

Eden United Church of Christ
Order for Worship
Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
October 8, 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 **This Train is Bound for Glory** **American Traditional**
(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 **God Is Truly with Us (v. 1)** **NCH № 68**
God is tru-ly with us; sing and a-dore now: praise the One we come be-fore now.
Here with-in this tem-ple, here in sound and si-lence, wor-ship God in deep-est rev-erence.
You a-lone, God, we own, you, our God and Sav-ior; praise to you for-ev-er.

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

L: Your law, Yahweh, is perfect,
It refreshes the soul.

Your rule is to be trusted,
It gives wisdom to the simple.

**R: Your precepts, Yahweh, are right,
They gladden the heart.
Your command is clear,
It gives light to the eyes.**

L: Fear of you, Yahweh, is holy, abiding forever.
Your decrees are faithful, and all of them just.

**R: They are more desirable than gold,
Than the purest of gold,**

L: And sweeter than honey are they,
Than honey oozing from the comb.

**R: So in them your servant finds instruction;
In keeping them is great reward.¹**

¹ Ps. 19:7-11 in *Psalms Anew: In Inclusive Language*. Nancy Schreck & Maureen Leach, eds. (St. Mary's Press: Winona, MN, 1986) p. 35.

* **HYMN** O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (*v. 1-3*) **NCH № 116**

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

Like our ancestors in the faith who gathered at the foot of Sinai, we gather in wonder and awe this morning seeking your guidance and awaiting your word. Grant that every letter of your law might seep deeply into the marrow of our bones, so that we might instinctively know how to live in harmony with you and our neighbors. Amen.

* **PASSING OF THE PEACE** Jan

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 Jan

L: Worship will continue with the Ministry of Music.

SPECIAL MUSIC Troublesome Waters L. Flatt & E. Scruggs

CHILDREN'S GATHERING Pastor Pepper

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

(Children in grades K-8 will go to Church School. Youth in grades 9-12 are welcome to remain in worship or may 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 20: 1-4, 7-9, 12-20 Jan

(Today's scripture lesson can be found on page 58 in the pew Bibles)

SERMON "Rules to Live By" The Rev. Dr. Arlene K. Nehring

* **HYMN** If You But Trust in God to Guide You **NCH № 410**

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY

Joys and Concerns Pastor Arlene

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 <i>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!</i>	Traditional
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OFFERING & DEDICATION OF OUR GIFTS

Invitation		Jan
	<i>(Thank you for placing your blue worship card in the offering plate)</i>	

Offertory	The Cuckoo Bird	Doc Watson
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* Response	Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love <i>(Refrain)</i> <i>Je-su, Je-su, fill us with your love, show us how to serve the neigh-bors we have from you.</i>	NCH № 498
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* Prayer of Dedication		Jan
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* HYMN	The Care the Eagle Gives Her Young	NCH № 468
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* BENEDICTION		Arlene
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* RESPONSE	Eternal Spirit of the Living Christ <i>(v. 1)</i> <i>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.</i>	NCH № 520
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* **CHIMES AND THE LIGHT DEPARTS WITH THE PEOPLE**

* POSTLUDE	Shalom Chaverim <i>Shalom chaverim, shalom chaverim. Shalom, shalom. Lehitraot, lehitraot, shalom, shalom.</i>	Hebrew Traditional
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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
Roanoke Revival, Bluegrass Band
Jan Bass, Liturgist

Miriam Hutchinson & Julie Booher, Greeters
Stephanie Spencer, Miriam Hutchinson, Russ Newman & Julie Booher, Ushers
Kemy Gekara & Yoselin Penado, Nursery Workers
Keith Smith & Dianne Dorn, Church School Teachers

Rozetta Walth, Margo Heath, & Miriam Hutchison, Counters
TJ Wilkinson, Fellowship Captain
Keith R. Smith, Fellowship Host
Carol Roach & Hiroko Takada, Fellowship Helpers
Jim Fryer, Trustee on Duty
Dawn Coburn, Sunday Sexton

Flower Dedication

The flowers were given by Stephanie Spencer to celebrate 25 years of love and grace with Arlene Nehring! Thank you for sharing three countries, five states, five cities, three graduate programs, four cats, four congregations, and the vision that everyone belongs in God's Beloved Community,

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

We are pleased to welcome Roanoke Revival to worship today. We hope you enjoy their contribution to our worship. The group will return to Eden Church on Sunday, **Nov 19**. Please invite your friends and family!

Candlelight Vigil TONIGHT: Join Congressman Eric Swalwell for a Candlelight Vigil for the victims in Las Vegas. The vigil is 6 pm at the corner of Redwood Road and Castro Valley Blvd. For more information, call (510) 370-3322.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Bible Study: Our biweekly Bible Study meets **tomorrow, Oct 9!** Join us for our morning session at 10 am or our evening session at 7 pm. Both sessions are in the Fireside Room.

Ashland-Cherryland FamFest: On Saturday, **Oct 14**, there will be a family-friendly neighborhood festival at the Reach Ashland Youth Center, the Ashland-Cherryland FamFest. For the third year, Eden's E-Team is participating in the FamFest resource fair, providing information about both Eden Church and our Compañeros Program. Volunteers are needed to staff Eden's resource table – please come take a short shift and greet other families who might be interested in our church and programs. To sign up to help staff the resource table, see Pastor Pepper.

All Saints “Making Memories” Table: On Sunday, **Oct 22** and Sunday, **Oct 29**, come share a memory of a loved one at our “Making Memories” Table in Oliver Hall following worship. Bring a photo of your loved one to share. Pens, paper, and art supplies provided for recording memories, poems, and favorite quotations and for creating photo frames for use on our Ofrenda (altar) on All Saints Sunday, **Nov 5**.

Bake Sale for Hurricane & Earthquake 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 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 Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting of Eden United Church of Christ will be held Sunday, **Oct 29**, in the Sanctuary following morning worship. This meeting 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.

Save the Date: FESCO Thanksgiving Fundraiser: 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 or from 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 a new rehearsal schedule 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 the Fireside 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. New-comers 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 9 & 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, **Oct 6**. For information, contact Daniella Prym.

This Week At-A-Glance

Sunday, October 8

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	DTAM Search Committee	Norberg Room

Monday, October 9

10:00—11:30 am	Bible Study (<i>morning session</i>)	Fireside Room
11:30—12:30 pm	Staff Meeting	Fireside Room
4:00—7:00 pm	Cherryland Computer Café	Norberg Room
7:00—9:00 pm	Bible Study (<i>evening session</i>)	Fireside Room

Tuesday, October 10

10:00—12:00 pm	Eden Stitchers	Jensen Room
4:00—7:00 pm	Cherryland Computer Café	Norberg Room
6:00—7:00 pm	Free Yoga	Fireside Room
7:00—9:00 pm	Trustees Meeting	Norberg Room

Wednesday, October 11

10:00—11:30 am	Seekers	Community Room
1:30—4:00 pm	Cherryland Computer Café	Norberg Room
1:30—4:30 pm	Comida Para Cherryland	Oliver Hall
5:30—7:30 pm	<i>Parentalidad Positiva</i>	OH, OHK, FR & NR

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

Coming Attractions – Mark Your Calendars!

New or amended items are in italics

Oct 09	Bible Study (Day & Evening Sessions)	Nov 05	DTAM Committee
Oct 10	Free Yoga	Nov 06	Bible Study (Day & Evening Sessions)
Oct 11	Comida para Cherryland	Nov 07	Church Council Meeting
Oct 14	Ashland-Cherryland FamFest	Nov 07	Free Yoga
Oct 17	Free Yoga	Nov 08	Comida para Cherryland
Oct 22	“Making Memories” Table	Nov 11	CV Light Parade
Oct 22	ESLO & DTAM Committees	Nov 12	Youth Group Skate Party
Oct 23	Bible Study (Day & Evening Sessions)	Nov 14	Free Yoga
Oct 23	EAF Board of Directors	Nov 17	Fall Youth Event
Oct 24	Free Yoga	Nov 19	Bluegrass Music & DTAM Comm.
Oct 25	Comida para Cherryland	Nov 20	Bible Study
Oct 29	Semi-Ann Cong. Mtg & Memory Table	Nov 21	Free Yoga
Nov 05	All Saints Sunday (Spanish Guitar)		

ASHLAND CHERRYLAND FAMFEST

IT'S A CELEBRATION!

Saturday, October 14, 2017
 REACH Ashland Youth Center - 16335 E. 14th Street, Ashland
 5K Fun Run @ 9 a.m. - Festival @ 10 a.m.
www.acfamfest.org

FamFest 2017 will be located at 16335 E/ 14th St., Ashland, unincorporated Alameda County, CA, at the Ashland Youth Complex, which includes the REACH Ashland Youth Center; Jack Holland, Sr. Park; and Edendale Middle School.



Mark Your Calendar!

Saturday, October 14th, 2017
 9:00 AM Run, Walk, Roll
 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM FamFest Event

KIDS

- Face Painting
- McGruff Mascot
- A's Mascot
- Bounce House
- Storytime

SPORTS

- 5K Run, Walk, & Roll
- Boxing
- Soccer
- Raiders Booth
- Warriors Booth
- Bike Mobile Repair

ART

- Live Collaborative/Family Artwork
- Youth Art Exhibition
- Youth Performers

HEALTH

- Fuente Wellness Center Tours & Screenings
- Tiburcio Vasquez Health Screenings
- Medication-Take Back
- (organized by Med Project - www.med-project.org)*
- Bike & Skateboard Helmet Giveaway

Kaiser Permanente "Thrive in Your Sport: Keep You & Your Knees in the Game" ACL injury Prevention & Exercise Training

Food

The Bite Cafe will provide delicious food options. Bring your wallet!

VEHICLES

- Paramedics Plus Ambulance Tours
- AC Tactical Vehicles
- CHP Roll Over Vehicle
- Helicopter Landing!