

# South Hayward United Methodist Church

*Open Hearts, Open Minds, and Open Doors*

*Reign of Christ Sunday*

*November 25, 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

*“This Our Hymn of Grateful Praise”*

*arr. Gilbert Martin*

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### WELCOME

*Jully Laxamana*

As we approach this Advent season, may God grant us sensitivity and appreciation for what has been done that night in Bethlehem. Let us have a childlike anticipation that will permeate this time of the year and may we be aware of His continuing presence among us.

#### \*\*INVITATION TO WORSHIP

Come, thou long expected Jesus,

**Born to set thy people free.**

From our fears and sin release us,

**Let us find our rest in thee.**

Israel's strength and consolation,

**Hope of all the earth, thou art.**

Dear desire of every nation

**Joy of every longing heart.**

**May it be so this day in every heart.**

#### INTROIT

*“Christ the King Medley”*

#### \*\*INVOCATION (unison)

Lord, as we approach the Advent season, grant us sensitivity and appreciation for what you did that night in Bethlehem. May a childlike anticipation permeate this time of the year, and may we be aware of your continuing presence among us.

Clear our minds and clear our hearts that we might see thee afresh. Send us a word of comfort and hope. Use this worship service to that end. In the name of Christ, we pray. Amen.

**\*\*HYMN OF PRAISE**

*“When Morning Gilds the Skies”*

*UMH#185*

## 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

*“Beautiful Savior”*

*Chancel Choir*

#### PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

*Jully Laxamana*

#### SCRIPTURE READING

*Luke 2:22-40*

#### THE WORD FOR TODAY

*“Watching and Waiting”*

*Pastor Elmar*

#### SHARING OUR JOYS & CONCERNS

#### HYMN OF DEDICATION

*“Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus”*

*UMH#349*

#### PASTORAL PRAYER/DISCIPLE'S PRAYER

## WE OFFER OUR SELVES & OUR GIFTS TO GOD

God is abundant in grace and mercy, blessing us with what we need, hope, love and faith. Prophecy states God is coming with the clouds for every eye to see. Until that day, may the tithes and offerings we bring each week do the holy work of making God's presence reign real in this community and in this world in need. Amen.

## WE DEPART TO SERVE

#### OFFERTORY

*“Gesù Bambino”*

#### OFFERING

**\*\*DOXOLOGY**

*UMH#94*

**\*\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

*Jully Laxamana*

**SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM**

**\*\*HYMN OF BENEDICTION**

*“Jesus Shall Reign”*

*UMH#157*

**\*\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

*“Praise to the Lord”*

*arr. Edward Broughton*

*(Please be seated until postlude is complete)*

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

**Flowers:** *Jerry & Joan Wrenn-in memory of Emmett & Betty Wrenn, parents*

**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*

**Choir Director:** *Exie Granadosin*

**Nursery:** *Gloria Morales*

*Allison English*



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HOPE:

WATCHING AND WAITING