

South Hayward United Methodist Church

Open Hearts, Open Minds, and Open Doors

PENTECOST SUNDAY

May 27, 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

“Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart”

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME

Mildred Ancheta

Indeed, the true promise of Pentecost is that we are all given birth and new life through the Spirit. In Acts, the followers of Christ are gathered together in one place when the Holy Spirit comes like a mighty wind and creates a new community of faith and hope, giving birth to Christ's Church. In Psalm 104, the Spirit speaks and the creatures of the earth are created, born of God's very Spirit. In Romans, all of creation groans in labor pains for new birth and life in the Spirit. Even in John, Jesus prepares the disciples to receive the Advocate, who will speak truth and new life that they do not yet comprehend. The pinnacle of Jesus' resurrection story is the new life given to Jesus' followers—not just in the hereafter, but in the here and now. This re-birth, this new life, is the gift of Pentecost!

INTROIT

“Fill Me, Spirit”

SHUMC Ensemble

**CALL TO WORSHIP

How manifold are God's works!

In wisdom God has made all that lives; the earth is full of his creatures.

They look to God to give them their food in due season;

when he gives to them, they gather it up.

When God opens his hand, they are filled with good things. When God sends forth his Spirit, they are created. God renews the face of the ground. His Spirit gives breath to all that lives.

May the glory of the Lord endure forever. May God rejoice in all his works.

Let us sing to the Lord as long as we live; let us praise our God while we have being.

May our meditations be pleasing to God in whom we rejoice.

**INVOCATION (unison)

Almighty God, we pray for your blessing on our church in this place. Here may the faithful find salvation, the careless be awakened. Here may the doubting find faith, and the anxious be encouraged. Here may the tempted find help, and the sorrowful comfort. Here may the weary find rest, and the strong be renewed. Here may the aged find consolation and the young be inspired – through Christ Jesus our Lord. – Amen.

**HYMN OF PRAISE

“Come, Thou Almighty King”

UMH#61

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

“To God Be the Glory”

Chancel Choir

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Mildred Ancheta

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 2:1-21

THE WORD FOR TODAY

“Breath of Life”

Pastor Elmar

SHARING OUR JOYS & CONCERNS

HYMN OF DEDICATION

“Spirit of the Living God”

UMH#393

PASTORAL PRAYER/DISCIPLE'S PRAYER

WE OFFER OUR SELVES & OUR GIFTS TO GOD

We are called to live in hope and share this hope with the world. Let us offer thanks to God for all God has given us by sharing generously of ourselves and of our resources. Through our gifts, may all experience the hope to be found in our life-giving God.

OFFERTORY

“Spirit Song”

arr. Mark Hayes

OFFERING

**DOXOLOGY

UMH#94

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Mildred Ancheta

WE DEPART TO SERVE

**HYMN OF DISCIPLESHIP

“O Spirit of the Living God”

UMH#539

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

POSTLUDE

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

arr. Hugh Livingston

(Please be seated until postlude is complete)

Our guests and visitors are invited for refreshments following worship service

Flowers: Idalia Sarmiento

Bishop: Warner Brown

District Superintendent: Renae Extrum-Fernandez

Pastor: Elmar De Ocera

Ensemble Director: Ed Keller

Lay Leader: John Jandoc

Choir Director: Exodus Granadosin

Ad Council Chair: John Jandoc-Interim

Nursery: Gloria Morales &

Offering Counters: Irene Potter

Allison English

Jully Laxamana

Cynthia Elliott

Evelyn Russell



“The Spirit of New Life”