

# South Hayward United Methodist Church

*Open Hearts, Open Minds, and Open Doors*

*First Sunday of Advent*

*December 2, 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

*“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”*

*arr. Richard Ellsasser*

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

### LIGHTING OF ADVENT CANDLE

*Mike & Suzie Hazelman*

### WELCOME

*Isei Daveta*

How can we participate in the coming reign of Christ? That is the challenge of Advent. God promises a new order, the birth of a world in which justice and righteousness rule. The promise is irrevocable—the birth will come. Whether we are among those who will be reborn with that world depends upon our commitment and allegiance, in each moment of our lives, to the one true God rather than the false gods we so often honor. God shows us the way in the life and words of Jesus, and gives us companions—our sisters and brothers in Christ. But ultimately, each of us must actively prepare if we are to be part of what is being born at Christmas.

### \*\*INVITATION TO WORSHIP

People of faith, prepare for the coming reign of Christ!

**As we gather to pray and sing and listen, a spirit of anticipation and hope fills us.**

The days are surely coming, says Our God, when justice and righteousness will prevail.

**May our worship illuminate our hearts and minds, freeing us to respond joyfully to God’s call in the days to come.**

### INTROIT

*Fijian Sisters and Brothers*

### \*\*INVOCATION (unison)

Holy Source of life and hope, as we come together this day, open our ears to hear, open our eyes to see, and open our hearts to love, that we may come to know your ways and follow your paths. Help us grow in love for one another, and for all creation, as we prepare for the coming of the one who calls us to turn from our false gods to you, Holy One, the true source of our salvation. Amen.

### \*\*HYMN OF PRAISE

*“My Lord, What a Morning”*

*UMH#719*

## 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

*“Communion Song”*

*Chancel Choir*

### PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

*Isei Daveta*

### SCRIPTURE READING

*Fijian, Samoan, Tagalog, English*

*Luke 21:25-36*

### THE WORD FOR TODAY

*“Get Ready”*

*Pastor Elmar*

### SHARING OUR JOYS & CONCERNS

### HYMN OF DEDICATION

*“Stand By Me” (Vv 1, 2, 3)*

*UMH#512*

### PASTORAL PRAYER/DISCIPLE’S PRAYER (Vv 4, 5)

## WE OFFER OUR SELVES & OUR GIFTS TO GOD AS WE CELEBRATE GOD’S PRESENCE IN HOLY COMMUNION

God’s love for us knows no bounds. In grateful response, may our gifts to others abound.

**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 for a prayer of blessing.)*

**WE DEPART TO SERVE**

**\*\*HYMN OF BENEDICTION**      *“I Know Whom I Have Believed”*      *UMH#714*

**\*\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**      *“Soon and Very Soon”*      *Crouch/Carter*

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

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

**Flowers:** *Naty De Ocera (Birthday)*

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

**Pastor:** *Rev. Elmar De Ocera*

**Ensemble Director:** *Ed Keller*

**Lay Leader:** *John Jandoc*

**Choir Director:** *Exie Granadosin*

**Council Chair:** *John Jandoc (Interim)*

**Nursery:** *Gloria Morales*

**Offering Counters:** *Irene Potter*

*Allison English*

*Jully Laxamana*

*Evelyn Russell*

*Cynthia Elliott*



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