

South Hayward United Methodist Church

Making Disciples of Jesus Christ for

The Transformation of the World

First Sunday of Lent/Communion Sunday

March 5, 2017-10:30 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

“Heaven Came Down” John W. Peterson. 1961

Aurora Castro

ANNOUNCEMENTS/ GUESTS/BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

PRELUDE & PROCESSION OF THE LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

“And Can It Be?”

Campbell/Wyrtzen

INTROIT

Fijian Language Ministry

**** INVITATION TO WORSHIP**

Isei Daveta

Leader: In the wilderness of life, we are not alone.

People: God is with us, even in the midst of our loneliness.

Leader: On the treacherous path, God’s guidance is ours.

People: We will walk in God’s ways of wisdom and truth.

Leader: Come to hear. Come to learn. Come to the hiding place of God.

People: Here we find grace. Here we find love.

ALL: Here we will worship and pray.

****OPENING HYMN**

“Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty”

UMH#64

****OPENING PRAYER (Unison) (Matthew 4)**

Faithful God, strengthen us for the journey ahead. Guide us with your knowledge and your love. Send your Spirit to drive us and guide us where we need to go- -ever closer to you and to your ways. In Jesus’ 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

“O Lord Most Holy”

SHUMC Chancel Choir

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Isei Daveta

SCRIPTURE READING

(Fijian and English)

Matthew 4:1-11

MESSAGE

“Temptation”

Pastor Rochelle

****HYMN OF DEDICATION**

“Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me”

UMH#361

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS/PASTORAL PRAYER/THE LORD’S PRAYER

UMH#895

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

Come to the bread of life! Come to the table of grace! And as we come, let us give our gifts to God.

HOLY COMMUNION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison) (Genesis 2-3, Psalm 32)

God of mercy and grace, cover our nakedness, and strengthen our vulnerabilities. Forgive us in our sinfulness, and surround us with your faithful love, that we may know true happiness through your mercy and grace.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE (Unison) (Psalm 32, Romans 5)

Faithful love surrounds you. Forgiveness is yours, through the grace of Christ. Rejoice and be glad!

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