

Eden United Church of Christ
Order for Worship
Transfiguration Sunday
Sunday, February 11, 2018
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.*

PRELUDE Voluntary on the Sweet By and By Ashford

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 You Are Salt for the Earth, O People (v.2) **NCH № 181**

***You are a light on the hill, O peo-ple: light for the City of God!
Shine so ho-ly and bright, O peo-ple: shine for the Cit-y of God!
Bring forth the reign of mer-cy, bring forth the reign of peace;
Bring forth the reign of jus-tice, bring forth the Cit-y of God!***

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

One: We come this day
Many: **trusting in God's grace,**
One: confident of Jesus' love,
Many: **and attentive to the Spirit's presence.**
One: We come this day
Many: **to listen,**
One: to hear,
Many: **and to discern when to keep silent and when to speak.**
One: We come this day
All: **to break the silence, share our truths, stop the violence,
ask for healing, and experience new life. Amen.**

* **HYMN** Este es el dia (This Is the Day) (vs. 1-3, English) **NCH № 65**

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

Jan

O Divine Word, we come to you in prayer mindful that you know the thoughts of our hearts before we are able to formulate our sentences, so we pray our prayers in order to attend to our needs and to take steps to amend our lives. As we do, grant us the healing we seek in our hearts and in our homes. 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

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

CHILDREN'S GATHERING

Pastor Pepper

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

Little Children, Welcome *(v. 2)*

NCH № 323

*All the chil-dren, wel-come!
Je-sus cares a-bout you;
Je-sus now en-folds you,
All the chil-dren, wel-come!*

*(Children in grade K-7 are excused for Church School. Youth remain in worship.
Nursery care for babies and toddlers is available at any time during worship.)*

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 9:2-9

Jan

(Today's scripture lesson can be found on pages 820-821 the pew Bibles.)

SERMON "Keeping Secrets/Breaking Silence" The Rev. Dr. Arlene K. Nehring

HYMN Christian, Rise and Act Your Creed

NCH № 537

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY

Pastor Arlene

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

Hear Our Prayer O God.

NCH № 769

*Hear our prayer, O God, hear our prayer, O God;
In-cline your ear to us, and grant us your peace.*

OFFERING & DEDICATION OF OUR GIFTS

Invitation

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

Jan

Offertory

I've Got Peace Like a River

Spiritual/Diemer

***Response**

Take My Gifts (v. 1)

NCH № 562

*Take my gifts and let me love you,
God who first of all loved me,
gave me light and food and shel-ter,
gave me life and set me free,
now be-cause your love has touched me,
I have love to give a-way,
now the bread of love is ris-ing,
loaves of love to mul-ti-ply!*

***Prayer of Dedication**

Jan

*** HYMN**

I Will Trust in the Lord

NCH № 416

*** BENEDICTION**

Pastor Arlene

*** RESPONSE**

God be with you

NCH № 809

*God be with you, God be with you,
God be with you till we meet a-gain.
O God be with you, God be with you,
God be with you till we meet a-gain.*

*** CHIMES & THE LIGHT DEPARTS WITH THE PEOPLE**

POSTLUDE

Great Day Trad. American Spiritual/Diemer

(The congregation is seated for the Postlude)

Worship Leaders

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

The Rev. Pepper Swanson, Associate Minister

Dr. Jessie Wenchieh Lo, Organist & Music Director

Jan Bass, Liturgist

Julie Booher & Miriam Hutchinson, Greeters

Julie Booher, Miriam Hutchinson, Russ Newman & TBD, Ushers

Kemy Gekara & Yoselin Penado, Childcare Workers
Keith Smith & Pastor Pepper Swanson, Church School Teachers

TJ Wilkinson, Fellowship Captain
Linda Joost & Keith Smith, Fellowship Host
Linda Joost & Lauren Smith-Bove, Fellowship Helpers
Margo Heath, Miriam Hutchison & Rozetta Walth, Counters
Bill Adam, Trustee on Duty
Dawn Coburn, Sunday Sexton

Flower Dedication

*The flowers on the altar are given by Jared Smith-Bove and Lauren Smith-Bove
in memory of Todd Bove'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 celebrate infant and adult baptism and receive new members several times each year.

TODAY

Directory Proof: Please take a moment to review your entry in the draft 2018 Church Directory. If your entry is incorrect, please provide the correct information next to your entry. If your entry is correct, please initial it so we know you have reviewed your information. You can find the draft Directory on a clipboard in Oliver Hall.

COMING EVENTS

LENT BEGINS WITH TAIZE FOR ASH WEDNESDAY

This Wednesday, **Feb 14**, at 7 pm, we will begin our Lenten journey with a Taizé-style worship service and the imposition of ashes. Taizé is a peaceful and contemplative style of worship that originated in a modern monastic community in southern France. Key elements of Taizé include beautiful music, chant-like singing, and silence, as well as scripture and prayer. Eden members Cindy Keune and Frank Jensen will perform at this special service. This year's Ash Wednesday Taizé worship will be held in our historic Pioneer Chapel. Childcare will be provided in the Chapel's meditation room. See page 8 for the complete schedule of Lenten activities. For more information, contact Pastor Arlene or Jessie Wenchieh Lo.

Soup Potluck Sunday: Soup for President's Day weekend? Nope, it's just soup for the sake of soup while it's still winter! You are invited to bring your favorite soup on Sunday, **Feb 18** when we will have a soup potluck after worship. Crockpots are available in the Oliver Hall kitchen. Please bring your soup warm and ready to serve. To sign up, use the link in e-Chimes or contact Pat Payne.

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.

How Changes in the Federal Tax Code May Affect You & Your Family: At the request of members and friends of Eden Church, the Rev. Rob Parrish, our Treasurer, who is a Certified Public Accountant and partner in the Palo Alto-based accounting firm Bettelon, Duong & Parrish LLP, will provide an overview of changes in the federal tax code that begin rolling out with the 2018 tax year. The seminar will be held on Sunday, **Feb 25**, from 11:30-12:30, in the Norberg Room. If you require childcare, please let Pastor Pepper know by Feb 18.

SMALL GROUPS

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 begins a new series on the parables of Jesus on Monday, **Feb 12**. 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 12 & 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.

ONGOING PROGRAMS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Coat Drive for Unaccompanied Minors: Gently-used and clean coats are being collected at Eden Church for unaccompanied minors during Jan & Feb. Nearly 300 unaccompanied minors attend school in the Hayward Unified School District and are in need of clothing, housing, and support. Coats in men's sizes S, M, & L are especially needed. If you'd like to donate a coat, please place it in the collection barrel in the Eden Church Office. For more information, contact Pastor Arlene.

Cherryland Computer Café Hours: The spring semester café hours will be as follows: Monday and Tuesdays, 4—7pm, and Comida Wednesdays, 1:30—4pm.

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.

***New* 2018 Flower Calendar:** The 2018 Flower Calendar is now 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 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, February 11

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, February 12

10:00—11:30 am	Bible Study (<i>day 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, February 13

10:00—12:00 pm	Stitchers	Jensen Room
4:00—7:00 pm	Cherryland Computer Café	Norberg Room
6:00—7:00 pm	Free Yoga	Room 201

Wednesday, February 14

10:00—11:00 am	Seekers	Fireside Room
1:30—4:00 pm	Comida Para Cherryland	Oliver Hall
1:30—4:00 pm	Cherryland Computer Café	Norberg Room
7:00—8:00 pm	Ash Wednesday Service	Pioneer Chapel

Thursday, February 15

7:00—9:00 pm	Trustees Meeting	Fireside Room
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Sunday, February 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	ESLO Meeting	Fireside Room
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 bold & italics

Feb 12	Bible Study	Feb 26	Bible Study
Feb 13	Free Yoga	Feb 27	Free Yoga
Feb 14	Ash Wednesday Service/Lenten Begins	Feb 28	Comida para Cherryland
Feb 14	Comida para Cherryland	Feb 28	Mix-It-Up! Lenten Potluck
Feb 18	Soup Potluck	Mar 06	Church Council Meeting
Feb 18	ESLO	Mar 06	Free Yoga
Feb 20	Free Yoga	Mar 11	One Great Hour of Sharing Offering
Feb 21	Mix-It-Up! Lenten Potluck	Mar 11	Savory Pie Pi Sunday
Feb 25	<i>How Recent Changes in Federal Tax Code May Affect You & Your Family</i>	Mar 11	Taste & See

Overview of the Lenten Season

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 14**, Ash Wednesday Service, Taize Music and Optional Imposition of Ashes, 7-8 pm, Pioneer Chapel
- **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