

South Hayward United Methodist Church

Making Disciples of Jesus Christ for the Transformation

Of the World

Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 20, 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

PRELUDE & PROCESSION OF THE LIGHT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”

arr. Edward Broughton

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME

Mildred Ancheta

Scriptures speak about divine guidance, about God's love for the world and about the trust that the believers can put in God. They also concentrate on how believers are called to witness and testify to God, in the historical context of the readings as well as today. Within the Easter story, they concentrate on the continuation of Jesus' ministry through the disciples and the believers, effectively talking about the beginning of the church and its continuation by following the divine guidance offered to us.

INTROIT ***“This is My Song” Jean Sibelius*** ***SHUMC Instrumental Ensemble***

****INVITATION TO WORSHIP**

A new day has begun.

Hope wins!

A fresh start is granted.

Faith wins!

Today you have the opportunity to do something new.

Hope wins!

Christ is entering your life in a new way.

Faith wins!

Come, let us worship God, who is inviting us into life in a new way, a way that transcends death, a way of hope and

faith.

Love wins! Let us worship Christ, who overcame death to give us new life!

****INVOCATION (unison)**

Eternal God, we give thanks and praise for Jesus' preparedness to show us your true nature and your true character - for in Jesus' words we hear the resonance of your voice, and in his deeds we see the imprint of your hands. We give thanks that Jesus' presence disclosed a new reality at work in the world - the reality of your kingdom, O God, where what was broken is mended, what was afflicted is relieved, what was bound is set free and what was excluded is included. We pray that our worship here today will enable us to catch a glimpse of your kingdom, to hear your voice, to know the imprint of your hand on our lives and to experience the breath of your Spirit in our bodies. In Jesus' name we pray.
Amen

****HYMN OF PRAISE** ***“Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty”*** ***UMH#64***

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!

ANTHEM ***“He Looked Beyond My Fault”***

SHUMC Choir

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Mildred Ancheta

SCRIPTURE READING

John 17:6-19

THE WORD FOR TODAY

“Let Us Pray”

Pastor Elmar

SHARING OUR JOYS & CONCERNS

HYMN OF DEDICATION

“Sweet Hour of Prayer” (Vv 1, 2)

UMH#496

WE OFFER OUR SELVES & OUR GIFTS TO GOD

O God, we praise you for your power and might; we praise you for your love and mercy; we praise you for giving us your Spirit; we praise you for your every blessing. In gratitude and thanksgiving, for all we have received from God, let us offer the fruit of our industry, in the name of the one who ascended to heaven, that we might have fullness of life here on earth.

OFFERTORY

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

OFFERING

****DOXOLOGY**

UMH#94

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Mildred Ancheta

WE DEPART TO SERVE

HYMN OF BENEDICTION

“It’s Me, It’s Me, O Lord”

UMH#352

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“Shout to the Lord”

arr. John Carter

Please be seated until postlude is complete

Our guests and visitors are invited for refreshments following worship

Flowers: Irene Potter

Pastor: Elmar De Ocera

Lay Leader: John Jandoc (interim Council Chair)

Council Chair: Jon Cortez

Offering Counters: Irene Potter

Jully Laxamana

Evelyn Russell

Cynthia Elliott

Ensemble Director: Ed Keller

Choir Director: Exie Granadosin

Nursery: Gloria Morales

Allison English

Jesus prays for His Disciples



“I ask on their behalf; I do not ask on behalf of the world, but of those whom you have given me; for they are yours”