

South Hayward United Methodist Church

Open Hearts, Open Minds, and Open Doors

Easter Sunday

April 8, 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

“Easter Hymn”

arr. Dick Torrans

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME

Pastor Andrew Sebastian

Good news—wonderful, amazing news—the best news ever: Jesus Christ is risen from the dead! Let us proclaim the victory of life and love over death:

****CALL TO WORSHIP**

Give thanks to the Lord!

God’s love endures forever!

Sing songs of victory! Shout the good news!

Jesus is risen! Christ is risen!

Open the gates of righteousness!

Enter in and give thanks to the Lord!

This is the day the Lord has made!

Hallelujah! Rejoice! Christ is risen

****HYMN OF PRAISE**

“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today”

UMH#302

****INVOCATION (unison)**

Mighty God, you have become our strength and our salvation. With Christ, you have raised us from the dead. With Christ, you have freed us from the chains of death. The stone that

the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone of our lives. We marvel at your amazing love, Lord. We are delirious with joy! Hear the praises of your people on this day of days! 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!

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Pastor Andrew Sebastian

SCRIPTURE READING

John 20:1-18

BEHOLD THE LAMB

See Insert

An Easter Cantata by Russell Mauldin

Choir Director – Exie Granadosin

Pianist – Ed Keller

SHARING OUR JOYS & CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER/DISCIPLE’S PRAYER (V3)

WE OFFER OUR SELVES & OUR GIFTS TO GOD

God has saved us from death; he has opened our tombs and cast aside our burial garments; for all that God has given to us, let us give our unending thanks and praise.

OFFERTORY

“Christ Arose”

arr. Tedd Smith and Don Hustad

OFFERING

DOXOLOGY

UMH#94

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor Andrew Sebastian

****HYMN OF DISCIPLESHIP**

“He Lives”

UMH#310

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

****POSTLUDE**

“Hallelujah Chorus”

SHUMC Chancel Choir

Our guests and visitors are invited for refreshments following worship service

Flowers: *Easter Lilies*

Bishop: *Warner Brown*

District Superintendent: *Renae Extrum-Fernandez*

Pastor: *Elmar De Ocera*

Ensemble Director: *Ed Keller*

Lay Leader: *John Jandoc (Interim Council Chairperson)*

Choir Director: *Exodus Granadosin*

Ad Council Chair: *Jon Cortez*

Nursery: *Gloria Morales &*

Offering Counters: *Irene Potter*

Allison English

Jully Laxamana

Cynthia Elliott

Evelyn Russell