

South Hayward United Methodist Church

Open Hearts, Open Minds, and Open Doors
Thanksgiving Sunday and Everybody's Birthday

November 18, 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

“Come, You Thankful People, Come”

Elvey/Smith

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME

Jully Laxamana

Reasons for abundant thanksgiving begin in the passage from the Old Testament and continue through the passage from Matthew. With the promise of salvation for all who seek the kingdom, God has turned our tears to shouts of joy.

**INVITATION TO WORSHIP

Be glad and rejoice!

We rejoice in God's gifts!

Sing praises of joy!

Our mouths are filled with laughter.

With gratitude, we come.

God has done great things for us.

Shout with laughter, in sunshine and rain.

Praise God for our lives, for harvest and food.

INTROIT

“Let All Things Now Living”

arr. K. K. Davis

**INVOCATION (unison)

Generous, Loving God, you bring all creation into being—the soil and rain, the bountiful harvest, the glory of the lilies of the field. You bless our lives with Christ Jesus, promising that we shall eat in plenty at his table and be satisfied. We offer to you our prayers of thanksgiving for the great fortune you set before us. Merciful One, may every

living thing be strengthened and be brought into your kingdom, in peace and dignity. Amen.

**HYMN OF PRAISE

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

UMH#92

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

“O Give Thanks”

Chancel Choir

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Jully Laxamana

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 126, Matthew 6:25-34

THE WORD FOR TODAY

“Praise and Gratitude”

Pastor Elmar

SHARING OUR JOYS & CONCERNS

HYMN OF DEDICATION *“God of the Sparrow, God of the Whale”*

UMH#122

(V1, 2)

PASTORAL PRAYER/DISCIPLE'S PRAYER *(V 4)*

WE OFFER OUR SELVES & OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Our Bountiful God has blessed abundant harvest each year. Our tables overflow with the goodness of God's green earth, but our tables pale in comparison to the splendor that awaits us, and all God's children, at his heavenly banquet. Let us give our offerings, as we thank God for our many blessings. Help us be mindful of those who go without as we feast and make merry during this festive season.
(B. J. Beu)

WE DEPART TO SERVE

OFFERTORY

“He Has Made Me Glad”

OFFERING

****DOXOLOGY**

UMH#94

****PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

Jully Laxamana

****HYMN OF BENEDICTION**

“Now Thank We All Our God”

UMH#102

As we sing this hymn, you can offer and place your Everybody’s Birthday envelopes in the baskets corresponding to your birth month.

****BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

“We Gather Together”

arr. John Innes

(Please be seated until postlude is complete)

Our guests and visitors are invited for refreshments following worship.

Flowers: *Jully Laxamana for Dad’s Birthday*

Bishop: *Rev. Warner Brown* **District Superintendent:** *Renae Extrum-Fernandez*

Pastor: *Rev. 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*

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BLESSINGS**