



**HAYWARD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

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Website: Hayward UMC.org Ministers: Congregation*

Sunday, September 20 ~ 10:00 a.m.

**16th Sunday after Pentecost**

*\*Please stand as you are able*

**HYMN SING**

77 vs 2 *How Great Thou Art*  
110 *A Mighty Fortress is Our God*  
314 *In The Garden*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS & GREETING**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

We have a generous and gracious Creator God. We come now to hear and to be reminded of God’s powerful presence that sustains our lives.

**We have chosen to embrace the gifts our Creator has given us and the awareness that God is the source of strength and hope in the world.**

May we be awakened to new understandings of God’s urgency to share all that is provided as we choose to follow in the knowledge of God’s love.

**Come Holy Spirit and open our eyes and our hearts to the abundance we receive from God.**

\*HYMN 57 *O For A Thousand Tongues to Sing*

**\*PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

**We sense you, God, in the present tense. Break down whatever false defense has kept you at bay, without delay. Stay. A ray of light is shining in the darkness, and defining what is right, for all are precious in your sight. Abide with all, against the fall of night, until at last the world is right. Amen.**

CHOIR ANTHEM 144 *This is My Father’s World*

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

**THE WORD Matthew 14:13-21**

Feeding the five thousand:  
When Jesus heard about [the death of] John, he withdrew in a boat to a

deserted place by himself. When the crowds learned this, they followed him on foot from the cities.

**When Jesus arrived and saw a large crowd, he had compassion for them and healed those who were sick. That evening his disciples came and said to him, “This is an isolated place and it’s getting late. Send the crowds away so they can go into the villages and buy food for themselves.”**

But Jesus said to them, “There’s no need to send them away. You give them something to eat.”

**They replied, “We have nothing here except five loaves of bread and two fish.”**

He said, “Bring them here to me.” He ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. He took the five loaves of bread and the two fish, looked up to heaven, blessed them and broke the loaves apart and gave them to his disciples.

**Then the disciples gave them to the crowds. Everyone ate until they were full, and they filled twelve baskets with the leftovers. About five thousand men plus women and children had eaten.**

***Response to Scripture***

Liturgist: The words of Holy Scripture. **Congregation: Thanks be to God.**

LIVING THE WORD “Choosing God’s Abundance”

\*HYMN 344 *Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore*

**JOYS & CONCERNS**

*Prayers of the People & Pastoral Prayer  
The Lord’s Prayer*

**OFFERING**

Offertory  
\* Song of Praise – 94 *Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow*

**\*Prayer of Consecration**

**Multiply our gifts, Compassionate Jesus, as you multiplied the loaves and fishes all those centuries ago. This we pray, confident that your miracles still occur. Amen.**

\*HYMN 122

*God of the Sparrow*

\*ANTICIPATING TOMORROW Guest Preacher – Rev. Kathy Jury

BLESSING

\*SUNG BENEDICTION ~ *You are invited to join in singing Shalom:*

**Shalom to you now, shalom my friends.**

**May God's full mercies bless you, my friends.**

**In all your living and through your loving,**

**Christ be your shalom, Christ be your shalom.**

**IN MINISTRY TODAY:**

Usher: Jim Roth, Beth Wiberger

Musician: Robin Frame

Choir Director: Shirley Anderson

Tech: Peggy Stewart

Church: Carol

John Isenhardt Jr.

Secretary: Heinrich

Sept 21		Newsletter Articles Due
23	11:00AM	Bible Study
24	10:30AM	Can We Talk?
27	10:00AM	Worship: Facebook Online or At the Church with Masks

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