

**THE WORSHIP OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD
AT SWIFT CHURCH**
Seventh Sunday of Easter

GATHERING

WELCOME

PRELUDE *"It Is Well"*

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

*CALL TO WORSHIP Chuck Carneal

One: Happy are those who do not ridicule and scoff

All: But who delight in God's teachings and meditate on them day and night.

One: They are like trees planted by streams of water.

All: They yield fruit in due season,

One: and their leaves do not wither. Let us worship God!

*HYMN "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" #92

Vs. 1 – Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heav'n, to earth come down;

Fix in us Thy humble dwelling, All Thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, Thou art all compassion, Pure, unbounded love Thou art;
Visit us with Thy salvation, Enter ev'ry trembling heart.

Vs. 2 – Breathe, O breathe Thy loving Spirit Into ev'ry troubled breast!

Let us all in Thee inherit, Let us find that promised rest.

Take away our bent to sinning, Alpha and Omega be;

End of faith, as its beginning, Set our hearts at liberty.

Vs. 3 – Come, almighty to deliver, Let us all Thy life receive;

Suddenly return, and never, Nevermore Thy temples leave.

Thee we would be always blessing, Serve Thee as Thy hosts above,

Pray and praise Thee without ceasing, Glory in Thy perfect love.

Vs. 4 – Finish then Thy new creation, Pure and spotless let us be;

Let us see Thy great salvation Perfectly restored in Thee;

Changed from glory into glory, Till in heav'n we take our place,

Till we cast our crowns before Thee, Lost in wonder, love and praise

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Silent Prayer "Lead Me, Lord"

God, though you call us to delight in your teachings, we can become cynical and full of doubt. Do not judge us, we pray, but heal us and restore us to you. Guard us and protect us from evil, and sanctify us in truth; in Jesus' name. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: ... in Jesus Christ we are forgiven

People: Thanks be to God.

*PASSING THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you all.

People: And also with you.

*RESPONSE "Gloria Patri" #623

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end, Amen, Amen

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SPECIAL MOTHER'S DAY PERFORMANCE

FIRST READING Psalm 1:1–6

GOSPEL READING John 17:6–19

RESPONSE

Leader: This is the word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON "I Have Given Them Your Word"
Reverend Alexandra Hutson

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*HYMN "Wonderful Words of Life" #270
Vs. 1 – Sing them over again to me, Wonderful words of Life;
Let me more of their beauty see, Wonderful words of Life.
Words of life and beauty, Teach me faith and duty;

Refrain: Beautiful words, wonderful words, Wonderful words of Life.
Beautiful words, wonderful words, Wonderful words of Life.

Vs. 2 – Christ, the blessed One, gives to all Wonderful words of Life;
Sinner, list to the loving call, Wonderful words of Life.
All so freely given, Wooing us to Heaven:
Refrain

Vs. 3 – Sweetly echo the gospel call, Wonderful words of Life;
Offer pardon and peace to all, Wonderful words of Life.
Jesus, only Savior, Sanctify forever:
Refrain

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH "The Apostles' Creed"

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

**please stand as you are able*

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day, our daily bread; and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory "I Surrender All"

*RESPONSE "Doxology" #625

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise Him all creatures here below; praise Him above ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*PRAYER AND DEDICATION OF THE OFFERING

SENDING

*HYMN "Take My Life and Let It Be" #379

Vs. 1 – Take my life and let it be
Consecrated, Lord, to thee;
Take my moments and my days –
Let them flow in ceaseless praise,
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Vs. 2 – Take my hands and let them move
At the impulse of Thy love;
Take my feet and let them be
Swift and beautiful for thee,
Swift and beautiful for Thee.

Vs. 3 – Take my voice and let me sing
Always, only, for my King;
Take my lips and them be
Filled with messages from Thee,
Filled with messages from Thee.

Vs. 4 – Take my silver and my gold –
Not a mite would I withhold;
Take my intellect and use
Every power as Thou shalt choose.
Every power as Thou shalt choose.

Vs. 5 – Take my will and make it Thine –
It shall be no longer mine;
Take my heart – it is Thine own,
It shall be Thy royal throne,
It shall be Thy royal throne.

Vs. 6 – Take my love – my Lord, I pour
At Thy feet its treasure store;
Take myself – and I will be
Ever, only, all for Thee,
Ever, only, all for Thee.

*TAKING THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

*CHARGE

Leader: Good people of Swift Church, who are you?
People: **Striving to bring God joy, we proclaim
Christ's love and grace through serving
and nurturing body, mind, and soul.**

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

"He Hideth My Soul"



*Please join us in the fellowship
hall for a Mother's Day brunch
immediately after worship.*

LEADERSHIP AT SWIFT

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Welcome to Swift Church

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