

# South Hayward United Methodist Church

*Open Hearts, Open Minds, and Open Doors*

*First Sunday After Pentecost*

*June 3, 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

*“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”* *Beethoven/Bock*

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**WELCOME** *Amelia Daveta*

We are called to renew our covenant with God, the covenant to be the people of God calls us to be, to be God’s hands and feet in the world; to bring the message that in God’s realm, there is comfort, love, justice, and a chance to begin anew.

**INTROIT** *Fijian Sisters and Brothers*

### \*\*CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather this day again, before your throne, to discover what you remember about our living.

**To be reminded of what we have done and not done.**

We entrust ourselves into your grace, even as we commit ourselves to your truth.

**We are your flock. You are our shepherd.**

### \*\*INVOCATION (unison)

**Our God, we invoke respect for your authority and awareness of the importance of our active living. We invoke sensitivity to your presence among us and hope in the possibility of ministering to you. We invoke commitment to your way in and through our living. Amen.**

### \*\*HYMN OF PRAISE

*“We Gather Together”*

*UMH#131*

## 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

*“God and God Alone”*

*SHUMC CHOIR*

### PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

*Amelia Daveta*

**SCRIPTURE READING** *(English, Fijian & Samoan)*

*Matthew 25:31-46*

### RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

**THE WORD FOR TODAY** *“The Parable of the Great Surprise”* *Rev. Reeve Velunta*

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### SHARING OUR JOYS & CONCERNS

**HYMN OF DEDICATION** *“O Jesus, I have Promised” (Vv 1, 2)* *UMH#396*

### PASTORAL PRAYER/DISCIPLE’S PRAYER (V4)

## WE OFFER OUR SELVES & OUR GIFTS TO GOD AS WE CELEBRATE

### GOD’S PRESENCE IN COMMUNION

As sisters and brothers with Christ in God’s holy covenant, we are called to be fruitful and foundational in strength and love for all the peoples of this earth. Let our time of offering challenge us to carry the cross of love, bearing burdens for those who cannot bear their own burdens, showing grace to those who know only shame, and offering hope to those who are haunted by hopelessness. As we deny ourselves and our instincts for self-protection, we become Christ-like

in our giving and in our loving. And in losing our hold on the world, we gain a foothold on the journey toward God's eternal love.

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING – see insert**

*We Celebrate By Intinction and Sing Songs of Communion*  
*Let Us 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 BENEDICTION**      *“Now Thank We All Our God”*      *UMH#102*

**DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING**

**POSTLUDE**      *“Let Us Break Bread Together”*      *arr. Lani Smith*

*Please be seated until postlude is complete \_\_\_\_\_*

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

**Flowers:** *Carol Capistrano*

**Pastor:** *Elmar De Ocera*  
**Lay Leader:** *John Jandoc*  
**Council Chair:** *John Jandoc (Interim)*  
**Offering Counters:** *Irene Potter*  
*Jully Laxamana*  
*Evelyn Russell*  
*Cynthia Elliott*

**Ensemble Director:** *Ed Keller*  
**Choir Director:** *Exie Granadosin*  
**Nursery:** *Gloria Morales*  
*Allison English*

**Communion Servers:**



**“All the nations will be gathered before Him; and then He will separate them from another, as the shepherds separate the sheep from the goats.”**