

**THE WORSHIP OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD**  
**AT SWIFT CHURCH**  
*Fourth Sunday in Lent*

**GATHERING**

**WELCOME**

**PRELUDE** “Lord, I Lift Your Name On High”

**BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** *from Psalm 107* Chuck Carneal

Leader: Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.  
His mercy endures forever.

**People: Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, whom He has redeemed from the hand of the enemy.**

Leader: When we fall, and there is no one to help -  
Cry out to the Lord!

**People:** He saves us out of our distresses,  
He brings us out of the darkness and the shadow of death.

**ALL: Oh, that all would give thanks to the Lord for His goodness, and for his wonderful works to all who live upon the earth.**

**\*HYMN** “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” #2

Vs. 1 – Come, Thou Fount of every blessing,  
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;  
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,  
Call for songs of loudest praise.  
Teach me some melodious sonnet,  
Sung by flaming tongues above;  
Praise His name — I’m fixed upon it —  
Name of God’s redeeming love.

Vs. 2 – Hitherto Thy love has blest me;  
Thou hast bro’t me to this place;  
And I know Thy hand will bring me  
Safely home by Thy good grace.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger,  
Wandering from the fold of God;

He, to rescue me from danger,  
Bought me with His precious blood.

Vs. 3 – O to grace how great a debtor  
Daily I’m constrained to be!  
Let thy goodness, like a fetter,  
Bind my wandering heart to Thee:  
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,  
Prone to leave the God I love;  
Here’s my heart, O take and seal it;  
Seal it for Thy courts above.

**\*CALL TO CONFESSION**

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

*Silent Prayer “Lord, Listen to Your Children”*  
Heavenly Father, you are always so good to us! So forgiving and faithful; so patient and long suffering toward us. Ever pouring grace and mercy into our day — each morning you patiently wait for our acknowledgment of your love. We confess now that we have taken that for granted, sometimes...more often than we like to admit. We go through our days, sometimes unaware that you are with us. And when that happens, we are prone to drift, to rebel, to sin. We forget that you have a plan for that day, and for each day. As we walk through this season of Lent, please help us to focus upon you. We ask your forgiveness now, of all our sins against you. By the sacrifice of your Son, his death upon the cross, his blood shed for our forgiveness, you raising him from up from death that we might have eternal life with you. in the mighty name of Jesus, we ask this. Amen.

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Leader: Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

*\*please stand as you are able*

**\*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**

**GOSPEL READING**

John 3:14–21

**RESPONSE**

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

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON**

“Look Up and Believe”  
Chaplain Kendall Loper

**RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

**\*HYMN**

“I Know Whom I Have Believed” #409

Vs. 1 – I know not why God’s wondrous grace  
To me He hath made known,  
Nor why, unworthy, Christ in love  
Redeemed me for His own.

Refrain: But “I know whom I have believed,  
And am persuaded that He is able  
To keep that which I’ve committed  
Unto Him against that day.”

Vs. 2 – I know not how this saving faith  
To me He did impart,  
Nor how believing in His Word  
Wrought peace within my heart.  
Refrain

Vs. 4 – I know not when my Lord may come,  
At night or noontide fair,  
Nor if I'll walk the vale with Him,  
Or "meet Him in the air."  
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*      *"O How He Loves You and 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



## SENDING

**\*HYMN**      *"In the Garden" #425*  
Vs. 1 – I come to the garden alone,  
While the dew is still on the roses;  
And the voice I hear, falling on my ear,  
The Son of God discloses.

Refrain: And He walks with me, and He talks with me,  
And He tells me I am His own;  
And the joy we share as we tarry there  
None other has ever known.

Vs. 2 – He speaks, and the sound of His voice  
Is so sweet the birds hush their singing;  
And the melody that He gave to me  
Within my heart is ringing.  
Refrain

Vs. 3 – I'd stay in the garden with Him  
Tho the night around me be falling;  
But He bids me go — thru the voice of woe,  
His voice to me is calling.  
Refrain

### 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"*

Please join us for fellowship  
and refreshments in the fellowship hall  
immediately after the worship service.

# Welcome to Swift Church

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