

South Hayward United Methodist Church

Making Disciples of Jesus Christ for

The Transformation of the World

Ash Wednesday

February 13, 2013

****Those Who Are Able, Please Stand**

(PLEASE, silence your Cell Phone)

WE ENTER TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE & PROCESSION OF THE LIGHT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

****INVITATION TO WORSHIP**

We gather here honestly to open ourselves to you, O God.

Accept us as we are, where we are, O Lord.

Humbly we approach your throne of grace with broken and sinful hearts and soul..

You know our hearts, O God. Love us, refine us, purify us that we might be your people seeking to know you with all that we are always.

****HYMN OF PRAISE**

“More Love to Thee, O Christ”

UMH#453

WE LISTEN TO GOD’S WORD FOR US

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

WORD OF GOD FOR TODAY

“Busy! Busy! Busy!”

Pastor Elmar

INVITATION TO THE OBSERVANCE OF LENTEN DISCIPLINES

**** PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)**

We are sinful and rebellious people, dearest Lord. We have chosen our ways over your ways, our will over your will, our idols over a living relationship with you. Our sin is ever before us, and our iniquities are exposed for what they are. We plead for mercy. We are remorseful and sorry for these our transgressions. Forgive us, we pray. Hear our confession and accept our pleas for mercy. Grant us in these sacred moments and in this holy place the redemption of sin that only you can give. Wash us clean with the blood of the Lamb. Restore us to right relationship with you. Free us to once again be your children, dedicated to you and your loving in the world. In the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

THANKSGIVING OVER THE ASHES

WE OFFER OUR SELVES & OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Let us offer our financial gifts to God not so that we can boast of our generosity, but so that we may share our wealth with those in need.

OFFERTORY

OFFERING

****DOXOLOGY**

UMH#94

****THANKSGIVING PRAYER/DISCIPLES’ PRAYER**

WE DEPART TO SERVE

****HYMN OF BENEDICTION**

“Sweet Hour of Prayer”

UMH#496

****BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Please remain seated until postlude is complete

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

Pastor: *Rev. Elmar R. De Ocera*

Lay Leader: *Alde Sarmiento*

Council Chair: *John Jandoc*

Offering Counters: *Irene Potter*

Jully Laxamana

Evelyn Russell

Cynthia Elliott

Ensemble Director: *Ed Keller*

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Allison English



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