

South Hayward United Methodist Church

*Making Disciples of Jesus Christ for
The Transformation of the World*
FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

December 29, 2013– 10:30AM

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

(PLEASE, silence your Cell Phone)

WE ENTER TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE & PROCESSION OF THE LIGHT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Christmas Carols

SHUMC Ensemble

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME

Ruth Macapagal

In the Old Testament, Isaiah proclaims that it was no angel that saved the people of old, but the very presence of God. The psalmist says that all creation praises God: heaven and earth, young and old, birds of air and every creeping thing. How can we keep from singing God's praises?

INTROIT

"Shepherds Rejoice"

Words by Isaac Watts

**INVITATION TO WORSHIP

Praise the Lord from the highest heaven!

**Let the sun and the moon, and the stars in the sky, all
sing praises to our God!**

Praise the Lord from the deepest valley!

**Let the mountains and the hills, the fruit trees and
cedars, all worship the Lord on high!**

Praise the Lord from the heart of the faithful!

Let the old and the young, the wise and the meek, all lift
their voices and sing for joy!

Let us worship the Lord our God, ruler of heaven and earth!

**HYMN OF PRAISE

"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

UMH#240

**INVOCATION (Unison)

God of holy mystery, it was no heavenly stranger that came to save us; it was no divine afterthought that freed us from captivity to aimlessness and sin; it was no casual gesture that fashioned our salvation. As we laugh and sing our praises at Christmas time, remind us once more of what you offer us; a love born of endless searching, a connection born of deep longing, a future born of selfless sacrifice. As we praise you with our lips, and love you with our hearts, be with us now, for we are your people, and you are our God. 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

SHUMC Chancel Choir

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Ruth Macapagal

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 2:13-23

CHRISTMAS REFLECTION

"Is Christmas Over?"

Pastor Elmar

HOLY BAPTISM

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

HYMN OF DEDICATION *“What Child Is This” (Vv 1, 2)* **UMH#219**

PASTORAL PRAYER/DISCIPLE’S PRAYER *(V 3)*

WE OFFER OUR SELVES & OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Our gracious and loving God is the source of all that was and all that will be. Let us give thanks and offer the fruits of our labor.

OFFERTORY

OFFERING

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

****THANKSGIVING PRAYER** *Ruth Macapagal*

WE DEPART TO SERVE

****HYMN OF BENEDICTION** *“There’s a Song in the Air”* **UMH#249**

****BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE *“Ding Dong Merrily on High”* *arr. Gordon Young*
Please remain seated until postlude is completed

Flowers:

Bishop: *Rev. Warner Brown*
Pastor: *Rev. Elmar De Ocera*
Lay Leader: *Alde Sarmiento*
Council Chair: *Alde Sarmiento*

District Superintendent: *Rev Schuyler Rhodes*
Ensemble Director: *Ed Keller*
Choir Director: *Exie Granadosin*
Nursery: *Gloria Morales*

Offering Counters: *Irene Potter*
Jully Laxamana
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