

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

Second Sunday in Lent

GATHERING

WELCOME

PRELUDE "There Is a Redeemer"

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

***CALL TO WORSHIP** Jan Taylor

Leader: Christ died for our trespasses but was raised
for our justification.

People: Thanks be to God.

***HYMN** "I Sing the Mighty Power of God" #59

Vs 1 – I sing the mighty pow'r of God,
That made the mountains rise;
That spread the flowing seas abroad,
And built the lofty skies.
I sing the wisdom that ordained
The sun to rule the day;
The moon shines full at His command,
And all the stars obey.

Vs 2 – I sing the goodness of the Lord,
That filled the earth with food;
He formed the creatures with His word,
And then pronounced them good.
Lord, how Thy wonders are displayed,
Where'er I turn my eye:
If I survey the ground I tread,
Or gaze upon the sky!

Vs 3 – There's not a plant or flow'r below,
But makes Thy glories known;
And clouds arise, and tempests blow,
By order from Thy throne;

While all that borrows life from Thee
Is ever in Thy care,
And ev'ry-where that man can be,
Thou, God, art present there.

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Silent Prayer "Sweet Hour of Prayer"

**Merciful God, we confess that we have not been
sincere Christians. We claim to follow Jesus
but have not taken his path of sacrificial love.
We profess to be disciples, but we are not willing to
bear the cost of discipleship. We affirm the virtue of
self-denial, but we indulge our selfish desires and seek
earthly gain. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for sincere
repentance through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Leader: Hear the good news:
God deems as righteous all who trust that Jesus
has been raised from the dead for our salvation.
In the name of Jesus Christ, you 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** "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.
Repeat

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THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**please stand as you are able*

FIRST READING Genesis 17:1–8

GOSPEL READING Mark 9:2–10

RESPONSE

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

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON "Mountain Top Experience"
Reverend Jerry Blacklaw

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***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 Three.
Refrain

Vs. 5 – For Thy blest Cross which doth for all atone,
Creation's praises rise before Thy throne,
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 "My Tribute"

***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** "To God Be the Glory" #66
Vs. 1 – To God be the glory — great things He hath done!
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son,
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin
And opened the Life-gate that all may go in.

Chorus:
Praise the Lord, Praise the Lord, Let the earth hear
His voice!
Praise the Lord, Praise the Lord, Let the people rejoice!
O Come to the Father thru Jesus the Son,
And give Him the glory — great things He hath done!

Vs. 2 – O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood!
To ev'ry believer the promise of God;
The vilest offender who truly believes,
That moment from Jesus a pardon receives.
Chorus

Vs. 3 – Great things He hath taught us,
great things He hath done,
And great our rejoicing thru Jesus the Son;
But purer and higher and greater will be
Our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see.
Chorus

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** "Lord of the Dance"



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

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Welcome to Swift Church

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