

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

Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

January 29, 2023

GATHERING

WELCOME Pastor Michael Moore

PRELUDE “Near to the Heart of God”

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

***CALL TO WORSHIP** Chuck Carneal

Leader: What does the Lord require of you,

People: but to do justice,

Leader: love kindness,

People: and walk humbly with God?

***HYMN** “Will You Let Me Be Your Servant”

Will you let me be your servant,
let me be as Christ to you?
Pray that I may have the grace to
let you be my servant, too.

We are pilgrims on a journey,
we’re together on the road.
We are here to help each other
walk the mile and bear the load.

I will hold the Christ-light for you
in the nighttime of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you,
speak the peace you long to hear.

I will weep when you are weeping;
when you laugh I’ll laugh with you.
I will share your joy and sorrow
till we’ve seen this journey through.

When we sing to God in heaven,
We shall find such harmony,
Born of all we’ve known together of
Christ’s love and agony.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Silent Prayer

“Lord, Be Glorified”

**God, we have not done what is blameless and right, nor
spoken truth from the heart with love. We do not keep
your word, and when we participate in gossip, our words
and deeds cause pain. Forgive us by the power of your
mercy, that we might stand in the goodness of Christ
and walk in the light of his love. Amen**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader:..Jesus brings healing, justice, and peace.

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 Micah 6:1-8

GOSPEL READING Matthew 5:1-12

RESPONSE

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

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON Pastor Michael Moore

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***HYMN** “O Master Let Me Walk With Thee”

O Master, let me walk with Thee
In lowly paths of service free;
Tell me Thy secret; help me bear
The strain of toil, the fret of care.

Help me the slow of heart to move
By some clear, winning word of love;
Teach me the wayward feet to stay,
And guide them in the homeward way.

Teach me Thy patience! Still with Thee
In closer, dearer company,
In work that keeps faith sweet and strong,
In trust that triumphs over wrong;

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

from “A Brief Statement of Faith”

The Presbyterian Book of Confessions

**We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus
proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the
poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and**

**please stand as you are able*

deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. 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

"Healer of Our Every Ill"

*RESPONSE

"Doxology" #625

* PRAYER AND DEDICATION OF THE OFFERING

SENDING

*HYMN "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"

There's a wideness in God's mercy,
like the wideness of the sea.
There's a kindness in God's justice,
which is more than liberty.
There is no place where earth's sorrows
are more felt than up in heaven.
There is no place where earth's failings
have such kindly judgment given.

For the love of God is broader
than the measures of the mind.

And the heart of the Eternal
is most wonderfully kind.
If our love were but more faithful,
we would gladly trust God's Word,
and our lives reflect thanksgiving
for the goodness of our Lord.

*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

"Trust and Obey"



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