

South Hayward United Methodist Church

Open Hearts, Open Minds, and Open Doors

Good Friday

April 6, 2012 7:00 PM

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

Child Nursery available – Just Ask an Attendant

Acolytes:

INVITATION AND GATHERING

PRELUDE

“Meditation at the Cross”

arr: Albin Whitworth

****CALL TO WORSHIP**

Neal John Sanchez

Sisters and brothers, why are we here tonight?

To give our praise in the midst of our pain.

Sisters and brothers, why are we here tonight?

To seek the Lord and give God our praise.

Sisters and brothers, why are we here tonight?

To join with the families of the earth as we worship the Holy One.

****HYMN OF PRAISE**

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

UMH#298

INVOCATION: (Unison)

Almighty God, we would be lying to you and deceiving ourselves if we pretended to be joyful and satisfied tonight. We are not. The violent pain that our friend Christ Jesus endured makes us want to hide and wait until it is over; it makes us wish to ignore his wounds altogether. Yet in the miracle of grace, you have drawn us here, along with millions of others around the earth, that we might remember Christ's once-for-all sacrifice and covenant of grace. As we worship you tonight and undertake the ancient work of remembering, we ask that you open our hearts to feel anew exactly why this is called "Good Friday." In the name of Christ our Lord. Amen.

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD TO US

ANTHEM

“This Is the Night”

CHANCEL CHOIR

REFLECTION

Mark 14:43-50

Betrayal and Arrest

(Extinguish first candle)

Linda De Ocera

Jacob De Ocera

Matthew 26:57-68

Before the Council

(Extinguish second candle)

Devorah Cape

Kayla Cape

John 18:25-27

Denial

(Extinguish third candle)

Isei Daveta

Grace Daveta

Mark 15:1-5, 12-15

Trial

(Extinguish fourth candle)

Jully Laxamana

Candace Laxamana

Matthew 27:27-31

Mockery

(Extinguish fifth candle)

Tagi Nagase

Joel Ram

Mark 15:21-22

March to Golgotha

(Extinguish the sixth candle)

Exie Granadosin

Karen Grace Granadosin

Luke 23:32-43

Crucifixion

Asenaca Ranitu

Mike Hazelman

Mark 15:33-41

Death

(Extinguish the seventh candle)

Ilaisa Dakunivosa

Saane Dakunivosa

(Let us observe a moment of silence as we meditate and remember how Christ suffered and endured pain to make a difference in our lives)

WE OFFER OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO GOD *Ranelle Sanchez*

As your love brought us healing, may our gifts be used to heal.

As your sacrifice brought us salvation, may our sacrifices be used to save.

As your offering feeds our souls, may our offering feed the hungry.

As you willingly gave yourself, may we give faithfully of ourselves.

OFFERTORY *“Pie Jesus”* *Andrew Lloyd Webber*

OFFERING

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

HYMN OF DISCIPLESHIP *“In the Cross of Christ I Glory”* *UMH#295*

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

(The altar will be covered with black material to signify the darkness of this night)

Please depart in silence



**“Father, I place my life
in your hands.”**