

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

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

GATHERING

WELCOME

PRELUDE *“My Tribute”*

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

***CALL TO WORSHIP** Susan Pichoff
Leader: God has accomplished all things through Christ,
People: So that we might live as God’s own children.
Leader: Let us give thanks to God
People: and then live for the praise of God’s glory.
Leader: Let us worship 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 “O Lord, Hear My Prayer”

Holy God, you call us to be your beloved children and to care for one another, yet we fail to love others and ourselves. Helpless and ashamed, we turn our hearts to you. Forgive us, and then tenderly teach us to stand strong and courageous in the fullness of your love, by the grace and mercy of Christ. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**
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

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING Psalm 24

SECOND READING Mark 8:14–26

RESPONSE
Leader: This is the word of God for the people of God.
People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON “Do You Have Eyes and Fail To See?”
Reverend Alexandra Hutson

**please stand as you are able*

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***HYMN** “Be Thou My Vision” #382
Vs. 1 – Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art –
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Vs. 2 – Be Thou my Wisdom, and Thou my true Word;
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father, I Thy true son,
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

Vs. 4 – High King of heaven, my victory won,
May I reach heaven’s joys, O bright heav’n’s Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS

***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 *"Holy Ground"*

*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

*HYMN

"Amazing Grace" #202

Vs. 1 – Amazing grace! How sweet the sound –
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost but now am found, was blind but now I see.

Vs. 2 – 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed.

Vs. 5 – When we've been there ten thousand years,
Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we've first begun.

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SENDING

*HYMN

"Open My Eyes, That I May See" #381

Vs. 1 – Open my eyes, that I may see
Glimpses of truth thou hast for me;
Place in my hands the wonderful key,
That shall unclasp and set me free.
Silently now I wait for thee,
Ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!

Vs. 2 – Open my ears, that I may hear
Voices of truth thou sendest clear;
And while the wave-notes fall on my ear,
Ev'ry-thing false will disappear.
Silently now I wait for thee,
Ready, my God, thy will to see;
Open my ears, illumine me, Spirit divine!

Vs. 3 – Open my mouth, and let me bear
Gladly the warm truth ev'ry-where;
Open my heart and let me prepare
Love with thy children thus to share.
Silently now I wait for thee,
Ready, my God, thy will to see;
Open my heart, illumine me, Spirit divine!

*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, I Lift Your Name on High"

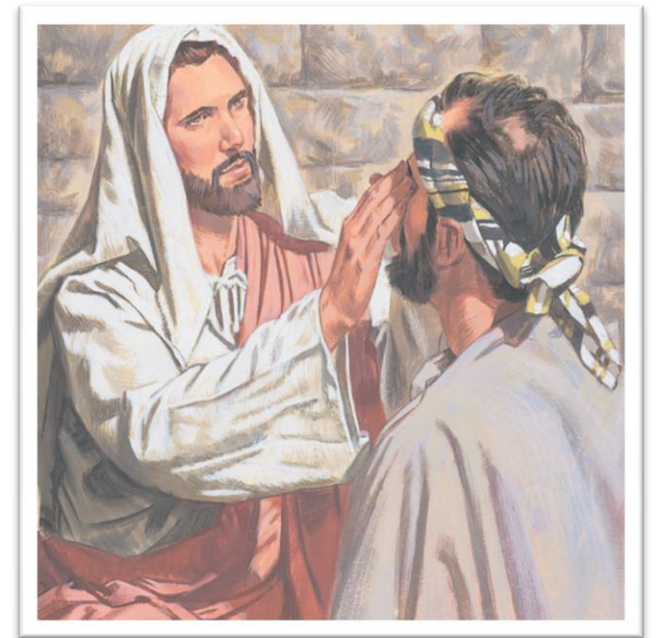


Please join us in the fellowship hall for refreshments immediately following worship and stay for more Bible study and crafts!

Welcome to Swift Church

July 14, 2024

Striving to bring God joy!



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grace through serving and nurturing
body, mind, and soul.

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