

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

Third Sunday of Easter

GATHERING

WELCOME

PRELUDE

“Lead Me, Lord”

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Betty Carneal

One: The bread of life opens our eyes

All: The word of life opens our ears

One: The risen one shows us God’s own brokenness,

All: and by those wounds we are healed.

One: Let us worship God.

***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 re-creation of the new day!

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Silent Prayer “With Quiet Hearts”

**Good and gracious God,
We are creatures of dust, ignorant of your revelation,**

**misunderstanding your life, death and resurrection
among us, needing forgiveness. We repent of our failure
to give as you have given to us. We seek your mercy for
our fallen world. We seek your Word, that we may live
with the faith of Jesus. Be our solace in this life
and always. We ask this as your own children, holy
and incomplete. Forgive us and lead us. Amen.**

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

In the name of God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, your
plea for absolution has been heard. God’s promises are
sure: your sins are forgiven. This is the good news of the
gospel:

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 4:1–8

GOSPEL READING

Luke 24:36–48

RESPONSE

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

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“You Are Witnesses of These Things”

Reverend Alexandra Hutson

**please stand as you are able*

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

HYMN

“Lift High the Cross” #304

Vs. 1 – Come, Christians, follow where our savior trod,
Our King victorious, Christ, the Son of God.

Refrain: Lift high the Cross, the love of Christ proclaim,
Till all the world adore His sacred name.

Vs. 2 – Led on their way by this triumphant sign,
The host of God in conqu’ring ranks combine.

Refrain

Vs. 3 – O Lord, once lifted on this glorious Tree,
As Thou hast promised, draw men unto Thee.

Refrain

Vs. 4 – Set up Thy throne, that earth’s despair may cease
Beneath the shadow of its healing peace.

Refrain

Vs. 5 – For Thy blest Cross which doth for all atone,
Creation’s praises rise before Thy throne.

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

Response to Lord in your mercy is **hear our prayer.**

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

"He Touched Me"

*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

"The Trees of the Field" #244

You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace;
The mountains and the hills will break forth before you.
There'll be shouts of joy, and all the trees of the field
Will clap, will clap their hands.
And all the trees of the field will clap their hands,
The trees of the field will clap their hands,
The trees of the field will clap their hands
While you go out with joy.
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

" 'Tis So Sweet To Trust in Jesus"



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

Welcome to Swift Church

April 14, 2024

Striving to bring God joy!



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