

South Hayward United Methodist Church

Open Hearts, Open Minds, and Open Doors

Communion Sunday

August 5, 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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE & PROCESSION OF THE LIGHT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

“Jesus Is Lord of All”

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WELCOME

Myrna Eugenio

People of God, we are the church, the bride of Christ. Today we are invited by God's Word to leave behind our old loyalties and to bow our wills before the bridegroom in humility. God promises us many blessings when we stop insisting on doing things our own way. God offers us many blessings when we embrace the joy of discipleship. Let it be so with us today.

INTROIT

Fijian Sisters and Brothers

****CALL TO WORSHIP**

Let us enter God's presence with joy.

For our God is gentle and humble in heart.

Let God's word relieve you of pride.

For our Lord is gentle and humble in heart.

Give your failings and burdens to God.

For our Lord is gentle and humble in heart.

Live with joy.

Christ's yoke is easy. God's burden is light.

****INVOCATION (unison)**

God of wisdom and mercy, in your kingdom the lowly are made great as they wait upon you and receive your grace. Open our hearts to his kingdom today. Renew in us a childlike faith, as we hear your word and sing your praises, that we might go from this place proclaiming the good news of the gospel. 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**

CHILDREN: The peace of the living Christ be with you all!

ALL: And also with you!

SPECIAL SONG

“O Lord, Be Merciful”

Mrs. Socorro Granadosin

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Myrna Eugenio

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 11:25-28

THE WORD FOR TODAY

“The Invitation”

Pastor Juan Ancheta

SHARING OUR JOYS & CONCERNS

HYMN OF DEDICATION

“Softly and Tenderly”

UMH#348

PASTORAL PRAYER/DISCIPLE'S PRAYER

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

GOD'S PRESENCE IN COMMUNION

Like Jesus before us, let us go beyond our own communities to proclaim the message of God's loving power and grace. As we receive communion, let us share what we have, that people

throughout the world may hear and know of God's everlasting love.

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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

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

WE DEPART TO SERVE

HYMN OF BENEDICTION *“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”* **UM#140**

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *“Lord of the Dance”* *arr. John Behnke*
(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*
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:



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**“Come to Me, all who are weary and heavy-laden,
And I will give you rest.”**