

Eden United Church of Christ
Order for Worship
Ash Wednesday
February 14, 2018
7:00 p.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.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Rev. Dr. Arlene K. Nehring

Childcare is available in the Meditation Room; please see an usher for directions.

CANDLE LIGHTING

Worshippers are invited to come forward during Opening Song & Call to Prayer to light a candle on the table.

OPENING SONG

Let All Who Are Thirsty Come

Taize

Let all who are thirst - y come. Let all who wish re - ceive the wa - ter of life
free - ly. A - men, come Lord Je - sus. A - men, come Lord Je - sus.

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It features a treble and bass clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is simple and repetitive, with lyrics written below the notes. The piano accompaniment consists of chords and single notes in the bass line.

CALL TO PRAYER

Veni Sanctus Spiritus

Taize

pp A Bm7/A

Ve - ni San - cte Spi - ri - tus.
Ho - ly Spir - it, come to us.

pp

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It features a treble and bass clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 6/8 time signature. The tempo is marked as quarter note = 56. The dynamics are marked as *pp* (pianissimo). The melody is simple and repetitive, with lyrics written below the notes. The piano accompaniment consists of chords and single notes in the bass line.

CALL TO CONFESSION

Pastor Arlene

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Psalm 51:1-2

Have mercy on me, O God,
according to your steadfast love;
according to your abundant mercy
blot out my transgressions.
Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,
and cleanse me from my sin.

PRAYER RESPONSE

O Lord Hear My Prayer

Taize

♩ = 72

O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer. When I call an - swer me. O
The Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise: All my hope comes from God. The

Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer. Come and lis - ten to me. O
Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise: God, the well - spring of life. The

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SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 51:10-12

The Rev. Pepper Swanson

Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and put a new and right spirit within me.
Do not cast me away from your presence,
and do not take your holy spirit from me.
Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
and sustain in me a willing spirit.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Pastor Arlene

GLORIA

$\text{♩} = 80$ **(A)** Dm Gm C F **(B)**

Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, in ex - cel - sis De - o!
Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry in the high - est!

(C) **(D)**

Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

MEDITATION

The Rev. Dr. Arlene K. Nehring

OFFERING & DEDICATION OF OUR GIFTS

Invitation *(Thank you for placing your blue or peach worship card in the offering plate)* Pastor Pepper

Offertory What Wondrous Love Is This arr. J. Carter

*** Offertory Response** Take My Life¹ K. Doss

Take my life, God, let it be con-se-cra-ted faith-ful-ly, Take my mo-ments and my days, let them flow in cease-less praise.

*** Prayer of Dedication** Pastor Pepper

EXPRESSING OUR INTENTIONS

Invitation Pastor Pepper

Musical Meditation Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart arr. M. Hayes

Imposition of Ashes & Lenten Petitions Pastor Arlene & Pastor Pepper

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CLOSING PRAYER & BENDICTION

Pastor Arlene

RESPONSE

My Peace

Taize

My peace I leave you, my peace I give you:
trou - ble not your hearts. My peace I leave you, my
peace I give you: Be not a - fraid. My

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Worship Leaders

The Rev. Dr. Arlene K. Nehring, Senior Minister

The Rev. Pepper Swanson, Associate Minister

Dr. Jessie Wenchieh Lo, Organist & Music Director

Eden Church Choir

Frank Jensen, Cindy Keune, Jessie Lo, Linda Skory & Nick Vigil, Taizé Ensemble

Linda Joost & Carol Roach, Greeters

Scott Swanson & Bob Turner, Ushers

Theressa Collier & Yoselin Penado, Nursery Workers

Bob Turner, Trustee on Duty

Jose Menjivar, Sexton on Duty

MIX-IT-UP POTLUCKS

Please join us this Lent for one of our new Mix-It-Up Potlucks. The first potluck will be held on Wednesday, **Feb 21**. These events provide an opportunity to share food and conversation with other Eden Church members and newcomers. Each potluck will have space for 5 people who have been at Eden for 5 years or longer AND 5 people who have been at Eden for 5 years or fewer. Potlucks will be hosted by a member of ESLO, E-Team, or Stewardship each Wednesday of Lent. Please bring an appetizer, salad, or entrée to serve 6 to 8 people. Drinks and paper goods will be provided. All potlucks will be in the Fireside Room beginning at 6:30 pm. If you need childcare, please contact Pastor Pepper at least 48 hours in advance. To sign up, use the link in e-Chimes or contact Pastor Pepper.

TASTE & SEE

New to Eden? Visitors and newcomers are invited to join our pastor and welcoming team for a reception in the Norberg Room, **Mar 11**, 11:30 am to 12:30 pm. 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 upcoming Lent & Easter events, yoga classes, Bible study, volunteer opportunities, and church school. Children are welcome!

BAPTISM & MEMBERSHIP

Eden Church celebrates the Sacrament of Baptism and the Rite of Church Membership four to five times yearly during Sunday morning worship. Please see Pastor Arlene Nehring or Pastor Pepper Swanson this evening if you seek baptism for yourself or your child, or if you would like to be received into church membership. We will receive new members and celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism next on during morning worship on Palm Sunday, **Mar 25**.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

Our annual special offering to support One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) will be received on Sunday, **Mar 11**. This offering support global ministries including disaster relief, refugee assistance, and development projects to bring water, food, and jobs to the people of many different nations. Coin banks for your use will be distributed on Sunday, Feb 18. You may also donated by using the OGHS envelope in the Mar 11 bulletin, or by going online at ucc.org/oghs. For more information and a personal testimony in support of this program, please contact our global missionary and Stewardship Chair, Dianne Dorn.

SMALL GROUPS AT EDEN CHURCH

Free Yoga Class: *Namaste!* Free weekly bi-lingual (English-Spanish) yoga classes are offered at Eden Church 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, our weekly book discussion group, started *Lab Girl* by acclaimed scientist and Fulbright recipient Hope Jahren on Wednesday, **Jan 31**. *Lab Girl*, which is the first book chosen for Castro Valley's first annual all-city read, is the touching memoir of growing up as a kid scientist in rural Minnesota. Seekers meet each week on Wednesdays at 10 am in the Fireside Room. Newcomers and members of the community are always welcome. For more information, contact Pastor Pepper.

Bible Study: Curious about the lost coin? Wondering about the barren fig tree? How about the prodigal son and his father? Eden's Bible Study group began a new series on the parables of Jesus. Come to either our daytime session at 10 am or our evening session at 7 pm. Both sessions in the Fireside Room. Parking on the west side for best entrance. Spring dates for both the morning and evening sessions include: **Feb 26, Mar 12 & 26, Apr 9 & 23 and May 7 & 21**. For info, contact Dianne Dorn or Keith Smith.

Single Women's Group: Single women meet for fellowship and lunch on the first Friday of every month. The next meeting is Friday, **Mar 2**. For information, contact Daniella Prym.

LENT AT EDEN CHURCH

The Christian season of Lent began today Ash Wednesday, **Feb 14**, and continues through Holy Saturday, **Mar 31**. Lent is a season that commemorates Jesus' 40-day experience in the wilderness, and encourages spiritual growth through more intentional prayer, study, service, worship, and special offerings. At Eden Church the following opportunities are offered to nourish our community as we travel through Lent together:

- **Feb 18**, First Sunday in Lent, Bluegrass Music, 10-11:15 am, Sanctuary & Soup Potluck, 11:30-12 noon, Oliver Hall
- **Feb 20**, Free Yoga, 6:00-7:00 pm
- **Feb 21**, Mix It Up! Potluck, 6:30-7:30 pm
- **Feb 25**, Second Sunday in Lent, Choir Anthem, 10-11:15 am, Sanctuary
- **Feb 26**, Bible Study, 10:00-11:00 am & 7:00-8:00 pm
- **Feb 27**, Free Yoga, 6:00-7:00 pm
- **Feb 28**, Comida para Cherryland, 1:30-4 pm & Mix It Up! Potluck, 6:30-7:30 pm
- **Mar 4**, Third Sunday in Lent, Sacrament of Holy Communion, 10-11:15 am, Sanctuary
- **Mar 6**, Free Yoga, 6:00-7:00 pm
- **Mar 7**, Mix It Up! Potluck, 6:30-7:30 pm
- **Mar 11**, Fourth Sunday in Lent, OGHS Offering, 10-11:15 am, Sanctuary & Savory Pie for Pi Sunday Potluck, 11:30-12 noon, Oliver Hall
- **Mar 12**, Bible Study, beginning at 10:00 am & 7:00 pm
- **Mar 13**, Free Yoga, 6:00-7:00 pm
- **Mar 14**, Mix It Up! Potluck, 6:30-7:30 pm
- **Mar 18**, Fifth Sunday in Lent, 10-11:15 am, Sanctuary
- **Mar 20**, Free Yoga, 6-7 pm
- **Mar 21**, Mix It Up! Potluck, 6:30-7:30 pm
- **Mar 25**, Palm Sunday, 10-11:15 am, Sacrament of Baptism, Reception of New Members, Choir Anthem, and Palm procession, Sanctuary
- **Mar 26**, Bible Study, beginning at 10 am & 7 pm
- **Mar 27**, Free Yoga, 6-7 pm
- **Mar 29**, Maundy Thursday, Holy Communion and Tenebrae Service, 7-8 pm, Pioneer Chapel
- **Mar 30**, Good Friday, 12 noon, Guided Labyrinth Walk, Courtyard,
- **Apr 1**, Easter Sunday & Holy Communion, 10-11:15 am, Sanctuary; Easter Egg Hunt, 11:30-12 noon, Campus