

South Hayward United Methodist Church

Open Hearts, Open Minds, and Open Doors

Fourth Sunday in Lent/One Great Hour of Sharing

March 18, 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 So Loved the World”

Stainer/Smith/Hustad

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME

Gail Stringer

God's grace is not only the focus of Lent, but of today's scriptures in particular. The mercy of a bronze serpent gives the Israelites salvation from the poisonous serpents biting at their heels. How much greater is the mercy shown to us through Christ's presence in our lives! Give thanks for this amazing grace and steadfast love indeed!

INTROIT ***“I Believe in the Sun Even When It's Not Shining”*** ***SHUMC Ensemble***

****CALL TO WORSHIP**

We who are dying are promised life.

We who are wandering in darkness are offered light.

Come to the One who offers mercy and grace,

that we may worship in the light of God's love!

****HYMN OF PRAISE**

“When Morning Gilds the Skies”

UMH#185

****INVOCATION (unison)**

Good and gracious One, we cry out and you hear our voice.

You lift us up with your love and offer us the light of your grace. Let the richness of your mercy flow through our lives, that we may worship you in spirit and truth. May we go forth as children of light and love, in the name of Christ, in whom we find hope. 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 ***“Grace Greater Than Our Sin”***

Chancel Choir

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Gail Stringer

SCRIPTURE READING

John 3:14-21

THE WORD FOR TODAY

Pastor Elmar

SHARING OUR JOYS & CONCERNS

HYMN OF DEDICATION

“Because He Lives”

UMH#364

(V1, 2)

(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 (V3)

WE OFFER OUR SELVES & OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Let us offer thanksgiving sacrifices and signs of grace through our gifts to God this day.

OFFERTORY

“Spirit of God Descend Upon My Heart”

OFFERING

DOXOLOGY

UMH#94

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Gail Stringer

**HYMN OF DISCIPLESHIP

"To God Be the Glory"

UMH#98

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

POSTLUDE

"Majesty"

Hayford/Wagner

(Please be seated until postlude is complete)

Our guests and visitors are invited for refreshments following worship service

Flowers: *Rebecca Y. Malicsi*

Bishop: *Warner Brown*

Pastor: *Elmar De Ocera*

Lay Leader: *John Jandoc*

Ad Council Chair: *John Jandoc (Interim)*

Offering Counters: *Irene Potter*

Jully Laxamana

Cynthia Elliott

Evelyn Russell

District Superintendent: *Renae Extrum-Fernandez*

Ensemble Director: *Ed Keller*

Choir Director: *Exodus Granadosin*

Nursery: *Gloria Morales &*

Allison English



GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD.....