

South Hayward United Methodist Church

Open Hearts, Open Minds, and Open Doors

Second Sunday In Lent

March 4, 2012 -- 10:30 AM

****Those Who Are Able, Please Stand (PLEASE, silence your Cell Phone)**
Child Nursery available – Just Ask an Attendant

WE ENTER TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE & PROCESSION OF THE LIGHT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

“O How He Loves You and Me”

Kaiser/Bock

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME

Isei Daveta

As followers and believers of Jesus Christ, we proudly label ourselves “Christians.” This is symbolic of our new journeys, proclamations of faith, and promises of covenantal relationship. As we reflect on names that change and names that remain steadfast, we are invited to reflect on our journeys of faith. For faith remains steadfast as a foundation upon which we can grow, even as faith changes with us, transforming us and calling us forth to new journeys and challenges.

INTROIT

Fijian Sisters and Brothers

****CALL TO WORSHIP (Isaiah 40)**

From generation to generation, God calls to us.

Christ names us as God’s own people.

In hope and faith, God walks before us.

Christ calls us to pick up our cross and follow.

In covenant and love, God promises us grace.

Christ carries us forward into life anew.

****INVOCATION (unison)**

God of Abram and Sarai, you call to us across the span of time. Open our minds, that we may discern your call, even as

you name us anew. Grant us hope against hope, that we may trust your guidance and walk in your ways. Raise us up to newness of life, that we may be children of your promise, people of your covenant, and disciples who follow your every lead. Amen.

****HYMN OF PRAISE**

“God, Whose Love Is Reigning O’er Us”

UMH#100

WE LISTEN FOR GOD’S WORD TO US

CHILDREN’S TIME

****+THE PEACE OF CHRIST IS GIVEN TO ALL**

ONE: The peace of the living Christ be with you all!

ALL: And also with you!

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Isei Daveta

SCRIPTURE READING

(English & Fijian)

Mark 8:31-38

ANTHEM

“Glory of His Name”

SHUMC CHOIR

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

THE WORD FOR TODAY

“The Way of the Cross”

Pastor Elmar

SHARING OUR JOYS & CONCERNS

HYMN OF DEDICATION

“Where He Leads Me” (Vv 1, 2)

UMH#338

PASTORAL PRAYER/DISCIPLE’S PRAYER

(V4)

WE OFFER OUR SELVES & OUR GIFTS TO GOD AS WE CELEBRATE

GOD’S PRESENCE IN COMMUNION

As sisters and brothers with Christ in God’s holy covenant, we are called to be fruitful and foundational in strength and love for all the peoples of this earth. Let our time of offering challenge us to carry the cross of love, bearing burdens for those who cannot bear their own burdens, showing grace to those who know only shame, and offering hope to those who are haunted by hopelessness. As we deny ourselves

and our instincts for self-protection, we become Christ-like in our giving and in our loving. And in losing our hold on the world, we gain a foothold on the journey toward God's eternal love.

Cynthia Elliott

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING – see insert

We Celebrate By Intinction and Sing Songs of Communion

Let Us Break Bread Together #618 One Bread, One Body #620

Eat This Bread #628

Take Our Bread #640

(After receiving the Communion elements, you are invited to come to the kneeler or stand in front of the altar to pray and receive a prayer of blessing.)

WE DEPART TO SERVE

HYMN OF BENEDICTION *“I Have Decided to Follow Jesus”* **FWS#2129**

BENEDICTION (Responsive)

Christ has named you. God has claimed you. The Spirit sends you forth.

We go where the Spirit leads—to the ends of the earth, to the streets of our town, to the homes of those in need.

Go forth to be a blessing, followers of Christ, children of the covenant.

We go to share hope against hope, grace upon grace, the love of God flowing through us.

Go in peace, for God is with you both now and forevermore.

POSTLUDE *“Lord of the Dance”* **arr. John Carter**

(Please be seated until postlude is complete)

Our guests and visitors are invited for refreshments following worship

Flowers: *De Ocera’s – Horacio’s Birthday*

Pastor: *Elmar De Ocera*

Lay Leader: *John Jandoc*

Ad Council Chair: *Jon Jandoc (Interim)*

Offering Counters: *Irene Potter*

Jully Laxamana

Evelyn Russell

Ensemble Director: *Ed Keller*

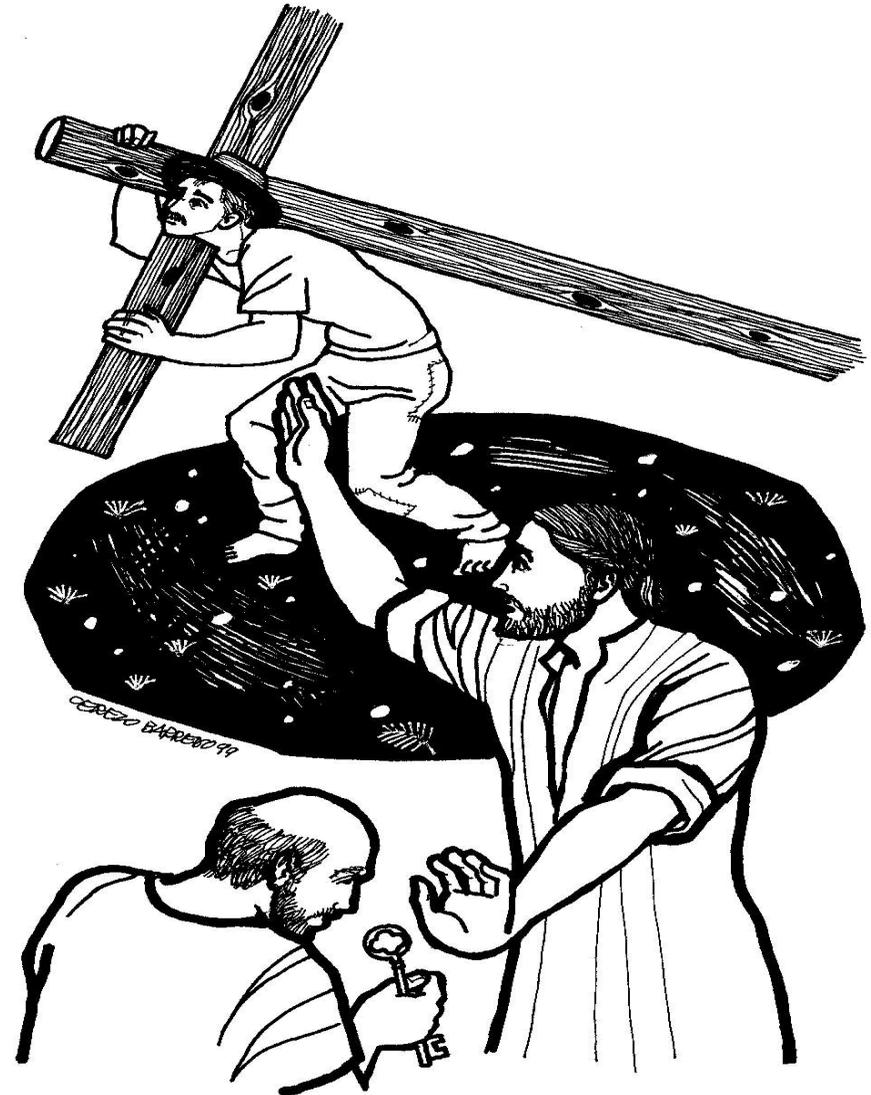
Choir Director: *Exie Granadosin*

Nursery: *Gloria Morales*

Allison English

Communion Servers: *Isei & Amelia Daveta*

Mike and Suzie Hazelman



“If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me”

Great Thanksgiving (Genesis 17, Lent)

The Lord be with you.
And also with you
Lift up your hearts!
We lift them up to God!
Celebrate God's love!
It is right to give God our thanks and praise!

We give thanks and praise to you, our Guide and Guardian!
We celebrate your creative presence that has called forth this glorious earth and the heavens above.
We praise and glorify you for creating us in your very image.
We celebrate the long history when you traveled with us, guiding us along the way.
From the days of ancient covenants— on the journey with Abram and Sarai, to their children and great grandchildren— you continue to speak and name us as your own.
Speaking through the prophets, you called us back into covenant, that we might be people of justice and righteousness.

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest! (3X)
Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest! (3X)**

In the fullness of time, you came to us in the presence of Jesus the Christ, showing us the way of strength and trust.

Even when faced with impending death, Christ gave thanks and blessed the fruit of this, your good earth, offering not only bread and wine, but the bread of life and the wine of salvation.

We remember his prophetic words:

“Take, eat, this is my body, broken for you.
Take, drink. This is my life poured out for you and for many.”

As we walk this journey of life, we remember these gifts as we proclaim the mystery of faith

**Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.
Hosanna in the highest (3X)**

Pour out your Holy Spirit on these gifts of bread and the fruit of the vine, that they might be vessels of help and hope. Live in us, that by your Spirit, we might be one with Christ, one with each other and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory and we feast in your heavenly banquet.

**Through your Son, Jesus the Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy church, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and forever.
Amen.**

**Sing Alleluia to the Lord! (2X) Sing Alleluia (2X)
Sing Alleluia to the Lord! (*Choir sings descant*)**

