith.

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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

All Saints Day/Dia de los Muertos: In many religious traditions, including the Christian tradition, those who have passed during the last year are remembered and the grief of survivors is acknowledged in special ways. At Eden UCC, we honor our loved ones' memories during worship, and place a photo of them in our Ofrenda in the narthex. This year, All Saints Sunday is **Sunday, Nov 5**. Our Deacons and Compañeras/os invite everyone to bring treasured photos on **Sunday, Oct 29**, and leave them on display in the narthex through Nov 8. To make a color copy of your photo, please see Tania Martinez in the Church Office during the week or one of our Compañeras on Sunday. In addition, on **Sunday, Oct 29**, you can share your photos and your memories with others at our "**Making Memories**" Table in Oliver Hall, following worship. Bring a photo of your loved one to share. Pens, paper, and art supplies will be provided for recording memories, poems, and favorite quotations and for creating photo frames for use on our Ofrenda (altar) in the niche. For more information, contact Pastor Pepper, Andrea Orea, Stephanie Spencer, or Consuelo Victorio.

Bake Sale for Natural Disaster Relief: Eden's Stewardship Team invites you to bring baked goods (cakes, cookies, pies, etc.) to sell on Sunday, **Oct 29**. All proceeds will benefit the UCC's hurricane, earthquake, and wildfire relief efforts in affected areas. Please bring baked goods to Oliver Hall Kitchen by 9:30 am. For more information, contact Pat Payne.

Call to the Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting: The meeting will be held Sunday, **Oct 29**, in the Sanctuary following morning worship and is called by the Church Council in accordance with the Church bylaws. The meeting purpose is threefold: to receive a report from the Eden Area Foundation (EAF) Board of Directors regarding the 2017 grants, to receive a report from the Worship Practices Team regarding worship music for 2017-2018, and to receive a report regarding the Oliver Salt property sale.

FESCO Thanksgiving Luncheon: Our annual fundraiser benefiting the Family Emergency Shelter Coalition will be held Friday, **Nov 17**, from 12 noon to 1:30 pm. Tickets are \$14 per person and are available through Brown Paper Tickets and the Church Office. All proceeds benefit FESCO's emergency shelters and transitional housing in the Eden Area. To make a donation to FESCO in addition to your ticket purchase, please visit FESCO's online donation page. To sponsor a table of eight for your organization, contact Pat Payne.

Eden Choir Schedule: The Choir continues with rehearsals at **9 am** and **11:30 am every Sunday**. All are welcome to stop by and sing! For more information, contact our Music Director & Organist Dr. Jessie Lo.

Eden Music Program: 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 playing instrumental music? Interested in singing? Join the Eden choir! If you'd like to be a part of the music making process for certain services but have little prior knowledge of music? You are welcome to sign up with Dr. Jessie Lo to coordinate repertoire and schedule.

SMALL GROUPS

New Free Yoga Class: *Namaste!* Free bi-lingual (English-Spanish) yoga classes are offered at Eden Church each week. Class is from 6 to 7 pm on Tuesday nights in **Room 201** (across from the Jensen Room). Please use the West Wing (FESCO) entrance. For more information, contact Tania Martinez.

Seekers Book Club: Seekers are reading *The Third Reconstruction* by the Rev. Dr. William J. Barber II. A modern-day civil rights champion tells the stirring story of how he helped start a movement in 2013 in North Carolina to bridge America's racial divide. Seekers meet **Wednesdays at 10 am** in the Community Room. Newcomers are always welcome.

Bible Study: Bible Study resumed 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 **Oct 23, Nov 6 & 20, and Dec 4 & 18**. For information, contact Pastor Pepper, Dianne Dorn or Keith Smith.

Eden Stitchers: Quilters and others with sewing projects are invited to join the Eden Stitchers 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, **Nov 3**. For information, contact Daniella Prym.

ONGOING PROGRAMS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Cherryland Computer Café Fall 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 on Mondays and Tuesdays from 4-7 pm, and Comida Wednesdays from 1:30 to 4 pm. Hours are subject to change; please call the Church 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. 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. 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.

This Week At-A-Glance

Sunday, October 15

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	Music Rehearsal	Sanctuary
11:30—12:30 pm	Sunday Counters	Library

Monday, October 16

4:00—7:00 pm	Cherryland Computer Café	Norberg Room
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Tuesday, October 17

10:00—12:00 pm	Eden Stitches	Jensen Room
4:00—7:00 pm	Cherryland Computer Café	Norberg Room
6:00—7:00 pm	Free Yoga	Fireside Room

Wednesday, October 18

10:00—11:30 am	Seekers	Community Room
5:30—7:30 pm	<i>Parentalidad Positiva</i>	OH, FR & NR

Sunday, October 22

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	Music Rehearsal	Sanctuary
11:30—12:30 pm	Sunday Counters	Library
11:30—12:30 pm	ESLO Committee	Norberg Room
11:30—1:00 pm	DTAM Search Committee	Fireside Room

Coming Attractions – Mark Your Calendars!

New or amended items are in italics

Oct 17	Free Yoga	Nov 21	Free Yoga
Oct 22	ESLO & DTAM Committees	Nov 22	Comida para Cherryland
Oct 23	Bible Study (Day & Evening Sessions)	Nov 23	Thanksgiving
Oct 23	EAF Board of Directors	Nov 28	Free Yoga
Oct 24	Free Yoga	Dec 02	Advent Decorating Day
Oct 25	Comida para Cherryland	Dec 02	Youth Group Service Project
Oct 29	Semi-Ann Cong. Mtg & Memory Table	Dec 03	First Sunday in Advent & DTAM Com.
Nov 05	All Saints Sunday (Spanish Guitar)	Dec 04	Bible Study
Nov 05	DTAM Committee	Dec 05	Church Council Meeting
Nov 06	Bible Study (Day & Evening Sessions)	Dec 05	Free Yoga
Nov 07	Church Council Meeting	Dec 10	Second Sunday in Advent
Nov 07	Free Yoga	Dec 12	Free Yoga
Nov 08	Comida para Cherryland	Dec 13	Comida para Cherryland
Nov 12	Youth Group Skate Party	Dec 17	Third Sunday in Advent
Nov 14	Free Yoga	Dec 18	Bible Study
Nov 17	FESCO Thanksgiving Fundraiser	Dec 19	Free Yoga
Nov 17	Fall Youth Event	Dec 24	Fourth Sunday in Advent
Nov 19	Bluegrass Music & DTAM Comm.	Dec 24	Christmas Eve Worship
Nov 20	Bible Study	Dec 25	Christmas Day (Campus Closed)



Luncheon Benefit for Family Emergency Shelter Coalition (FESCO)

Date: November 17, 2017

Time: 12:00 pm to 1:30 pm

Place: Eden United Church of Christ – Oliver Hall

21455 Birch Street

Hayward, CA 94551

Come to our annual FESCO Thanksgiving Luncheon at Eden Church Oliver Hall. Tickets cost \$14 per person. There will be a delicious lunch with 100% of proceeds benefiting FESCO family shelters. Tickets can be purchased online via Brown Paper

Tickets <http://bpt.me/3098762> or from Eden Church c/o Tania Martinez, Church Office Manager (email: tania@edenucc.com). If you wish to sponsor a table, please contact Pat Payne at ppayne115@yahoo.com. Make checks payable to FESCO.

If you would like to make an online donation to FESCO in addition to your ticket purchase, please go to FESCO's online donation link:

<https://secure.etransfer.com/EFT/BlockCode/donation1.cfm?d2org=FESCO&d2tool=donate>

