

THE WORSHIP OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD
AT SWIFT CHURCH
Sixth Sunday of Easter

GATHERING

WELCOME

PRELUDE *“Spirit of the Living God”*

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

*CALL TO WORSHIP Chuck Carneal

One: Sing to our God a new song.

All: God has done marvelous things!

One: Make a joyful noise to the Lord!

All: Break forth into joyous song and sing praises.

One: Let the sea roar and all that fills it.

All: Let the world and its people sing together for joy!

*HYMN *“Morning Has Broken” #60*

Vs. 1 – Morning has broken Like the first morning,

Blackbird has spoken Like the first bird.

Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!

Praise for them springing Fresh from the Word!

Vs. 2 – Sweet the rain’s new fall Sunlit from heaven,

Like the first dewfall On the first grass.

Praise for the sweetness Of the wet garden,

Sprung in completeness Where His feet pass.

Vs. 3 – Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning,

Born of the one light Eden saw play!

Praise with elation, Praise ev’ry morning,

God’s recreation Of the new day!

*CALL TO CONFESSION

**please stand as you are able*

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Silent Prayer “Teach Me To Pray”

Loving God, we have not loved you or each other with our whole hearts. Forgive us, we pray, and lead us toward wholeness, that we may be filled with your joy. In Jesus’ name we pray. 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

FIRST READING Psalm 98:1–9

GOSPEL READING John 15:9–17

RESPONSE

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

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON *“Go and Bear Fruit”*

Reverend Alexandra Hutson

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*HYMN *“No, Not One!” #422*

Vs. 1 – There’s not a friend like the lowly Jesus—

No, not one! no, not one!

None else could heal all our soul’s diseases—

No, not one! no not one!

Refrain: Jesus knows all about our struggles,
He will guide till the day is done;
There’s not a friend like the lowly Jesus—
No, not one! no, not one!

Vs. 2 – No friend like Him is so high and holy—
No, not one! no, not one!

And yet no friend is so meek and lowly—
No, not one! no, not one!

Refrain

Vs. 3 – There’s not an hour that He is not near us—
No, not one! No, not one!

No night so dark but His love can cheer—
No, not one! No, not one!

Refrain

Vs. 4 – Did every saint find this friend forsake Him?
No, not one! No, not one!

Or sinner find that He would not take Him?
No, not one! No, not one!

Refrain

Vs. 5 – Was e’er a gift like the Savior given?
No, not one! No, not one!

Will He refuse us a home in heaven?
No, not one! No, not one!

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

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 *"Blessed Assurance"*

*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

*CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

"There Is a Fountain"

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

One: The Lord be with you

All: And also with you

One: Lift up your hearts

All: We lift them up to the Lord

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SENDING

*HYMN "Send the Light" #307

Vs. 1 – There's a call comes ringing o'er the restless wave,
"Send the light! Send the light!"

There are souls to rescue, there are souls to save,
Send the light! Send the light!

Refrain: Send the light, the blessed gospel light;
Let it shine from shore to shore!
Send the light, the blessed gospel light;
Let it shine from shore to shore!

Vs. 2 – We have heard the Macedonian call today,
"Send the light! Send the light!"

And a golden offering at the cross we lay,
Send the light! Send the light!

Refrain

Vs. 3 – Let us pray that grace may everywhere abound,
Send the light! Send the light!

And a Christ-like spirit everywhere be found,
Send the light! Send the light!

Refrain

Vs. 4 – Let us not grow weary in the work of love,
Send the light! Send the light!

Let us gather jewels for a crown above,
Send the light! Send the light!

Refrain

*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

"Victory in Jesus"

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



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