

South Hayward United Methodist Church

Open Hearts, Open Minds, and Open Doors

4th Sunday of Easter

April 29, 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

“Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”

arr. Lani Smith

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME

Gail Stringer

The fourth Sunday of Easter is Good Shepherd Sunday. The image of Jesus assures us that we are known and cared for. In Acts, Peter affirms Jesus' power to heal and names Jesus as the cornerstone of faith. First John points to the human response to the Shepherd's love, reminding us to love one another in truth and action.

INTROIT

“I Just Got Off of That Sin-Bound Train”

Traditional

****CALL TO WORSHIP**

God is our shepherd! God cares for us.

Jesus Christ is the cornerstone!

He is the foundation of our lives.

The Spirit abides in us!

And we abide in the Spirit.

HYMN OF PRAISE ***“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty” (Vv 1, 2, 4, 5)*** *UMH#139*

****INVOCATION (unison)**

Loving Shepherd, you know our names; you care for us. When we face darkness and death, walk beside us. When we hunger for your love, fill us with your presence. When we are

fearful, feed us at your table. May we dwell in the house of goodness and mercy all the days of our lives. 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

“But Still He Loved Me”

Chancel Choir

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Stringer

Gail

SCRIPTURE READINGS

I John 3:16-24, John 10:11-18

GOD'S WORD FOR US

“Awkward Commandment”

Pastor Elmar

SHARING OUR JOYS & CONCERNS

HYMN OF DEDICATION

“The Gift of Love” (V1, 2)

UMH#408

(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/DISCIPLES' PRAYER (V3)

WE OFFER OUR SELVES & OUR GIFTS TO GOD

The Shepherd cares for us, providing all that we need in abundance. The Shepherd calls us to love one another in truth and action. May our gifts reflect our trust in the Shepherd's care. May our offerings show our willingness to love one another.

OFFERTORY

“When the Roll Is Called up Yonder”

OFFERING

****DOXOLOGY**

UMH#94

****PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

Gail Stringer

WE DEPART TO SERVE

****HYMN OF BENEDICTION** *“They’ll Know We Are Christians”* *FWS#2223*

CHORAL BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *“The Church’s One Foundation”* *arr. James Mansfield*

Please be seated until postlude is complete

Our guests and visitors are invited for refreshments following worship

Flowers:

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



