

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

*Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

**GATHERING**

**WELCOME**

**PRELUDE**

*“As the Deer”*

**BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Jan Taylor

Leader: The Lord redeems the life of his servants.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

Leader: No one who takes refuge in him will be condemned.

**People: Praise the Lord!**

Leader: Let us worship God!

**\*HYMN**

“Lift High the Cross” #304

*(Refrain)*

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

*(Vs. 1)* Come, Christians, follow where our Savior trod,  
Our King victorious, Christ, the Son of God.

*(Refrain)*

*(Vs. 2)* Led on their way by this triumphant sign,  
The hosts 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. 5)* For thy blest Cross which doth for all atone,  
Creation’s praises rise before Thy throne.

*(Refrain)*

*\*please stand as you are able*

**\*CALL TO CONFESSION**

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

*Silent Prayer “Teach Me to Pray”*

**God of our redemption, we confess that we have not been faithful servants. We have not served you with sincere hearts nor trusted in your salvation. We have forsaken you, the living God, and have chosen to follow the lifeless idols of worldly power and wealth. Forgive us our sin, O God. Lead us to heartfelt repentance that we may honor you with our lips and serve you with our lives; through our Savior, Jesus Christ. 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 84:1-12

**SECOND READING**

Ephesians 6:10-20

**RESPONSE**

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

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON**

“Be Strong in the Lord”

Rev. Alexandra Hutson

**RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

**\*HYMN**

“I Have Decided to Follow Jesus” #376

*(Vs. 1)* I have decided to follow Jesus,  
I have decided to follow Jesus,  
I have decided to follow Jesus,  
No turning back, no turning back.

*(Vs. 2)* The world behind me, the cross before me;  
The world behind me, the cross before me;  
The world behind me, the cross before me,  
No turning back, no turning back.

*(Vs. 3)* Tho’ none go with me, I still will follow,  
Tho’ none go with me, I still will follow,  
Tho’ none go with me, I still will follow,  
No turning back, no turning back.

*(Vs. 4)* Will you decide now to follow Jesus?  
Will you decide now to follow Jesus?  
Will you decide now to follow Jesus?  
No turning back, no turning back.

**\*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 "Tis So Sweet to Trust in 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

### SENDING

**\*HYMN** "Onward, Christian Soldiers" #479  
(Vs. 1) Onward, Christian soldiers, Marching as to war,  
With the cross of Jesus going on before!  
Christ, the royal Master, Leads against the foe;  
Forward into battle see His banners go!

(Refrain) Onward Christian soldiers, marching as to war,  
With the cross of Jesus going on before.

(Vs. 2) At the sign of triumph Satan's host doth flee;  
On, then, Christian soldiers, On to victory!  
Hell's foundations quiver At the shout of praise:  
Brothers, lift your voices, Loud your anthems raise!  
(Refrain)

(Vs. 3) Like a mighty army Moves the Church of God;  
Brothers, we are treading Where the saints have trod.  
We are not divided, All one body we –  
One in hope and doctrine, One in charity.  
(Refrain)

(Vs. 4) Onward, then, ye people, Join our happy throng;  
Blend with ours your voices in the triumph song.  
Glory, laud and honor unto Christ the King –  
This thru countless ages men and angels sing.  
(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

*"Holy Ground"*



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

### LEADERSHIP AT SWIFT

Reverend Alexandra Hutson, Pastor  
Jenni Cain, Pianist  
Sena Cooper, Office Assistant  
Stephanie Craft, Office Assistant  
Jessica Hammontree, Preschool Director

# Welcome to Swift Church

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