

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

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

GATHERING

WELCOME

PRELUDE "He Touched Me"

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

***CALL TO WORSHIP** Chuck Carneal

Leader: Praise the Lord! How good it is to sing praises to our God.

People: For he is gracious, and a song of praise is fitting.

Leader: Great is our Lord, and abundant in power; his understanding is beyond measure

People: The Lord lifts up the downtrodden; he casts the wicked to the ground.

Leader: Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving

People: make melody to our God on the lyre.

Leader: Let us worship God!

***HYMN** "My Jesus, I Love Thee" #364

Vs. 1 – My Jesus, I love Thee, I know Thou art mine--

For Thee all the follies of sin I resign;

My gracious Redeemer, my Savior art Thou:

If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

Vs. 2 – I love Thee because Thou hast first loved me

And purchased my pardon on Calvary's tree;

I love Thee for wearing the thorns on Thy brow:

If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

Vs. 4 – In mansions of glory and endless delight,

I'll ever adore Thee in heaven so bright;

I'll sing with the glittering crown on my brow,

"If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now."

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Silent Prayer

"Teach Me To Pray"

God, you are everlasting, the creator of all that is. Your understanding is beyond measure. We confess to you and our neighbors. In your compassion, forgive us, for we place our hope in your steadfast love.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Leader: Praise the Lord! Our God heals the brokenhearted and binds up our wounds. God takes pleasure in those who place their trust in God's grace.

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

DUET

"Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus"

Reverend Alexandra Hutson and Mary McNair



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

**please stand as you are able*

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

Psalm 147:1–11,20

GOSPEL READING

1 Corinthians 13:1–13

RESPONSE

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

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"All You Need Is Love"

Reverend Alexandra Hutson

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***HYMN**

"More Love to Thee" #363

Vs. 1 – More love to Thee, O Christ, More love to Thee!

Hear Thou the prayer I make On bended knee;

This is my earnest plea: More love, O Christ to Thee,

More love to Thee, More love to Thee!

Vs. 2 – Once earthly joy I craved, sought peace and rest;

Now Thee alone I seek, Give what is best.

This all my prayer shall be: More love, O Christ to Thee;

More love to Thee, more love to Thee!

Vs. 3 – Then shall my latest breath Whisper Thy praise;

This be the parting cry my heart shall raise;

This still my prayer shall be: More love, O Christ to Thee;

More love to Thee, more love to Thee!

***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 *"O Lord, You're Beautiful"*

***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** *"Lavish Love, Abundant Beauty" #61*
Vs. 1 – Lavish love, abundant beauty, Gracious gifts for heart and hand,
Life that fills the soul and senses—All burst forth at Your command.
Lord, our Lord, Eternal Father, Great Creator, God and Friend,
Boundless pow'r gave full expression To Your love which knows no end.

Vs. 2 – Who am I that You should love me, Meet my ev'ry need from birth?
Why invest Yourself so fully in a creature made of earth?
In Your loving heart You planned me,

Fashioned me with greatest care;
Through my soul You breathed Your Spirit, planted Your own image there.

Vs. 3 – I am Yours, Eternal Father, all my body, mind and heart.
Take and use me to Your glory, form Yourself in ev'ry part.
Lord, Your love brings joy and gladness Flowing forth within my soul.
May my very breath and being Rise to You, their source and goal.

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** *"We've a Story To Tell to the Nations"*

Memorial immediately after worship for
Richard Allen Graham, husband of Gail Graham

Souper Bowl Sunday, Feb. 11
immediately after worship service.

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Welcome to Swift Church

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Striving to bring God joy!



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