## Revive "Lifting Holy Hands" December 6, 2020 / Pastor Shawn Penn

When we come to God in worship we come first to not to
"No, I insist on paying you for it. I will not sacrifice to the Lord my God burnt offerings that cost me nothing." 2 Samuel 24:24 (cp. Isaiah 29:13)
The Placement of our  Reflects the Posture of our
<sup>1</sup> You, God, are my God, earnestly I seek you; I thirst for you, my whole being longs for you, in a dry and parched land where there is no water. <sup>2</sup> I have seen you in the sanctuary and beheld your power and your glory. <sup>3</sup> Because your love is better than life, my lips will glorify you. <sup>4</sup> I will praise you as long as I live, and in your name I will lift up my hands.  Psalm 63:1-4  Therefore I want the men everywhere to pray lifting up holy hands without anger or disputing.  1 Timothy 2:8
Purposes of Lifting Holy Hands
1. Raised Hands are Invitation for  1 I call to you, LORD, come quickly to me; hear me when I call to you.  2 May my prayer be set before you like incense; may the lifting of my hands be like the evening sacrifice. Psalm 141:1-2
4º Let us examine our ways and test them, and let us return to the Lord. 4¹ Let us lift up our hearts and our hands to God in heaven, and say: 4² "We have sinned and rebelled and you have not forgiven"  Lamentations 3:40-42
8 Come near to God and he will come near to you. Wash your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. James 4:8
2. Raised Hands are Cry for  ¹ To you, Lord, I call; you are my Rock, do not turn a deaf ear to me. For if you remain silent, I will be like those who go down to the pit. ² Hear my cry for mercy as I call to you for help, as I lift up my hands toward your Most Holy Place.  Psalm 28:1-2

## 3. Raised Hands are Sign of \_\_\_\_\_

<sup>1</sup> Praise the Lord, all you servants of the Lord who minister by night in the house of the Lord. <sup>2</sup> Lift up your hands in the sanctuary and praise the Lord. <sup>3</sup> May the Lord bless you from Zion, he who is the Maker of heaven and earth. Psalm 134.1-3

## 4. Raised Hands are a Declaration of

Arise, cry out in the night, as the watches of the night begin; pour our your heart like water in the presence of the Lord. Lift up your hands to him for the lives of your children, who faint from hunger at every street corner.

Lamentations 2:19

10 So Joshua fought the Amalekites as Moses had ordered, and Moses, [and] Aaron and Hur went to the top of the hill.
 11 As long as Moses held up his hands the Israelites were winning, but whenever he lowered his hands the Amalekites were winning.
 12 When Moses' hands grew tired, they took a stone and put it under him and he sat on it. Aaron and Hur held his hands up – one on one side, one on the other – so that his hands remained steady til sunset.
 13 So Joshua overcame the Amalekite army with the sword.

## **Group Discussion/Participation Activities**

- 1. Discuss what stood out to you from Sunday's message and it's relevance to your daily life.
- **2.** Do the Worship Activity #4, downloaded from **pasochurch.com**, as a Group.
- **3.** Share your discovery from the Advent Reading, Rediscovering Christmas.
- 4. Take Communion together.
- **5.** Pray for one another.