

# South Hayward United Methodist Church

*Open Hearts, Open Minds, and Open Doors*

**5<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER/COMMUNION SUNDAY**

*May 6, 2012 -- 10:30 AM*

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

**Child Nursery available – Just Ask One of the Ushers**

## WE ENTER TO WORSHIP

### PRAISE SINGING

### PRELUDE & PROCESSION OF THE LIGHT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

*“Lift High the Cross”*

*arr. Fred Bock*

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

### WELCOME

*Mildred Ancheta*

Abiding in Christ's love is the key to sharing Christ's love with others. We must go where we are sent—transforming the life of others as we share time and testimony with them. See what love is given when we share the good news of Christ! John writes of love, deepening the challenge as he reminds us that Christ's love is perfected in us only when we allow that love to cast out all fear and dare to love every brother and sister we meet.

### INTROIT

*SHUMC Fijian Ministry*

### \*\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Come to the vineyard of God.

**We seek Christ, the vine of great love.**

Drink from the waters of life.

**We live in the light of God's grace.**

Come to the vineyard of God.

**All are welcome here.**

### \*\*INVOCATION (unison)

God of love, plant us in the soil of your grace. Nurture us with the strength of Christ, the vine of everlasting life. Enlighten us with the wisdom of your Spirit, which flows through us today and all days. Abide in us, that we may abide in you and live in your love. In your holy name, we pray. Amen.

### \*\*HYMN OF PRAISE

*“For the Beauty of the Earth”*

*UMH#92*

## 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

*“What Grace Is This”*

*SHUMC Chancel Choir*

### PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

*Mildred Ancheta*

### SCRIPTURE READING

*John 15:1-8*

*The word of God for the people of God.*

*Thanks be to God.*

### THE WORD FOR TODAY

*“Abide”*

*Pastor Elmar*

### SHARING OUR JOYS & CONCERNS

### HYMN OF DEDICATION

*“My Jesus, I Love Thee” (Vv 1 & 2)*

*UMH#172*

### PASTORAL PRAYER/DISCIPLE'S PRAYER

*(V3)*

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

Christ reminds us that lovers of God must be lovers of people. And so, we are invited to show our love as we offer ourselves and our gifts to Christ, to Christ's church, and

to one another. May we share freely and generously the love and abundance that God has given us.

Cynthia Elliott

### **THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (SEE INSERT)**

*We celebrate by Intinction and Sing Songs Communion.*

Let Break Bread Together #618

One Bread, One Body #620

Eat This Bread #628

Take Our Bread #640

Fill My Cup, Lord #641

*(After receiving the Communion elements, you are invited to come to the kneeler or stand in front of the altar to pray and for a prayer of blessing.)*

### **WE DEPART TO SERVE**

**\*\*HYMN OF DISCIPLESHIP** “*Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing*” UMH# 671

#### **BENEDICTION (Responsive)**

Beloved children of God, love one another well.

**We will abide in Christ's generous love.**

Be born in the Spirit of grace.

**We will live in the fullness of hope.**

Grow into branches bearing the fruit of love: peace, joy, hope, faith.

**We will remember that the greatest harvest is the harvest of love.**

#### **POSTLUDE**

“*How Firm a Foundation*” arr. Edward Broughton  
*(Please be seated until postlude is complete)*

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

**Flowers: De Ocera Family – Linda's Birthday**

**Bishop: Warner Brown**

**District Superintendent: Renae Extrum-Fernandez**

**Pastor: Elmar De Ocera**

**Ensemble Director: Ed Keller**

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

**Choir Director: Exodus Granadosin**

**Council Chair: Jon Cortez**

**Nursery: Gloria Morales, Allison English**

**Offering Counters: Irene Potter**

*Jully Laxamana*

*Evelyn Russell*



**“I am the vine, you are the branches”**