

South Hayward United Methodist Church

*Making Disciples of Jesus Christ for
The Transformation of the World
Thanksgiving and Everybody's Birthday Sunday
November 24, 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

"Come, You Thankful People, Come" Elvey/Smith

WELCOME *Linda De Ocera*

As followers of Christ, we are called to be thankful in all things and at all times. The gift of Christ's constant presence, living in and through us, that we might be fed with food for the soul, and bread for the journey of faithful living and thankful hearts.

INTROIT *"Let All Things Now Living" SHUMC Ensemble*

****INVITATION TO WORSHIP**

Bring joyous noises and songs of praise.

We bring gratitude and gladness this day.

We come with words of rejoicing and songs of celebration.

We come to give thanks for the gifts of God.

****HYMN OF PRAISE** *"Maker, in Whom We Live" UMH#88*

****OPENING PRAYER (Unison)**

Bounteous God, we come into your presence with joyful hearts, as we reflect on the abundance of your love and the sustaining power of your grace. As we celebrate and rejoice,

we remember the things we have learned and the gifts we have received from your hand. Plant these lessons in our lives, that we may be a people of gratitude, abounding in love for a world hungry for compassion. 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!

CHORAL ANTHEM *"Thanks Be To God" SHUMC Chancel Choir*

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION *Linda De Ocera*

SCRIPTURE READING *Acts 14:15-17*

WORD OF GOD FOR TODAY *"THANKSGIVING" Pastor Elmar*

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

HYMN OF DEDICATION *"In Unity We Lift Our Song" TFWS#2221*

PASTORAL PRAYER/DISCIPLE'S PRAYER

WE OFFER OUR SELVES & OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Thanksgiving is more than just a day. Thanksgiving is a way of living. In praise and thanksgiving, let us offer our gifts to God.

OFFERTORY *"Simple Gifts" arr: Mark Hayes*

OFFERING

****DOXOLOGY** *UMH#94*

WE DEPART TO SERVE

****HYMN OF BENEDICTION** *“Now Thank We All Our God”* *UMH#102*
As a token of gratitude for the immeasurable blessings we have received from God, let us now offer our lives and our gifts as we celebrate “Everybody’s Birthday”.

****BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE *“We Gather Together”* *arr. John Innes*
Please remain seated until postlude is complete

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

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*

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*Blessed
Thanksgiving!*