

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

*Fourth Sunday after Epiphany*

**GATHERING**

**WELCOME**

**PRELUDE** "Be Thou My Vision"

**BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** *Psalm 111* Jan Taylor

Leader: Come! Let us give thanks to the Lord with whole hearts.

**People: Fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.**

Leader: Glory be to the One whose wonders are to be remembered.

**People: Fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.**

Leader: The Lord is gracious and full of compassion.

**People: Fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.**

Leader: The Lord feeds the righteous with truth.

**People: Fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.**

Leader: Come! Let us give thanks to God.

**\*HYMN** "Jesus Is Lord of All" #359

Vs. 1 – All my tomorrows, all my past,  
Jesus is Lord of all.

I've quit my struggles, contentment at last,  
Jesus is Lord of all.

Refrain: King of kings, Lord of lords, Jesus is Lord of all;  
All my possessions and all my life, Jesus is Lord of all.

Vs. 2 – All of my conflicts, all my thoughts,  
Jesus is Lord of all.

His love wins the battles I could not have fought,  
Jesus is Lord of all.

Refrain

Vs. 3 – All of my longings, all my dreams,  
Jesus is Lord of all.

All of my failures His power redeems,  
Jesus is Lord of all.

Refrain

**\*CALL TO CONFESSION**

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

*Silent Prayer* "Surely It Is God Who Saves Me"

**Holy and all-powerful God, who commands all spirits, comforts those in distress, and casts out destructive forces, we confess that we are unable to do your will. We protect what is familiar and reject what is unknown. We admire those with courage but excuse ourselves when we falter from the truth. We forget that you are always with us, and that with you all things are possible. Forgive us, lead us, make us new. Remove our desire to heed false prophets, and show us your way; in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, Mother of us all. Amen.**

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Leader: The God who made you and knows your every thought hears you now and forgives you all your sin. You have been redeemed through Jesus Christ, God's Son, our Savior, who is Alpha and Omega, all in all.

**\*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 as you are able*

**THE WORD**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**FIRST READING** Psalm 111:1–10

**GOSPEL READING** Mark 1:14–28

**RESPONSE**

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

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON** "He Spoke With Authority"  
The Rev. Dr. Jerry Blacklaw

**RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

**\*HYMN** "He Leadeth Me" #461

Vs. 1 – He leadeth me! O blessed thought!  
O words with heav'nly comfort fraught!  
Whate'er I do, where'er I be,  
Still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me!

Refrain: He leadeth me, He leadeth me,  
By His own hand He leadeth me:  
His faithful foll'wer I would be,  
For by His hand He leadeth me.

Vs. 2 – Lord, I would clasp Thy hand in mine,  
Nor ever murmur nor repine,  
Content, whatever lot I see,  
Since 'tis Thy hand that leadeth me!  
Refrain

Vs. 3 – And when my task on earth is done,  
When, by Thy grace, the vict'ry's won,  
E'en death's cold wave I will not flee,  
Since God thru Jordan leadeth me!  
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*                      *“Majesty”*

**\*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**                      *“God Be With You” #602*

Vs. 1 – God be with you till we meet again;  
By His counsels guide, uphold you,  
With His sheep securely fold you;  
God be with you till we meet again.

Vs. 2 – God be with you till we meet again;  
'Neath His wings protecting hide you,  
Daily manna still provide you;  
God be with you till we meet again.

**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**                      *“Baptized in Water”*



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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