

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

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

GATHERING

WELCOME

PRELUDE

“Change My Heart, O God”

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Chuck Carneal

Leader: We do not live by bread alone,

People: but by the Word who became flesh and dwells among us.

Leader: Christ is the true bread of heaven, the manna of freedom.

People: Come let us worship and give thanks.

***HYMN**

“The Family of God” #282

I’m so glad I’m a part of the family of God –

I’ve been washed in the fountain, cleansed by His blood!

Joint heirs with Jesus as we travel this sod,

For I’m part of the family, the family of God.

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Silent Prayer

“With Quiet Hearts”

Holy One, whose love and justice condemn us, whose mercy and kindness feed us, we confess our sins and pray for our forgiveness. What terrible suffering we have unleashed. We have used other persons without regard for their dignity; we have abused the earth without care for its beauty or concern for future life; we have sought to bargain with you to smooth our way to heaven. God, change us. Put the Spirit of Christ within us and cause us to grow into mature, faithful disciples of the one who came from you to save us from our sin. Free us from captivity to our selfishness, bind us to the whole body of Christ, and let us bear witness to the truth that your love holds everything together in perfect unity. We pray in the name of 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

Ephesians 4:1–16

SECOND READING

Exodus 20:1–21

RESPONSE

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

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Steadfast Love”

Reverend Alexandra Hutson

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***HYMN**

“God Will Take Care of You” #47

Vs. 1 – Be not dismayed whate’er betide, God will take care of you;

Beneath His wings of love abide, God will take care of you.

Refrain: God will take care of you,

Through every day, o’er all the way;

He will take care of you, God will take care of you.

**please stand when you are able*

Vs. 2 – Through days of toil when heart doth fail, God will take care of you;

When dangers fierce your path assail, God will take care of you. *Refrain*

Vs. 3 – All you may need He will provide, God will take care of you;

Nothing you ask will be denied, God will take care of you. *Refrain*

Vs. 4 – No matter what may be the test, God will take care of you;

Lean, weary one, upon His breast, God will take care of you. *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

“They’ll Know We Are Christians”

***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** "Break Thou the Bread of Life" #274

Vs. 1 – Break Thou the bread of life, Dear Lord, to me,
As Thou didst break the loaves beside the sea;
Beyond the sacred page I seek Thee, Lord,
My spirit pants for Thee, O living Word.

Vs. 2 – Bless Thou the truth, dear Lord, to me, to me,
As Thou didst bless the bread by Galilee;
Then shall all bondage cease,
All fetters fall; and I shall find my peace, My All in all.

Vs. 3 – Thou art the bread of life, O Lord, to me,
Thy holy Word the truth that saveth me;
Give me to eat and live with Thee above;
Teach me to love Thy truth, for Thou art love.

Vs. 4 – O send Thy Spirit, Lord, now unto me,
That He may touch my eyes and make me see:
Show me the truth concealed within Thy Word,
And in Thy book revealed I see the Lord.

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them 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

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

HYMN "I'll Fly Away" #554

Vs. 1 – Some glad morning when this life is o'er, I'll fly away;
To a home on God's celestial shore, I'll fly away.

Refrain: I'll fly away, O glory, I'll fly away;
When I die, hallelujah, by and by,
I'll fly away.

Vs. 2 – When the shadows of this life have gone, I'll fly away;
Like a bird from prison bars has flown, I'll fly away. *Refrain*

Vs. 3 – Just a few more weary days and then, I'll fly away;
To a land where joys shall never end, I'll fly away. *Refrain*

SENDING

***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** "Bind Us Together"



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

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