THE WORSHIP OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD AT SWIFT CHURCH

Second Sunday of Easter

GATHERING

WELCOME

PRELUDE "Just a Closer Walk with Thee"

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Chuck Carneal

Leader: Peace be with you

People: How good and pleasant it is when we live

together in unity.

Leader: Receive the Holy Spirit

People: It is like precious oil on the head, the blessing

of the Lord.

*HYMN "Worship Christ the Risen King" #225

Vs. 1 -Rise, O Church and lift your voices,

Christ has conquered death and hell.

Sing as all the earth rejoices;

Resurrection anthems swell.

Come and worship, come and worship,

Worship Christ, the Risen King!

Vs. 2 – See the tomb where death had laid Him,

Empty now, its mouth declares;

"Death and I could not contain Him,

For the throne of life He shares."

Come and worship, come and worship,

Worship Christ the Risen King!

Vs. 3 – Hear the earth protest and tremble,

See the stone removed with pow'r;

All hell's minions may assemble

But cannot withstand His hour.

He has conquered, He has conquered,

Christ the Lord, the Risen King!

Vs 4 – Doubt may lift its head to murmur,

Scoffers mock and sinners jeer;

But the truth proclaims a wonder

Thoughtful hearts receive with cheer.

He is risen, He is risen,

Now receive the Risen King!

* CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Silent Prayer "Surely the Presence of the Lord"

You have shown yourself to us, O God, by Word and Spirit, with signs and wonders, in flesh and blood, yet we still struggle to live and believe the good news of Jesus Christ. Have mercy on us; forgive us. Enter into our lives and cast out fear so that we may come to trust in you and have life in Jesus' name. 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 133:1–3

GOSPEL READING

John 20:19-31

RESPONSE

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

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"Do Not Doubt, but Believe" Reverend Alexandra Hutson

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

HYMN "'Tis So Sweet To Trust in Jesus'' #350 Vs. 1 – 'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus.

Just to take Him at His word.

Just to rest upon His promise,

Just to know "Thus saith the Lord."

Refrain: Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him! How I've proved Him o'er and o'er.

Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus! O for grace to trust Him more!

Vs. 2 - O how sweet to trust in Jesus,

Just to trust His cleansing blood,

Just in simple faith to plunge me 'neath the healing,

cleansing flood!

Refrain

Vs. 4 - I'm so glad I learned to trust Him,

Precious Jesus, Savior, Friend;

And I know that He is with me, will be with me to the end.

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

"Living for Jesus"

*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

*HYMN "Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face" #325

Vs. 1 – Here, O my Lord, I see Thee face to face, Here would I touch and handle things unseen; Here grasp with firmer hand eternal grace, And all my weariness upon Thee lean.

Vs. 2 – Here would I feed upon the bread of God, Here drink with Thee the royal wine of heaven; Here would I lay aside each earthly load, Here taste afresh the calm of sin forgiv'n.

Vs. 3 - I have no help but Thine, nor do I need Another arm save Thine to lean upon; It is enough, my Lord, enough indeed— My strength is in Thy might, Thy might alone.

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

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 "The Lord's Prayer"

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SENDING

*HYMN "Peace Like a River" #498 Vs. 1 - I've got peace like river, I've got peace like a river, I've got peace like a river in my soul, I've got peace like river, I've got peace like a river, I've got peace like a river in my soul.

Vs. 2 – I've got love like an ocean, I've got love like an ocean.

I've got love like an ocean in my soul, I've got love like an ocean, I've got love like an ocean, I've got love like an ocean in my soul.

Vs. 3 – I've got joy like a fountain, I've got joy like a fountain,

I've got joy like a fountain in my soul, I've got joy like a fountain, I've got joy like a fountain, I've got joy like a fountain in my soul.

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

"Forward Through the Ages"

Please join us for lunch in the fellowship hall as we welcome Rev. Alexandra Hutson and her family to our church.

Welcome to Swift Church

April 7, 2024

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