



BULLETIN FOR NOVEMBER 1, 2020

Las Placitas Presbyterian Church November 1, 2020 All Saint's Day
9:00 A.M. Virtual Service by Zoom

THE PEOPLE GATHER

GATHERING MUSIC

Mindy Sampson

Greetings

Pastor Rich Holmes

Call to Worship

OPENING PRAYER

Rich Holmes

One: You have knit together your people in one communion and fellowship, O God. You have made us into the mystical body of Christ and joined us with all the saints who have come before us.

All: We gather together now with those whose voices we now hear and with those whose voices are now silent but whose echoes we hear from ages past. Make us one with all your witnesses whose lives are stories to be told and retold. Together we all worship you for the sake of your glory, Amen.

RESPONSIVE READING from Psalm 34

Rich Holmes

One: I will bless the Lord at all times. God's praise shall continually be in my mouth.

All: My soul makes its boast in the Lord. Let the humble hear and be glad.

One: O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt God's name

together.

All: O taste and see that the Lord is good. Happy are those who take refuge in God.

Musical Interlude

Elliot Smith

CALL TO CONFESSION –

Brothers and sisters in Christ, remember that our Lord Jesus can sympathize with us in our weaknesses, since he was tempted in every way that we are, yet without sin. Let us then with boldness approach the throne of grace, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. Let us now confess what we have done to sin against God and our neighbor.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: Eternal God, in every age you have raised up men and women to live and die in faith. We confess that we are indifferent to your will. You call us to proclaim your name, but we are silent. You call us to do what is just, but we remain idle. You call us to live faithfully, but we are afraid.

In your mercy, forgive us. Give us courage to follow in your way, that joined with those from ages past, who have served you with faith, hope, and love, we may inherit the heavenly reign you promised in Jesus Christ.

SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS (pastor) Beloved of God, hear these words from Jesus: “God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.” As we trust in these words, may we know that our sins are forgiven 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 Joshua 3: 7-17

English liturgist: Rich Holmes

READING FROM THE GREEK SCRIPTURES Matthew 5: 1-12

Spanish liturgist: Anne Hays Egan

Solo
Elliot Smith

SERMON "Who Is a Saint?"
Rich Holmes

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

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: Gracious God, with these tithes and offerings, loaf and cup, we long to be your faithful givers. We give so that we may follow the one who gave everything for us.

All: May your Spirit which gives more than we can ask or imagine, bless these gifts and make them holy, just as we are made holy by that same Spirit. Amen.

SHARING THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY

COMMUNION

Invitation

Breaking the Bread, Pouring the Cup

Participating in the Sacrament

Prayer of Thanksgiving

One: Let us pray. Eternal God, by the sharing of the loaf and cup, you have renewed our spirits and awakened new life within us. In the joy of this renewal and awakening, may we now go out into all the world, making peace, sharing of ourselves, and spreading love as your faithful people.

All: In the name of Jesus Christ we pray, Amen.

FOLLOWING THE WORD OUT INTO THE WORLD

Musical Response

Elliott Smith

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

Mindy Sampson