

Las Placitas Presbyterian Church

November 15, 2020

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost

THE PEOPLE GATHER

GATHERING MUSIC

Mindy Sampson

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER

Rich Holmes

One: O God in whom we live and move and have our being, we bind our hearts to your heart.

All: Through the power of your Spirit, may we see with your vision, love with your love, and welcome all as Christ welcomes us. Amen.

Call to Worship from Psalm 123

Rich Holmes

One: To you I lift up my eyes, to you enthroned in the heavens.

All: As the eyes of servants look to the hands of their masters,

One: And the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress,

All: So our eyes look to the Lord our God, until God shows us mercy.

Opening Hymn

“Open the Eyes of My Heart”

Elliot Smith

Call to Confession: Beloved of God, if we say we have no sin we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive us and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. As we trust in this promise, let us now pray confess what we have done to sin against God and our neighbor.

Prayer of Confession: Holy and merciful God, we confess our sins to you and to one another. We have not listened to your call to serve as Christ served us. We have neglected prayer and worship and not made time to focus on your will. We have neglected those who suffer and been indifferent to injustice and cruelty. We have been quick to judge, slow to listen and slow to understand.

Forgive us, we pray, and make us more holy. Then, as we are changed, may this world be changed by what we do. In Jesus' name, Amen.

SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS (pastor) Hear these words from Jesus: "God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but so that the world might be saved through him." Know that your 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 Jeremiah 8: 18- 9:1

Spanish liturgist: Judie Hendry

READING FROM THE GREEK SCRIPTURES First Timothy 2: 1-7

English liturgist: Rich Holmes

Solo

"God's Heart's Desire, a House on Earth"

Elliot Smith

RESPONDING TO THE WORD**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from The Confession of Belhar)**

We believe in the triune God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, who gathers, protects and cares for the church through Word and Spirit. We believe in one holy, universal Christian church, the communion of saints called from the entire human race.

We believe that God has entrusted the church with the message of reconciliation in and through Jesus Christ; we believe that the church is called to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world, that the church is called blessed because it is a peacemaker, that the church is witness by both word and deed to the new heaven and the new earth in which righteousness dwells.

We believe that God, in a world full of injustice and enmity, is in a special way the God of the destitute, the poor and the wronged. We believe that God calls the church to follow God in this; for God brings justice to the oppressed and gives bread to the hungry.

We believe that the church must therefore stand by people in any form of suffering and need, which implies, among other things, that the church must witness against and strive against any form of injustice, so that justice may roll down like waters and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

Jesus is Lord. To the one and only God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be the honor and the glory forever and ever.

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: What can we offer you, O God, which will show you our thanks for all you have given us? There are limits to what we can give, but your grace is unlimited.

All: Accept these gifts, we pray, not because they make us worthy of your love and mercy, but because they are offered in the name of one who was, is, and will always be worthy for our sake; Amen.

FOLLOWING THE WORD OUT INTO THE WORLD

Musical Response

“Oh Lord, Take My Words”

Elliot Smith

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

Mindy Sampson