

South Hayward United Methodist Church

*Making Disciples of Jesus Christ for
The Transformation of the World
Second Sunday of Advent/Communion Sunday
December 4, 2016-10:30 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

WELCOME *Pastor Rochelle*

HYMNODY “Angels from the Realms of Glory” *Aurora Castro*

ANNOUNCEMENTS/ GUESTS/BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

PRELUDE & PROCESSION OF THE LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES
“Christmas Carols” *SHUMC Ensemble*

INTROIT *Fijian Language Ministry*

LIGHTING OF THE SECOND ADVENT CANDLE *Fijian Choir*

We light this candle as a symbol of Christ the Way.
May the Word sent from God through the prophets lead us to the way of salvation.

****HYMN** “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”-Second Verse *UMH#211*

****INVITATION TO WORSHIP** (Isaiah 11, Matthew 3) *Isei Daveta*

Leader: As we prepare to grow with God.

People: We nurture love and understanding.

Leader: As we prepare to grow with Christ.

People: We bring forth justice and peace.

Leader: As we prepare to grow in the Spirit.

ALL: We live the promises of Christmas- -promises of love, peace, hope and joy.

****OPENING HYMN** “Hail to the Lord’s Anointed” *UMH#203*

****OPENING PRAYER (Unison) (Isaiah 11)**

Heavenly Father,

Nurture us with the bread of justice. Strengthen us with wine of compassion and peace. Shower us with wellspring of hope and promise. Live in us this day, that we may grow in stature and grace. In Christ’s name, we pray. Amen.

WE LISTEN TO GOD’S WORD FOR US

CHILDREN’S TIME

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

Congregation: **And also with you!**

****PASS THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

ANTHEM “Heaven’s Child” *SHUMC Chancel Choir*

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION *Isei Daveta*

SCRIPTURE READING (Fijian and English) *Isaiah 11:1-4*

MESSAGE “The Ways of Life” *Pastor Rochelle*

****HYMN OF DEDICATION** “People, Look East” *UMH#202*

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS/PASTORAL PRAYER/THE LORD’S PRAYER *UMH#895*

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING (Psalm 72)

As we share our gifts with the people of God, we bring forth justice for the poor, deliverance to the needy, and hope to the oppressed.

HOLY COMMUNION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison) (Matthew 3, Isaiah 11)

Holy Spirit, send your cleansing fire into our lives that we may bear the fruit of righteousness. When we create division where peace is most needed, lead us into the

ways of life. When we harden our hearts against love and kindness, soften our hearts so that love guides our paths. Forgive us and grant us the peace that passes all understanding and nourish us with hope and faith.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE (Unison) (Isaiah 11)

Christ is God's branch of grace and mercy--the promise of new life. In Christ, we are freed to begin anew, and to grow in the love of God.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING-See Insert

*Let Us Break Bread Together #618 One Bread, One Body #620
Eat This Bread #628 Take Our Bread #640*

(After receiving the elements of Holy Communion, you are invited to come to the kneeler or stand in front of the altar to pray and receive a prayer of blessing)

WE DEPART TO SERVE

****HYMN OF BENEDICTION** “*Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming*” **UMH#216**

****BENEDICTION** **Pastor Rochelle**

POSTLUDE “*Angels from the Realms of Glory*” **Smart/Innes**
Please remain seated until postlude is complete

Flowers: *Jully Laxamana*

Bishop: *Rev. Minerva Carcano*

Pastor: *Rev. Rochelle Frazier*

Lay Leader: *Jully Laxamana & Wilhelmina Shauf*

Council Chair: *Alde Sarmiento*

Offering Counters: *Irene Potter*

Bob Pepler

Evelyn Russell

District Superintendent: *Rev. Schuyler Rhodes*

Ensemble Director: *Ed Keller*

Choir Director: *Exie Granadosin*

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Gloria Morales

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