

South Hayward United Methodist Church

*Making Disciples of Jesus Christ for
The Transformation of the World*

GENEROSITY SUNDAY

March 10, 2013

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

(PLEASE, silence your Cell Phone)

WE ENTER TO WORSHIP

PRAISE SINGING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE & PROCESSION OF THE LIGHT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

Converse/Kaiser/Colvin

WELCOME

Eva Basa

Generosity is the way of those who call Christ their Lord;
who love him with free hearts, and serve him with renewed
minds; who withstand the delusion of riches that chokes the
word; whose hearts are in heaven, and not on earth.

INTROIT “Shout to the Lord” (Darlene Zschech/John Carter) SHUMC Ensemble

***INVITATION TO WORSHIP**

The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world, and
those who live in it;

**for he has founded it on the seas, and established it on
the rivers.**

Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient
doors!

that the King of glory may come in.

Who is this King of glory?

The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory.

****HYMN OF PRAISE**

“Holy, Holy, Holy!”

UMH#64

****INVOCATION (Unison)**

Almighty and gracious god, source of all life, giver of all
that is good, we gather to offer our praise and thanks. The
richness of our lives, when we stop to take measure, is more
than we can comprehend. We have blessings of joy and hope,
the challenge to labor and the luxury of leisure. Your world
is full of wonder and its beauty delights us. We praise your
generosity and we confess that we are ungenerous receivers.
We are slow to share and quick to squander. We take for
granted what we have and anticipate more. Give us an
awareness of our blessings so that we will share joyously and
live responsibly. Give us a sense of self-worth so that
getting things does not usurp other values. For all your
goodness, let us express our gratitude by giving generously
as what the generations before us have done. In Christ's name
we pray. Amen.

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD FOR US

CHILDREN'S TIME

****PEACE OF CHRIST IS GIVEN TO ALL**

Children: The peace of Christ be with you!

Congregation: And also with you!

CHORAL ANTHEM

“Above the Hills of Time

SHUMC Chancel Choir

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Eva Basa

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Kings 17:7-24

WORD OF GOD FOR TODAY “Generations of Generosity Pays”

Pastor Elmar

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

HYMN OF DEDICATION

“Take My Life, and Let It Be” (Vv 1, 2)

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PASTORAL PRAYER/DISCIPLE'S PRAYER

(V 3)

WE OFFER OUR SELVES & OUR GIFTS TO GOD

The Spirit's gifts are here to stay in rich variety—fitting
responses to timely needs. We thankfully see each other as

