



## **Greetings from Pastor Rich December 18, 2020**

Saludos en el nombre de Jesucristo!

This Sunday evening at 7pm, it will be my great honor to be the moderator of this year's WSPR event titled "Night Songs within the Great Pause". I know that the last week before Christmas is a busy time for all of us, but in the midst of all our preparation for Christmas, I hope that you can find time to bring your candle and join in this wonderful event.

I think it is clear to everyone that we are not living in the best of times, to put it mildly. The pandemic we're living in has not only claimed more than 300,000 lives in our nation, but it has devastated our economy, isolated us from our friends and families, and even ruined the health of people who have survived infection. But there is one thing this pandemic cannot take from us and that is artistic expression. Throughout history, even when they were living in times of disease, famine and persecution, the human race has always had music, dance, sculpture, painting, literature and poetry. Through these forms of expression, the human race has always been able to survive by giving a voice to their suffering, finding joy and beauty wherever it could be found and most importantly, by finding a way to heal from what they are experiencing. We would not have some of the most beloved parts of the bible without song and poetry and I believe this is because in both good times and bad, the language of artistic expression connects us to God in a way that prose simply cannot.

So, if you are seeking a time of spiritual and emotional healing from what has surely been a difficult year for all of us, I hope you will be with us Sunday evening for this annual LPPC tradition. This year will be taking place virtually and you can find the link on the LPPC website. Finally, I also look forward to joining you this Sunday at 9am for worship on what will be the Fourth Sunday of Advent. The scripture readings for this Sunday will be Second

Samuel 7: 1-11, 16 and Luke 1: 46-55. My sermon will be titled  
"Along Comes Mary."

Blessings,

Pastor Rich

Las Placitas Presbyterian Church is inviting you to a scheduled  
Zoom meeting.

Topic: Las Placitas Presbyterian Church's Sunday Service  
Time: 9:00am