

South Hayward United Methodist Church

*Making Disciples of Jesus Christ for
The Transformation of the World
Seventh Sunday After the Epiphany
February 23, 2014--10:30 AM*

****Those Who Are Able, Please Stand** (PLEASE, silence your Cell Phone)
Child Nursery Available-Just Ask One of the Ushers

WE ENTER TO WORSHIP

PRAISE SINGING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE & PROCESSION OF THE LIGHT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

"Seek Ye First" Lafferty/Pachelbel/Wagner

WELCOME *Myrna Eugenio*

Scripture urges us to be holy because God's Spirit is within us, we are God's temple. As God's holy temple, we need to follow God's precepts and Jesus suggests we do this through love. We are perfected in love. For Jesus, perfection is found in love's perfection.

INTROIT *"Let Your Light Shine" Ruth Ann Parish SHUMC Ensemble*

****INVITATION TO WORSHIP**

You belong to God.

In God, we are holy, for God is holy.

You belong to Christ.

In Christ, we are loving, for Christ is loving.

You belong to the Spirit

In the Spirit, we are perfect, for the Spirit is perfect.

****HYMN OF PRAISE** *"O Young and Fearless Prophet"* **UMH#444**

****INVOCATION (Unison)**

Holy god, preach us your ways of life and death. When we are wronged, help us turn the other cheek without anger or resentment. When we are asked to give to those in need, help us offer what we can without judgment or bitterness. Show us how to love our enemies and repay evil with kindness, that we might be perfect even as you are perfect. Amen.

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD FOR US

CHILDREN'S TIME

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

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

Congregation: And also with you!

ANTHEM *"O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing" SHUMC Chancel Choir*

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION *Myrna Eugenio*

SCRIPTURE READING *(The word of God for the people of God) Matthew 5:38-48
(Thanks be to God)*

WORD OF GOD FOR TODAY *"Stone Soup" Pastor Elmar*

SHARING OUR JOYS & 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

As we give of ourselves and share God's gifts freely with others, we give blessing and honor to our God. Let us give God glory by our tithes and offerings.

OFFERTORY

"On Eagle's Wings"

Joncas/Hayes

OFFERING

****DOXOLOGY**

UMH#94

****THANKSGIVING PRAYER**

Myrna Eugenio

WE DEPART TO SERVE

****HYMN OF BENEDICTION**

"Freely, Freely"

UMH#389

****BENEDICTION**

With God as our Shepherd, we go forth.

With Christ as our guide, we go forth.

With God's Spirit showing us the way, we go forth.

With joy and love, we go forth.

POSTLUDE

"Make Me a Channel of Your Peace"

Temple/Carter

Please remain seated until postlude is complete

Flowers:

Bishop: *Rev. Warner Brown*

Pastor: *Rev. Elmar R. De Ocera*

Lay Leader: *Alde Sarmiento*

Council Chair: *Alde Sarmiento*

Offering Counters: *Irene Potter*

Jully Laxamana

Evelyn Russell

Cynthia Elliott

District Superintendent: *Rev Schuyler Rhodes*

Ensemble Director: *Ed Keller*

Choir Director: *Exie Granadosin*

Nursery: *Gloria Morales*

Alison English



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"Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you."