

South Hayward United Methodist Church

Open Hearts, Open Minds, and Open Doors

3rd Sunday of Easter

April 22, 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 (see brown loose-leaf folders for words to music)

PRELUDE & PROCESSION OF THE LIGHT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

“Praise the Lord, His Glories Show”

arr. Gilbert Martin

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME

Pastor Andrew

Seeing is believing; but believing is also seeing. The Gospel beseeches us to see and believe and to have hope in the face of death. For God is greater than death, bringing forgiveness of sins and newness of life to those who believe.

INTROIT *“Christ is Our Peace”*

Jim

Strathdee

**CALL TO WORSHIP

What do you see when you look in the mirror?

We see children of God.

But who will you become?

We will become like Jesus when we see him as he is.

How will you get there?

We will purify ourselves as Christ is pure.

Come! Let us worship God.

HYMN OF PRAISE *“I Sing the Almighty Power of God”*

UMH#152

****INVOCATION (unison)**

Merciful God, you come to us in our darkness and fill us with your light; you come to us in our weakness and do not put us to shame; you come to us as we wander like orphans and call us your children. Help us purify ourselves, as Christ is pure, that we may be fit vessels to carry your light to the world. Amen.

WE LISTEN FOR GOD’S WORD TO US

CHILDREN’S TIME

****THE PEACE OF CHRIST IS GIVEN TO ALL**

CHILDREN: The peace of the living Christ be with you all!

ALL: And also with you!

CHORAL ANTHEM *“The Blood Will Never Lose Its Power”*

Chancel Choir

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Pastor Andrew

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Luke 24:36-48

GOD’S WORD FOR US

“Keep the Fire Burning”

Pastor Elmar

SONG OFFERING

“His Eye Is on the Sparrow”

Socorro Granadosin

SHARING OUR JOYS & CONCERNS

HYMN OF DEDICATION *“He Touched Me”(V1)*

UMH#367

PASTORAL PRAYER/DISCIPLES’ PRAYER (V2)

WE OFFER OUR SELVES & OUR GIFTS TO GOD

O God, your love gladdens the heart more than the choicest bread and the finest wine. As you have filled us with every good thing, we offer you our thankfulness in these, our gifts.

OFFERTORY

“O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus”

Beethoven/Keller

OFFERING

****DOXOLOGY**

UMH#94

****PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

Pastor Andrew

WE DEPART TO SERVE

****HYMN OF BENEDICTION** *“We’ll Understand It Better By and By” UMH#525*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“Thine Is the Glory”

Handel/Glyncannon

Please be seated until postlude is complete

Our guests and visitors are invited for refreshments following worship

Flowers: *Celisse De Ocera*

Pastor: *Elmar De Ocera*

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

Council Chair: *Jon Cortez*

Offering Counters: *Irene Potter*

Jully Laxamana

Cynthia Elliott

Evelyn Russell

Ensemble Director: *Ed Keller*

Choir Director: *Exie Granadosin*

Nursery: *Gloria Morales &*

Allison English



