

# South Hayward United Methodist Church

*Making Disciples of Jesus Christ for*

*The Transformation of the World*

*Harvest Celebration Sunday*

*November 17, 2013- 10:30 AM*

**\*\*Those Who Are Able, Please Stand** (PLEASE, silence your Cell Phone)

*Child Nursery available – Just ask the ushers*

## WE ENTER TO WORSHIP

**PRAISE SINGING**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRELUDE & PROCESSION OF THE LIGHT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT**

*“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”*

*Zundel/Innes*

**WELCOME**

*Linda De Ocera*

“God doesn't bless us just to make us happy; He blesses us to make us a blessing.” (Warren W. Wiersbe)

**INTROIT**

*“Alleluia” by Ed Harris*

*SHUMC Ensemble*

**\*\*INVITATION TO WORSHIP**

We come together as the church of Jesus Christ, recognizing that our Lord lived and died not just for the church but for all people, God's highest creation.

**For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son.**

We also recognize that in God's great love, we sense our need first to be loved, and thus to be turned around, to face the needs of others.

**We love, because God first loved us.**

Let us love then, so that we may be free of selfish desires, liberated to strive for God's will.

**Whatever we do to the least of God's family, that, we do to our Lord.**

**\*\*HYMN OF PRAISE**

*“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”*

*UMH#89*

**\*\*INVOCATION (Unison)**

Gracious and loving God, we joyously come together to worship, realizing we need not summon you into our midst, for you are here. We need not call you into the secret places of our hearts, for you are there. We need our eyes of faith to be opened, that we may see you; our ears to be unstopped, that we may hear you; our minds to be sensitive, that we may know you; our hearts to be tender, that we may receive you. Grant each of us a blessing, O Lord, as each has need, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

## WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD FOR US

**CHILDREN'S TIME**

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

Children: The peace of the living Christ be with you!

Congregation: And also with you!

**ANTHEM** *“The Majesty and Glory of Your Name”*

*SHUMC Chancel Choir*

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

*Linda De Ocera*

**SCRIPTURE READING**

*Ephesians 1:3*

**WORD OF GOD FOR TODAY** *“Blessed by God to be a Blessing”* *Jully Laxamana*

**SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**HYMN OF DEDICATION** *“Lord, I Want to Be a Christian” (Vv 1, 2)* *UMH#402*

**PASTORAL PRAYER/DISCIPLE'S PRAYER** (Vv 3, 4)

## WE OFFER OUR SELVES & OUR GIFTS TO GOD

All that we are and all that we have is a trust from God. And so in gratitude for all God's blessings, let us offer ourselves, and all that we have in union with Christ's offering for us.

OFFERTORY

OFFERING

\*\*DOXOLOGY

*UMH#94*

\*\*THANKSGIVING PRAYER

*Linda De Ocera*

**WE DEPART TO SERVE**

\*\*HYMN OF BENEDICTION    *“There’s Within My Heart a Melody”*    *UMH#380*  
*As you have been “Blessed By God to be a Blessing” please come to the altar to offer*  
*your Faith Promise Card.*

\*\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*“Halle, Halle, Hallelujah”*    *John Carter*  
*Please remain seated until postlude is complete*

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**Flowers:** *Jun Fernando*

**Bishop:** *Rev. Warner Brown*

**District Superintendent:** *Rev. Schuyler Rhodes*

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

**Ensemble Director:** *Ed Keller*

**Lay Leader:** *Alde Sarmiento*

**Choir Director:** *Exie Granadosin*

**Council Chair:**

**Nursery:** *Gloria Morales*

**Offering Counters:** *Irene Potter*

*Allison English*

*Jully Laxamana*

*Evelyn Russell*

*Cynthia Elliott*



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