



Las Placitas Presbyterian Church

January 17, 2021

Second Sunday after Epiphany

~THE PEOPLE GATHER~

GATHERING MUSIC

Mindy Sampson

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER

Pastor Rich Holmes

One: We praise you for all your wonders, O God: for every star in the night sky, for every fish swimming in the ocean, for every insect creeping along the ground, for every bird soaring through the air.

***All: We praise you in every language, in silence and in speech, in shouts and in whispers, in music, in poetry, in prose. In every way we know how, we praise you!**

RESPONSIVE READING

from Psalm 139

Rich Holmes

One: O Lord, you have searched us and known us. You know when we sit down and when we rise. You discern our thoughts from far away.

***All: You search out our paths and our lying down, and are acquainted with all our ways.**

One: Even before a word is on our tongues, O Lord, you know it completely.

***All: Such knowledge is too wonderful for us; it is so high that we cannot attain it.**

Opening Hymn

“Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak”

Elliot Smith

Call to Confession: Brothers and sisters in Christ, the proof of God's amazing love is this. While we were still sinners, Christ died for us, and because we have faith in him, we dare to approach God in confidence. Let us therefore confess our sins to God with the confidence that God will forgive us.

***Prayer of Confession: O God, who sent Christ to make intercession, have mercy on us as we confess our sin. He was oppressed; we afflict others. He was judged; we declare others unworthy. He was stricken; we cause others pain. He was put to death; we destroy the innocent. Numbered with sinners, he bore our transgressions.**

Through Christ make us righteous, O God, so that in him we can obey you and live for your glory. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS (pastor) Hear the words of the Lord Jesus: "I tell you the truth, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and will not be condemned. He has crossed over from death to life." Know that your sins are forgiven and you have the promise of eternal life. Rejoice 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

1 Samuel 3:1-

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Spanish liturgist: Pat Thorpe

El joven Samuel seguía sirviendo al Señor bajo las órdenes de Elí. En aquella época era muy raro que el Señor comunicara a alguien un mensaje; no era frecuente que alguien tuviera una visión. Pero un día Elí, que había comenzado a quedarse ciego y no podía ver bien, estaba durmiendo en su habitación. Samuel estaba acostado en el templo del Señor, donde se encontraba el arca

de Dios. La lámpara del santuario seguía encendida. Entonces el Señor lo llamó: –¡Samuel! – ¡Aquí estoy! –contestó él. Luego corrió adonde estaba Elí, y le dijo: –Aquí me tiene usted; ¿para qué me quería? –Yo no te he llamado –contestó Elí–. Vuelve a acostarte. Entonces Samuel fue y se acostó. Pero el Señor llamó otra vez: –¡Samuel! y Samuel se levantó y fue junto a Elí, diciendo: –Aquí me tiene usted; ¿para qué me quería? –Yo no te he llamado, hijo mío – respondió Elí–. Vuelve a acostarte. Samuel no conocía al Señor todavía, pues él aún no le había manifestado nada. Pero por tercera vez llamó el Señor a Samuel, y este se levantó y fue a decirle a Elí: –Aquí me tiene usted; ¿para qué me quería? Elí, comprendiendo entonces que era el Señor quien llamaba al joven, dijo a este: –Ve a acostarte; y si el Señor te llama, respóndele: 'Habla, que tu siervo escucha.'

Entonces Samuel se fue y se acostó en su sitio. Después llegó el Señor, se de tuvo y lo llamó igual que antes: –¡Samuel! ¡Samuel! –Habla, que tu siervo escucha –contestó Samuel.

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the LORD under Eli. The word of the LORD was rare in those days; visions were not widespread. At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was. Then the LORD called, “Samuel! Samuel!” and he said, “Here I am!” and ran to Eli, and said, “Here I am, for you called me.” But he said, “I did not call; lie down again.” So he went and lay down. The LORD called again, “Samuel!” Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, “Here I am, for you called me.” But he said, “I did not call, my son; lie down again.” Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him. The LORD called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, “Here I am, for you called me.” Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the boy. Therefore Eli said to Samuel, “Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, ‘Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening.’ ” So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

Now the LORD came and stood there, calling as before, “Samuel! Samuel!” And Samuel said, “Speak, for your servant is listening.”

READING FROM THE GREEK SCRIPTURES

John 1:43-51

English liturgist: Rich Holmes

Special Music

“Take Me to the Alley”

Elliot Smith

Maki Kimura, piano; Michael Herndon, voice

SERMON

“Getting the Whole Picture”

Rich Holmes

~RESPONDING TO THE WORD~

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from A Brief Statement of Faith)**

We believe in one God, the Creator, the Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all that is seen and unseen.

We believe in one Redeemer, Jesus Christ, the only Child of God, eternally begotten of the Creator, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, one in being with the Creator. Through Christ all things were made.

For us and for our salvation, Jesus Christ came down from heaven, was born of the Virgin Mary by the power of the Holy Spirit and became human.

For our sake Jesus was crucified under Pontius Pilate, suffered, died and was buried. On the third day, Christ rose again in fulfillment of the Scriptures, ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God. Jesus Christ will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and the Reign of God will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Sanctifier, the Giver of Life, who proceeds from God the Creator, and Jesus Christ the Redeemer, who with the Creator and the Redeemer, is worshipped and glorified and who has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD'S PRAYER

Padre nuestro, que estás en los cielos, santificado sea tu nombre. Venga tu reino. Hágase tu voluntad, así en la tierra como en el cielo. El pan nuestro de cada día, dánoslo hoy. Y perdónanos nuestras deudas, así como nosotros perdonamos a nuestros deudores. Y no nos dejes caer en la tentación, mas libranos del mal. Porque tuyo es el reino, el poder, y la gloria, ahora y por siempre. Amén.

OFFERING AND OFFERTORY

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

One: God of abundance, while the world around us seeks after more and more and never seems to have enough, we remember that you have blessed us with so much.

***All: We now return a portion of these blessings to you and pray that you would use them so that others may know your goodness and glory. Amen.**

~FOLLOWING THE WORD OUT INTO THE WORLD~

Musical Response

“We Shall Overcome”

Elliot Smith

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Mindy Sampson

***The congregation is asked to join in the responses labeled “All” but to keep their microphones muted. The liturgist, Anne Hays Egan, will keep her microphone on.**