



**Bulletin for Sunday, November 8, 2020
LPPC Online Worship Service via Zoom**

Las Placitas Presbyterian Church November 8, 2020 Twenty-third
Sunday after Pentecost

THE PEOPLE GATHER

GATHERING MUSIC

Mindy Sampson

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER

Rich Holmes

One: At this sacred hour, we open our hearts, our minds, our whole
being to you, Creator God.

All: Fill us with an awareness of your presence. Bind us together in
your Spirit and your love. Amen.

Call to Worship from Psalm 78

Rich Holmes

One: I will utter hidden things, things from of old—what we have
heard and known, what our fathers and mothers have told us.

All: We will not hide them from their children. We will tell the next
generation the praiseworthy deeds of the Lord.

One: God decreed statutes for Jacob and established the law in Israel, which he commanded our forefathers to teach their children,

All: So that the next generation would know them, even the children yet to be born, and they in turn would tell their children.

Opening Hymn “Let Justice Flow Like Streams” Elliot Smith

Call to Confession: Beloved of God, hear these words of scripture “If anyone does sin, we have an advocate [who is] Jesus Christ the righteous and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.” As we trust Christ to intercede for us, let us confess our sins to God with the assurance that God will forgive us. Let us now pray the prayer of confession.

Prayer of Confession: Almighty God, you are the giver of every good and perfect gift. We confess that we have misused and misunderstood your blessings. We stuff our lives with possessions, our schedules with activity and our bodies with excess, but these things leave us empty. In our pride we try to manufacture our fulfillment rather than receive it as a gift.

In your mercy, Lord, forgive us. Satisfy our hungers with the bread of heaven; quench our thirst with your living water. Let your love fill us until we want no more, through Jesus Christ our Lord we pray, Amen.

SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS (pastor) Hear the good news of scripture: "The Lord is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance." Know that God forgives all of your sins and be at peace.

ACCEPTANCE OF FORGIVENESS (All) - We rejoice that we are forgiven and made new. Thanks be to God! Amen.

* SHARING SIGNS OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST One: Let us share God's Peace with one another, and with the world, by waving to the other members or using a Zoom icon to send a greeting

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

One: As we listen for the Good News of Christ among us, let us pray:

All: Lord, open our hearts and minds by the work of your Holy Spirit, so that as the Scriptures are read and your Word is experienced, we may hear with joy the word that you have for us today.

READING FROM THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES Amos 5: 18-24

Spanish liturgist: Sally Curro

READING FROM THE GREEK SCRIPTURES Matthew 25: 1-13

English liturgist: Richard Holmes

Solo "Keep Your Lamps" Elliot Smith

SERMON "A Day and an Hour Unknown" Rich Holmes

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from A Brief Statement of Faith)

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and earth, praying "Come, Lord Jesus!" With believers of every time and place, we rejoice that nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD'S PRAYER
(Ecumenical version, adapted) Our Lord God in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

OFFERING and OFFERTORY

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

One: Loving God, even if we give you all that we have, it is worth nothing if it is not given out of a spirit of thanksgiving. May every penny we offer you be given with a grateful heart, as we remember that everything we have is only what you have entrusted to us.

