

South Hayward United Methodist Church

Open Hearts, Open Minds, and Open Doors

Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost

September 9, 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

“Lift High the Cross”

arr. Lani Smith

WELCOME

Cynthia Elliott

As we worship today, may we be learners, hearing what God's spirit is speaking to us, God's church. The Apostle Paul calls us, "I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Let us worship together.

INTROIT

“When the Poor Ones”

SHUMC Ensemble

(J.A. Olivar & Miguel Manzano)

****CALL TO WORSHIP**

Friends, don't let public opinion influence how you live out your faith.

God lives by different rules. God lifts up and honors the poor while sending the rich away empty.

God's favor is promised to those who love God.

Love is more than saying the right words; it is doing the right thing for others.

Be good to your people, O God.

The hearts of the people are right!

****INVOCATION (unison)**

Holy One, we call upon your name, for we know that your name and favor are more precious than human riches. You hate wickedness and abhor the neglect of your people. You call us to righteousness, to reach out to others with justice and mercy. You teach us right from wrong, that we may truly live in your grace. In the shadow of that grace, we offer compassion and mercy to others. Abide with us this day, that we may serve you forevermore. Amen.

****HYMN OF PRAISE**

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

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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!

CHORAL ANTHEM

“Name of All Majesty”

SHUMC Choir

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Elliott

Cynthia

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 35: 4-7, Mark 7:24-37

THE WORD FOR TODAY

“Wait...Wait ...Wait”

Pastor Elmar

SHARING OUR JOYS & CONCERNS

HYMN OF DEDICATION

“O Master Let Me Walk with Thee”

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(Vv 1, 3)

PASTORAL PRAYER/DISCIPLE'S PRAYER (V4)

WE OFFER OUR SELVES & OUR GIFTS TO GOD

We who have been richly blessed are called to share that blessing with the world. Give freely in the joy of serving your neighbor and your God.

