

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

Third Sunday after Epiphany

GATHERING

WELCOME

PRELUDE “Amazing Grace”

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

***CALL TO WORSHIP** *Psalm 62:1-2* Susan Pichoff

Leader: From God comes my salvation.

People: For God alone my soul waits in silence.

Leader: God alone is my rock and my salvation.

People: God is my fortress; I shall never be shaken.

***HYMN** “Trust and Obey” #349

Vs. 1 – When we walk with the Lord in the light of
His word, What a glory He sheds on our way!
While we do His good will, He abides with us still,
And with all who will trust and obey.

Refrain: Trust and obey, for there’s no other way
To be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.

Vs. 2 – Not a shadow can rise, not a cloud in the skies,
But His smile quickly drives it away;
Not a doubt nor a fear, not a sigh nor a tear,
Can abide while we trust and obey.
Refrain

Vs. 3 – Not a burden we bear, not a sorrow we share,
But our toil He doth richly repay;
Not a grief nor a loss, not a frown nor a cross,
But is blest if we trust and obey.
Refrain

Vs. 4 – But we never can prove the delights of His love
Until all on the altar we lay;
For the favor He shows and the joy He bestows
Are for them who will trust and obey.
Refrain

Vs. 5 – Then in fellowship sweet we will sit at His feet,
Or we’ll walk by His side in the way;
What He says we will do, where He sends we will go —
Never fear, only trust and obey.
Refrain

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Silent Prayer “Lord, I Pray”

**Forgiving God,
we repent of all the ways we turn from you.
You call, but we do not listen;
You show us your path, but we prefer our own way.
Forgive us, heal us, and lead us back to you,
That we might show mercy to others.
In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.**

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Leader: This is the word of the Lord:
In Jesus Christ, you are forgiven by God and given
new life.

***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

**Please stand if you are able*

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING Jonah 3:1–5,10

GOSPEL READING Mark 1:14–20

RESPONSE

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

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON “They Left Their Nets and Followed Him”
— The Rev. Alexandra Hutson

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***HYMN** “Where He Leads Me” #373

Vs. 1 – I can hear my Savior calling,
I can hear my Savior calling, I can hear my Savior calling,
Take thy cross and follow, follow Me.

Refrain: Where He leads me I will follow, where He
leads me I will follow, where He leads me I will follow,
I’ll go with Him, with Him all the way.

Vs. 2 – I’ll go with Him thru the judgment, I’ll go with
Him thru the judgment, I’ll go with Him thru the
judgment, I’ll go with Him, with Him all the way.
Refrain:

Vs. 3 – He will give me grace and glory, He will give me
grace and glory, He will give me grace and glory, And go
with me, with me all the way.
Refrain:

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

***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 *“Grace Greater Than Our Sin”*

***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** *“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. I have decided to follow Him.

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.

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 after the worship service.

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Welcome to Swift Church

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