

# South Hayward United Methodist Church

*Open Hearts, Open Minds, and Open Doors*

**PALM, COMMUNION SUNDAY**

*APRIL 1, 2012 -- 10:30 AM*

**\*\*Those Who Are Able, Please Stand (PLEASE, silence your Cell Phone)**

***Child Nursery available – Just Ask an Attendant***

## **ENTRANCE WITH THE PALMS**

***(We will gather at the courtyard)***

### **INTROIT**

***Fijian Sisters and Brothers***

### **WELCOME**

***Gail Stringer***

Whether in celebration or in distress, God promises to be with us. Jesus poured out his life for the healing of the world, accepting disgrace and shame in faith that the Holy One would restore him to wholeness. God is revealed in Jesus and in the faith of those who love the world in the name of Christ. As Jesus trusted in God even in his most terrible hour, so may we trust in God's steadfast love. The story of Christ's agony and death on the cross is essential to our understanding of his resurrection.

### **\*\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Give thanks to the Holy One, for God is good.

**God's steadfast love endures forever.**

With hosannas and praise, we greet the One who calls us.

**Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Most High!**

This is the day that God has made.

**Let us be glad and rejoice in it!**

### **\*\*HYMN OF PRAISE**

***"All Glory, Laud, and Honor"***

***UMH#280***

***(Insert)***

***(As we sing this hymn, we will process into the church waving our palm branches)***

### **INVOCATION: (Unison)**

Steadfast Lover of all creation, you sent your Holy Child, Jesus, to teach us how to love one another. Willingly giving up any claim to power or place, Jesus poured out his life for the sake of the world, showing us how to love one another by the power of his love. As we stand with those who sang hosanna at his coming into Jerusalem; as we gaze with those who looked from a distance at his death on the cross, open our ears to the sound of your voice whispering "Trust in me, always." 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**

***"The Holy City"***

***Chancel Choir***

### **PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

***Gail Stringer***

### **SCRIPTURE READING**

***Philippians 2:5-11***

### **THE WORD FOR TODAY**

***"As We Will"***

***Pastor Elmar***

### **SHARING OUR JOYS & CONCERNS**

### **HYMN OF DEDICATION**

***"O Sacred Head, Now Wounded"***

***UMH#286***

### **PASTORAL PRAYER/DISCIPLE'S PRAYER**

## **WE OFFER OUR SELVES & OUR GIFTS TO GOD AS WE CELEBRATE GOD'S PRESENCE IN COMMUNION**

Jesus emptied himself for us, let us offer ourselves as we bring our gifts and receive the elements in communion as a sign of our hope that he will indeed rise again and reign.

**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 DISCIPLESHIP      “Tell Me the Stories of Jesus”      UMH#277**

*(As we sing our closing hymn, you are invited to bring your palm branches to the altar where they will wither throughout Holy Week, from Jesus’ triumphal entry with the waving of the palms to a much more somber mood as the week progresses.)*

**DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING**

**POSTLUDE**

**“The Palms”**

**Jean Baptiste**

*Faure*

*Please be seated until postlude is complete*

**Our guests and visitors are invited for refreshments following worship service**

**Flowers: *Au Castro***

**Bishop:** *Warner Brown*

**Pastor:** *Elmar De Ocera*

**Lay Leader:** *John Jandoc*

**Council Chair:** *John Jandoc (interim)*

**Offering Counters:** *Irene Potter*

*Jully Laxamana*

*Evelyn Russell*

*Cynthia Elliott*

**District Superintendent:** *Renae Extrum-Fernandez*

**Choir Director:** *Exodus Granadosin*

**Ensemble Director:** *Ed Keller*

**Nursery:** *Gloria Morales &*

*Allison English*