

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

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

GATHERING

WELCOME

PRELUDE “What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

***CALL TO WORSHIP** Susan Pichoff

Leader: The Lord is good!

People: God’s steadfast love endures forever.

***HYMN** “Rejoice, the Lord Is King” *228

Verse 1 — Rejoice, the Lord is King!
Your Lord and King adore!
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing,
And triumph evermore;
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Verse 4 — Rejoice in glorious hope!
Our Lord and judge shall come
And take His servants up
To their eternal home:
Lift up your heart,
Lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Silent Prayer “Cleanse Me”

Holy God, you are the Lord our God,

who brought us out of the land of Egypt,
out of the house of slavery.

And yet our trust in you is fragile,
easily crushed by our bent toward indifference —
the dismissal of your faithfulness
as a result of our forgetfulness.

Our trust is fragile, easily broken by the slightest pause —
an answer to prayer not instantly given, a request for peace
not immediately felt. Our trust is fragile, easily displaced
by gods of our own making — the god of self-sufficiency,
chased at any cost, the God of illusion, pursued in any
form. Lord, have mercy on us, through Christ, our Lord.
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 Psalm 106:1–6,19–23
GOSPEL READING Philippians 4:1–9

RESPONSE

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

People: Thanks be to God.

**please stand as you are able*

SERMON

“The Art of Worrying”
Reverend Alexandra Hutson

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***HYMN** “The Solid Rock” #404

Verse 1 — My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus’ blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
But wholly lean on Jesus’ name.

Refrain: On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand,
All other ground is sinking sand.

Verse 4 — When He shall come with trumpet sound,
Oh, may I then in Him be found;
Dressed in His righteousness alone,
Faultless to stand before the throne.

***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.**

MINUTE FOR STEWARDSHIP

Worship

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 "Take Time To Be Holy"

***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** "Blessed Assurance" #345
Verse 1 — Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.

Refrain: This is my story, this is my song
Praising my Savior all the day long;
This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long.

Verse 2 — Perfect submission, perfect delight!
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight
Angels descending bring from above
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love

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** "I've Got Peace Like a River"

Please join us for a time of fellowship
with a congregational fish fry
immediately following worship.



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Welcome to Swift Church

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