

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

Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

GATHERING

WELCOME

PRELUDE "We Gather Together"

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

***CALL TO WORSHIP** Susan Pichoff

Leader: Rejoice and be glad!

People: For God is our salvation.

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People: For God is great.

***HYMN** "To God Be the Glory" #66

Vs. 1 - To God be the glory — great things He hath done!

So loved He the world that He gave us His Son,

Who yielded His life an atonement for sin

And opened the Life-gate that all may go in.

Chorus:

Praise the Lord, Praise the Lord, Let the earth hear
his voice!

Praise the Lord, Praise the Lord, Let the people rejoice!

O Come to the Father thru Jesus the Son,

And give Him the glory — great things He hath done!

Vs. 2 - O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood!

To ev'ry believer the promise of God;

The vilest offender who truly believes,

That moment from Jesus a pardon receives.

Chorus

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Silent Prayer "Create in Me a Clean Heart"

**Loving God, we confess that we have sinned against
you by not honoring you or loving one another.**

**When we ignore injustice in the world our worship
brings you no delight. Make haste to help us,
that we may stand in right relationship with you and
the whole of your creation and sing your praises
through the mercy of Christ, our resurrected Savior.
Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

***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 1 Thessalonians 5:1–11

GOSPEL READING Matthew 25:14–30

RESPONSE

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

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON "The Day of the Lord"

Reverend Bert Tuggle

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***HYMN** "All the Way My Savior Leads Me" #460

Vs. 1 - All the way my Savior leads me;

What have I to ask beside?

Can I doubt His tender mercy,

Who thru life has been my guide?

Heav'nly peace, divinest comfort,

Here by faith in Him to dwell!

For I know whate'er befall me, Jesus doeth all things well;

For I know whate'er befall me, Jesus doeth all things well.

Vs. 2 - All the way my Savior leads me;

Cheers each winding path I tread,

Gives me grace for ev'ry trial,

Feeds me with the living bread:

Tho my weary steps may falter,

And my soul athirst may be,

Gushing from the Rock before me,

Lo! a spring of joy I see;

Gushing from the Rock before me,

Lo! a spring of joy I see.

***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

**Please stand as you are able.*

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

"Give Thanks"

*RESPONSE

"Doxology" #625

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise Him all creatures here below; praise Him above ye heavenly hosts; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*PRAYER AND DEDICATION OF THE OFFERING

SENDING

*HYMN

"Count Your Blessings" #563

Vs. 1 - When upon life's billows you are tempest tossed,
When you are discouraged, thinking all is lost,
Count your many blessings, name them one by one,
And it will surprise you what the Lord hath done.

Refrain:

Count your blessings, name them one by one;
Count your blessings, see what God hath done;
Count your blessings, name them one by one;
Count your many blessings, see what God hath done.

Vs. 4 - So, amid the conflict, whether great or small,
Do not be discouraged, God is over all;
Count your many blessings, angels will attend,
Help and comfort give you to your journey's end.

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

"Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"

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



**The church office will be closed Thursday, November 23,
and Friday, November 24, for Thanksgiving.**



Welcome to Swift Church

November 19, 2023

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