

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

Fourth Sunday of Easter

GATHERING

WELCOME

PRELUDE “The Gift of Love”

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

***CALL TO WORSHIP** Jan Taylor

One: The Lord Jesus Christ is our shepherd .

All: He lays down his life for his sheep.

One: The Lord Jesus Christ is our shepherd.

All: He knows us and we belong to him.

One: The Lord Jesus Christ is our shepherd.

All: He speaks, and we listen for his voice.

***HYMN** “Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee” #1

Vs. 1 – Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee,

God of glory, Lord of love;

Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee,

Opening to the sun above.

Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,

Drive the dark of doubt away;

Giver of immortal gladness,

Fill us with the light of day.

Vs. 2 – All Thy works with joy surround Thee,

Earth and heaven reflect Thy rays,

Stars and angels sing around Thee,

Center of unbroken praise.

Field and forest, vale and mountain,

Flowery meadow, flashing sea,

Chanting bird and flowing fountain,

Call us to rejoice in Thee.

Vs. 3 – Thou art giving and forgiving,

Ever blessing, ever blest,

Well-spring of the joy of living,

Ocean depth of happy rest!

Thou our Father Christ, our Brother—

All who live in love are Thine;

Teach us how to love each other,

Lift us to the joy divine.

Vs. 4 – Mortals, join the happy chorus

Which the morning stars began;

Father love is reigning o’er us,

Brother love binds man to man.

Ever singing, march we onward,

Victors in the midst of strife,

Joyful music leads us sunward

In the triumph song of life.

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Silent Prayer “If You Believe and I Believe”

Lord, have mercy on us. We talk about love, but our actions betray us. We talk about love, but we neglect the poor. We talk about love, but we fail to love one another. Lord, have mercy on us. Forgive us and abide in us by the power of your Spirit so that our lives may show our love for Jesus Christ, in whose body we live and in whose 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

**please stand as you are able*

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING Psalm 23:1–6

GOSPEL READING John 10:11–18

RESPONSE

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

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON “The Good Shepherd”

Reverend Alexandra Hutson

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***HYMN** “The Lord’s My Shepherd, I’ll Not Want” #50

Vs. 1 – The Lord’s my Shepherd, I’ll not want;

He makes me down to lie

In pastures green; He leadeth me the quiet waters by.

Vs. 2 – My soul He doth restore again;

And me to walk doth make

Within the paths of righteousness, E’en for His own

Name’s sake.

Vs. 3 – Yea, though I walk in death’s dark vale,

Yet will I fear no ill;

For Thou art with me; and Thy rod and staff my

comfort still.

Vs. 4 – My table Thou hast furnished in presence

of my foes;

My head Thou dost with oil anoint, and my cup overflows.

Vs. 5 – Goodness and mercy all my life

Shall surely follow me;

And in God’s house forevermore my dwelling place

shall be.

***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 “Healer of Our Every Ill”

***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** “He’s Got the Whole World In His Hands”#344

Vs. 1 – He’s got the whole world in His hands,
He’s got the whole world in His hands,
He’s got the whole world in his Hands,
He’s got the whole world in his Hands.

Vs. 2 – He’s got the wind and the rain in His hands,
He’s got the wind and the rain in His hands,
He’s got the wind and the rain in His hands,
He’s got the whole world in his Hands.

Vs. 3 – He’s got the tiny little baby in His hands,
He’s got the tiny little baby in His hands,
He’s got the tiny little baby in His hands,
He’s got the whole world in his Hands.

Vs. 4 – He’s got you and me, brother, in His hands,
He’s got you and me, sister, in His hands,
He’s got you and me, brother, in His hands,
He’s got the whole world in His hands.

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** *“I Am Thine, O Lord”*



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

LEADERSHIP AT SWIFT

Reverend Alexandra Hutson, Pastor
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Welcome to Swift Church

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Striving to bring God joy!



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