

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

Third Sunday in Lent

GATHERING

WELCOME

PRELUDE “How Great Thou Art”

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

***CALL TO WORSHIP** Chuck Carneal

Leader: Heaven is declaring God’s glory;

People: the sky is proclaiming God’s handiwork.

Leader: One day gushes the news to the next,

People: and one night informs another what needs to be known.

Leader: There is no speech; there are no words;

People: their voices cannot be heard by us.

Leader: Yet their sound extends throughout the world;

People: their words reach the ends of the earth!

Leader: Let us worship God!

***HYMN** “All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name” #96

Vs. 1 – All hail the pow’r of Jesus’ name!

Let angels prostrate fall, Let angels prostrate fall;

Bring forth the royal diadem,

Refrain: And crown Him, crown Him, crown Him,

Crown Him, And crown Him Lord of all.

Vs. 2 – Ye chosen seed of Israel’s race,

Ye ransomed from the fall, Ye ransomed from the fall;

Hail Him who saves you by His grace,

Refrain

Vs. 3 – Let every kindred, ev’ry tribe,

On this terrestrial ball, On this terrestrial ball,

To Him all majesty ascribe,

Refrain

Vs. 4 – O that with yonder sacred throng

We at His feet may fall, We at His feet may fall!

We’ll join the everlasting song,

Refrain

**please stand as you are able*

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Silent Prayer “Hear Our Prayer, O Lord”

Merciful God, how fickle we are;

we sin against you without even knowing it.

Clear us, we pray, of any unknown sin,

and save us from willfully ignoring your way.

Let your commandments rule and guide us.

**Forgive us for worshiping anyone or anything
except you; keep us faithful.**

**Forgive us for failing to honor all our relationships—
with those closest to us and those who are
distant neighbors.**

**Help us to speak words of blessing and kindness,
rather than words that belittle or destroy.**

**Turn us away from violence, falsehood,
and selfishness.**

**Forgive us for thinking everything depends on
our efforts and power,
for you are the God who made us,
led us out of slavery, and has brought us
into the community of faith.**

**Help us to depend on you alone
and to rest in your peace.**

In Christ’s name we pray. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Leader: Brothers and sisters,

in Jesus Christ, crucified, risen, and

coming again, we are forgiven

and set free to live in faithfulness

with God and with one another!

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 Exodus 20:1–17

GOSPEL READING John 2:13–22

RESPONSE

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

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON “Even Jesus Gets Angry Sometimes”
Reverend Alexandra Hutson

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***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

“More Precious Than Silver”

*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

“Let Us Break Bread Together” #323

Vs. 1 – Let us break bread together on our knees;
Let us break bread together on our knees;

Refrain: When I fall on my knees with my face
to the rising sun, O Lord, have mercy on me.

Vs. 2 – Let us drink the cup together on our knees;
Let us drink the cup together on our knees;

Refrain

Vs. 3 – Let us praise God together on our knees;
Let us praise God together on our knees;

Refrain

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Leader: The Lord be with you

People: And also with you

Leader: Lift up your hearts

People: We lift them up 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

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SENDING

*HYMN

“I Love To Tell the Story” #297

Vs. 1 – I love to tell the story of unseen things above,
Of Jesus and His glory of Jesus and His love;
I love to tell the story because I know 'tis true,
It satisfies my longings as nothing else can do.

Refrain: I love to tell the story! 'Twill be my theme in
Glory— To tell the old, old story Of Jesus and His love.
Vs. 2 – I love to tell the story—'tis pleasant to repeat
What seems, each time I tell it, more wonderfully sweet:
I love to tell the story for some have never heard
The message of salvation from God’s own holy Word.

Refrain

Vs. 3 – I love to tell the story, for those who know it best
Seem hungering and thirsting to hear it like the rest;
And when in scenes of glory I sing the new, new song,
'Twill be the old, old story that I have loved so long.

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

“God of Grace and God of Glory”



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

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