

**THE WORSHIP OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD
AT SWIFT CHURCH**

Day of Pentecost

GATHERING

WELCOME

PRELUDE “Surely the Presence of the Lord”

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

***CALL TO WORSHIP** Susan Pichoff

One: O LORD, how manifold are your works!

All: In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

One: May the glory of the LORD endure forever; may the Lord rejoice in his works

All: who looks on the earth and it trembles, who touches the mountains and they smoke.

One: I will sing to the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have being.

All: May my meditation be pleasing to him, for I Rejoice in the LORD.

One: Bless the LORD, O my soul.

All: Praise the LORD!

One: Let us worship God!

***HYMN** To God Be the Glory #66

Vs. 1 – To God be the glory – great things He hath done!

So loved He the world that He gave us His Son,

Who yielded His life an atonement for sin

And opened the Life-gate that all may go in.

Chorus:

Praise the Lord, Praise the Lord, Let the earth hear his voice!

Praise the Lord, Praise the Lord, Let the people rejoice!

O Come to the Father thru Jesus the Son,
And give Him the glory – great things He hath done!

Vs. 2 – O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood!

To ev’ry believer the promise of God;

The vilest offender who truly believes,

That moment from Jesus a pardon receives.

Chorus

Vs. 3 – Great things He hath taught us, great things He hath done,

And great our rejoicing thru Jesus the Son;

But purer and higher and greater will be

Our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see.

Chorus

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Silent Prayer “Lord, I Pray”

Holy and Merciful God, we do not know how to pray as we ought, and we know too well our constant failures and to do as you have commanded and to hold fast to your word. Forgive us for the divisions we nurture, guide us to your way, keep us in your care, and lead us into faith. We trust your word that the Spirit of truth will show us all things and grant us courage and peace. 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.

**please stand as you are able*

***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

FIRST READING Acts 2:1–21

HANDBELLS “Breathe on Me, Breath of God”

GOSPEL READING John 15:26–27, 16:4b–15

RESPONSE

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

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON “What Is the Holy Spirit Anyway?”
Reverend Alexandra Hutson

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

HANDBELLS “Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart”

***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

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 "Sweet, Sweet Spirit"

*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 "Spirit of the Living God" #247

Spirit of the Living God, fall fresh on me,
Spirit of the Living God, fall fresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.
Spirit of the Living God, fall fresh on me.
Repeat

*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 "Open My Eyes, That I May See"



Please join us in the fellowship hall for refreshments immediately following worship

Everyone is invited to attend the installation service for Reverend Alexandra Hutson this afternoon at 4 o'clock in the sanctuary.

A reception will immediately follow in the fellowship hall.

The flowers this morning are in honor of Alexandra Hutson and are placed by her family.

The beautiful original artwork on the bulletin cover and displayed in the sanctuary is by Jenni Cain.

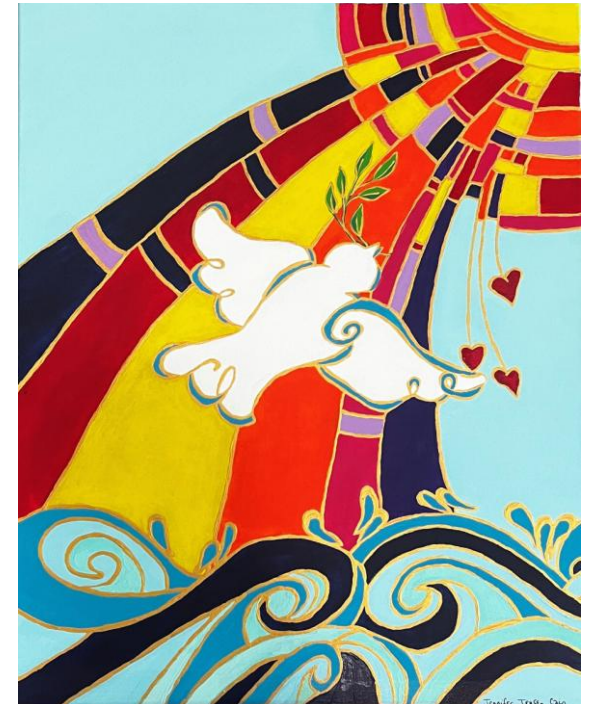
LEADERSHIP AT SWIFT

Reverend Alexandra Hutson, Pastor
Jenni Cain, Pianist
Sena Cooper, Office Assistant
Stephanie Craft, Office Assistant
Jessica Hammontree, Preschool Director

Welcome to Swift Church

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Striving to bring God joy!



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