

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

Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost

GATHERING

WELCOME

PRELUDE

“Give Thanks”

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

STEWARDSHIP MINUTE FOR MISSION

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Susan Pichoff

Leader: God, you are holy, enthroned on the praises of Israel.

People: In you our ancestors trusted; they trusted you, and you delivered them.

Leader: To you they cried, and they were saved; in you they trusted and were not put to shame.

People: God, you are holy. All praise to you, now and forever!

Leader: Let us worship God!

***HYMN**

“Here in This Place”

(Vs. 1) Here in this place the new light is streaming;
now is the darkness vanished away;
see in this space our fears and our dreamings
brought here to you in the light of this day.

Gather us in, the lost and forsaken;
gather us in, the blind and the lame;
call to us now, and we shall awaken;
we shall arise at the sound of our name.

(Vs. 2) We are the young, our lives are a mystery.
We are the old who yearn for your face.
We have been sung throughout all of history,
called to be light to the whole human race.
Gather us in, the rich and the haughty;
gather us in, the proud and the strong;

give us a heart, so meek and so lowly;
give us the courage to enter the song.

(Vs. 4) Not in the dark of buildings confining,
not in some heaven, light years away:
here in this place the new light is shining;
now is the kingdom, and now is the day.
Gather us in and hold us forever;
gather us in and make us your own;
gather us in, all peoples together,
fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Silent Prayer “Hear Our Prayer, O Lord”

We know the commandments: You shall not murder; you shall not commit adultery; you shall not steal; you shall not bear false witness; you shall not defraud; honor your father and your mother. We are sure we follow them, but instead, we cannot let go of the things we think we need or what we think is important. We do not follow you, or love you, O God, with all our hearts, our minds, our strength. We refrain from giving our whole selves to you. Forgive our disobedience, our lack of commitment, and our desire to focus on material things instead of on your will for us. In the name of our Teacher, Jesus Christ, who gave his whole life for the sake of the gospel. 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.

**please stand as you are able*

***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 22:1–15

MOMENT FOR YOUNG WORSHIPERS

(And the young at heart!)

SECOND READING

Mark 10:17–31

RESPONSE

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

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

*“All Things Are Possible”
Rev. Alexandra Hutson*

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***HYMN**

“We Give Thee but Thine Own” #515

(Vs. 1) We give thee but thine own, whate’er the gift
may be;
all that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.

(Vs. 2) May we thy bounties thus as stewards true receive,
and gladly, as thou blessest us, to thee our firstfruits
give.

(Vs. 3) The captive to release, to God the lost to bring,
to teach the way of life and peace: it is a Christ-like
thing.

(Vs. 4) And we believe thy word, though dim our faith
may be:
whate’er we do for thine, O Lord, we do it unto thee.

***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.

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 “My Faith Looks Up to Thee”

***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**

“Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!”

(Vs. 1) Come sing, O church, in joy!

Come join, O church, in song!

For Christ the Lord has led us through the ages long!

In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now and praise the Lord!

(Vs. 2) Long years have come and gone, and still God reigns supreme,
Empowering us to catch the vision, dream the dream!
In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now and praise the Lord!

(Vs. 3) Let courage be our friend; let wisdom be our guide,
As we in mission magnify the Crucified!
In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now and praise the Lord!

(Vs. 4) Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song!
For Christ the Lord has triumphed o’er the ages long!
In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now and praise the Lord!

***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**

“Take My Life and Let It Be”



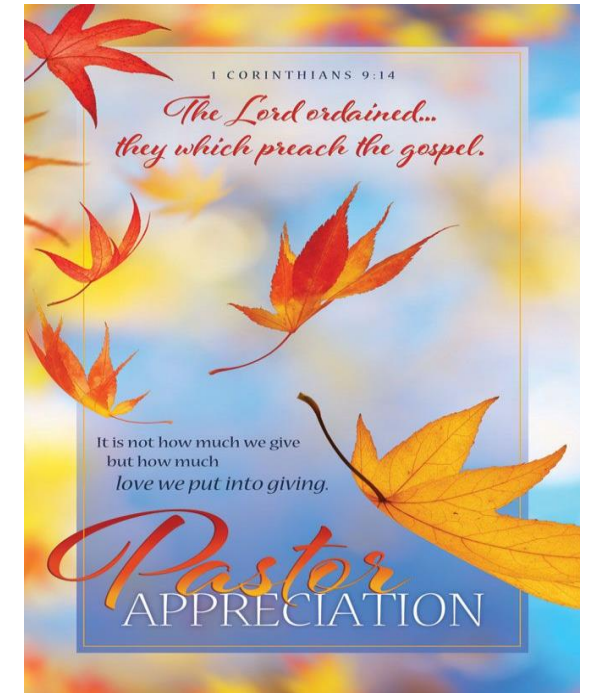
Please join us in the fellowship hall for refreshments immediately following worship!

Music is licensed through CCLI.

Welcome to Swift Church

October 13, 2024

Striving to bring God joy!



We proclaim Christ’s love and grace through serving and nurturing body, mind, and soul.

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