

# South Hayward United Methodist Church

*Open Hearts, Open Minds, and Open Doors*

*Third Sunday in Lent*

*March 11, 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

### PRAISE SINGING

#### PRELUDE & PROCESSION OF THE LIGHT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

*“God of Grace and God of Glory”* arr. John Hughes

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### WELCOME

God’s ultimate promise has been made flesh in Jesus Christ,  
whose life and death and resurrection heal all the  
brokenness of the world.

*Patti Conner*

**INTROIT** *“Above the Hills of Time”* arr. Carl Strommen *SHUMC Ensemble*

#### \*\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Broken promises, empty dreams, shattered hearts . . .

**God’s covenant remains strong.**

Broken laws, weak faith, rampant doubts . . .

**God’s covenant remains strong.**

Broken systems, financial corruption, unfettered greed . .

**God’s covenant remains strong.**

In the midst of a broken world,

**We come to worship as God’s own people, trusting the  
unbroken promise of eternal love and life!**

#### \*\*HYMN OF PRAISE

*“How Great Thou Art”*

*UMH#77*

#### \*\*INVOCATION (unison)

Awesome God, we have come together to join with creation in  
proclaiming your glory. All around us are examples of your  
power and majesty. And all around us are examples of your  
abiding love and grace, which we confess with our lips. We  
pray this day for the strength and courage to enter  
faithfully into your covenant, opening our hearts, our  
souls, our lives in grateful praise. Thank you for the gift  
and example of your Son Jesus Christ, in whose name we  
pray. Amen.

## 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!

**CHORAL ANTHEM** *“Cast Thy Burden Upon The Lord”* *Chancel Choir*

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION** *Patti Conner*

**SCRIPTURE READING** *John 2:13-22*

**THE WORD FOR TODAY** *Bishop Felixberto Calang*

#### CONSECRATION OF OUR CHURCH LEADERS

#### SHARING OUR JOYS & CONCERNS

**HYMN OF DEDICATION** *“I Surrender All”* *UMH#354*

*(Vv1, 3)*

*(As the congregation sings this hymn, you are invited to come to the altar to pray and  
to receive a prayer of blessing)*

**PASTORAL PRAYER/DISCIPLE’S PRAYER** *(V4)*



