

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

Fifth Sunday of Easter

GATHERING

WELCOME

PRELUDE

“I Need Thee Every Hour”

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Susan Pichoff

One: In the wilderness, water brings life.

All: Seek us out, O God, and take us to the water.

One: In the Word of God, the good news gives light.

All: Seek us out, O God, and fill us with understanding.

One: In the bread and the wine, the body of our Savior nourishes everyone.

All: Seek us out, O God, and give us yourself.

One: Here is the water of life, the word that feeds, the food of eternity. Come and praise the vine that gives all goodness.

***HYMN**

“Sunshine in My Soul” #499

Vs. 1 – There is sunshine in my soul today,
More glorious and bright
Than glows in any earthly sky,
For Jesus is my Light.

Refrain: O there’s sunshine, blessed sunshine,
When the peaceful, happy moments roll; When
Jesus shows His smiling face,
There is sunshine in my soul.

Vs. 2 – There is music in my soul today,
A carol to my King,
And Jesus, listening, can hear
The songs I cannot sing.
Refrain

Vs. 3 – There is springtime in my soul today,
For, when the Lord is near,
The dove of peace sings in my heart,
The flow’rs of grace appear.
Refrain

Vs. 4 – There is gladness in my soul today,
And hope and love and praise,
For blessings which He gives me now,
For joys in future days.
Refrain

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Silent Prayer

“Lord, Be Glorified”

God of mercy, we confess that we have not borne the fruit of the Spirit. We have not loved others as you have loved us. We have denied the promises of baptism and cut ourselves off from you. Forgive us, restore us, that we may abide in your love and live out your mercy, for the sake of Jesus Christ, 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 22:25–31

GOSPEL READING

1 John 4:7–21

RESPONSE

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

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Beloved, Let Us Love One Another”

Reverend Alexandra Hutson

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***HYMN**

“Pass It On” #309

Vs. 1 – It only takes a spark to get a fire going,
And soon all those around can warm up in its glowing;
That’s how it is with God’s love, once you’ve
experienced it:
You spread His love to ev’ryone, you want to pass it on.

Vs. 2 – What a wondrous time is spring — when all the
trees are budding,
The birds begin to sing, the flowers start their blooming;
That’s how it is with God’s love, once you’ve
experienced it:
You want to sing, it’s fresh like spring, you want to
pass it on.

Vs. 3 – I wish for you, my friend, this happiness
that I’ve found—
You can depend on Him, it matters not where
you’re bound;
I’ll shout it from the mountain top, I want my
world to know:
The Lord of love has come to me, I want to pass it on.

***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

“Abide with 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**

“Tell Me the Old, Old Story”#424

Vs. 1 – Tell me the old, old story Of unseen things above, Of Jesus and His glory, Of Jesus and His love. Tell me the story simply, As to a little child, For I am weak and weary, And helpless and defiled.

Refrain: Tell me the old, old story, Tell me the old, old story, Tell me the old, old story Of Jesus and his love.

Vs. 2 – Tell me the story slowly, That I may take it in— That wonderful redemption, God’s remedy for sin. Tell me the story often, For I forget so soon; The early dew of morning Has passed away at noon.
Refrain:

Vs. 3 – Tell me the same old story When you have cause to fear That this world’s empty glory Is costing me too dear.
Tell me the story always, If you would really be, In any time of trouble, A comforter to me.
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**

“To God Be the Glory”

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



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Welcome to Swift Church

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Striving to bring God joy!



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