

South Hayward United Methodist Church

Open Hearts, Open Minds, and Open Doors

CHRISTMAS CANTATA

December 15, 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

PRELUDE & PROCESSION OF THE LIGHT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Christmas Carols

SHUMC WIND & STRING ENSEMBLE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING OF ADVENT CANDLE

Cape Family

WELCOME

Ruth Macapagal

Advent is a time of waiting. We are supposed to wait for Jesus' arrival with patience, but it is hard as Christmas approaches. It is also hard to wait for justice and healing. We yearn for the time when people will be healed, when creation will be restored, and when justice and love will be the law of the land.

****INVITATION TO WORSHIP**

The time is coming.

We are waiting.

The time is now. Do you see it?

People are healed. Creation restored.

The world turned upside down.

God-with-us calls us to see and to act.

**We are here to listen, to be transformed, to live into
God's Beloved Community.**

**Let us join together in the presence of the One who makes
this all so. Let us worship the God who is always with us.**

****INVOCATION (unison)**

God of justice, healing and love, we come this morning in this season of waiting and longing and hope: to listen to your voice, to hear your call, and to see transformation. May this time of worship strengthen our resolve to live lives of justice and radical love. May this time of fellowship give us the courage to do more than hear about our world being turned upside down, but to joyfully participate in that turning. Come, O Come, Emmanuel. Amen.

****HYMN OF PRAISE**

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

UMH#211

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD TO US

CHILDREN'S TIME

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

CHILDREN: The peace of the living Christ be with you all!

ALL: And also with you!

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Behold the Star

A Christmas Journey to the Light of Christ

South Hayward United Methodist Church Chancel Choir

Exie Granadosin – Choir Director

Ed Keller - Pianist

SHARING OUR JOYS & CONCERNS

HYMN OF DEDICATION *"Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus" (V1)* *UMH#196*

PASTORAL PRAYER/DISCIPLE'S PRAYER (V2)

WE OFFER OUR SELVES & OUR GIFTS TO GOD

If Mary's words in the Magnificat are ever to come true, we need to be part of the doing and the giving. With full and

