

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

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

GATHERING

WELCOME

PRELUDE

“Spirit Song”

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Jan Taylor

Leader: Your creation gives thanks to you, O God.

People: And we, your faithful, bless you.

Leader: We shall speak of the glory of your realm and tell of your power.

People: We shall let all people know your mighty deeds and glorious splendor.

***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 “Surely the Presence of the Lord”

God, you uphold those who are falling and raise up all who are bowed down. Therefore, we confess our sins — both things we have done and things we have left undone — in every confidence that you will open your hands to us in an embrace of forgiveness and love. 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

John 6:15–21

SECOND READING

Exodus 3:1–15

RESPONSE

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

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“God In Action”
Chaplain Kendall Loper

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***HYMN** *“We’ll Understand It Better By and By” #544*

Vs. 1 – Trials dark on ev’ry hand,
And we cannot understand
All the ways that God would lead us
To that blessed Promised Land;
But He’ll guide us with His eye,
And we’ll follow till we die;
We will understand it better by and by.

Refrain: By and by, when the morning comes,
When the saints of God are gathered home,
We will tell the story how we’ve overcome;
We will understand it better by and by.

Vs. 2 – Oft our cherished plans have failed,
Disappointments have prevailed,
And we’ve wandered in the darkness,
Heavy hearted and alone;
But we’re trusting in the Lord,
And, according to His Word,
We will understand it better by and by.
Refrain

Vs. 3 – Temptations, hidden snares
Often take us unawares,
And our hearts are made to bleed
For some tho’tless word or deed,
And we wonder why the test.
When we try to do our best,
But we’ll understand it better by and by
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; they 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 "Jesus Loves Me"

***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** "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms" #354
Vs. 1 – What a fellowship, what a joy divine,
Leaning on the everlasting arms;
What a blessedness, what a peace is mine,
Leaning on the everlasting arms.

Refrain: Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms;
Leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.

Vs. 2 – O how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way,
Leaning on the everlasting arms;
O, how bright the path grows from day to day,
Leaning on the everlasting arms.
Refrain

Vs. 3 – What have I to dread, what have I to fear,
Leaning on the everlasting arms?
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near,
Leaning on the everlasting arms.
Refrain

SENDING

*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** "To God Be the Glory"

We welcome Chaplain Kendall Loper
as our guest pastor today!



Please join us in the fellowship hall
for refreshments immediately
following worship!

LEADERSHIP AT SWIFT

Reverend Alexandra Hutson, Pastor
Jenni Cain, Pianist
Sena Cooper, Office Assistant
Stephanie Craft, Office Assistant
Jessica Hammontree, Preschool Director

Welcome to Swift Church

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