

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

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

GATHERING

WELCOME

PRELUDE *“I Need Thee Every Hour”*

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

***CALL TO WORSHIP** *from Psalm 1* Jan Taylor

Leader: Happy are the people

People: who do not follow the advice of the wicked or take the path that they follow, or sit in the seat of people who make fun of others.

Leader: Their delight is in the law of the Lord,

People: and they meditate on God’s law day and night.

Leader: The Lord watches over the way of the righteous,

People: but the way of the wicked will perish.

***HYMN** *“Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty”*

(Vs. 1) Praise ye the Lord, the Almighty,
the King of creation!

O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!

All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near;

Join me in glad adoration!

(Vs. 2) Praise ye the Lord, who o’er all things so
wondrously reigneth,

Shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently
sustaineth!

Hast thou not seen how thy desire e’er have been
Granted in what he ordaineth?

(Vs. 3) Praise ye the Lord! O let all that is in me
adore him!

All that hath life and breath, come now with praises
before him!

**please stand as you are able*

Let the amen sound from his people again;
Gladly for aye we adore him.

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Silent Prayer “Cleanse Me”

God of wisdom, forgive our foolishness. We desire what we do not need and corrupt our relationships with envy. You urge us to gentleness, but we stir up conflict. Give us your grace, that we may harvest righteousness and peace, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Teacher, we pray. 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.

***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 1

SECOND READING Mark 9:30–37

RESPONSE

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

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON *“Whoever Welcomes”*
Rev. Alexandra Hutson

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***HYMN** *“Lord, I Want To Be a Christian”*

(Vs. 1) Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart,
in my heart,

Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.

In my heart, in my heart,

Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.

(Vs. 2) Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart, in
my heart,

Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart.

In my heart, in my heart,

Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart.

(Vs. 3) Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart, in my
heart,

Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart.

In my heart, in my heart,

Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart.

(Vs. 4) Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart, in my
heart,

Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart.

In my heart, in my heart,

Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart.

***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

"Make Me a Servant"

*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

"I Danced in the Morning"

(Vs. 1) I danced in the morning when the world was begun,
And I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun,
And I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth.
At Bethlehem I had My birth.

(Chorus) Dance, then, wherever you may be;
I am the Lord of the Dance, said He,
And I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,
And I'll lead you all in the dance, said He.

(Vs. 2) I danced for the scribe and the Pharisee,
But they would not dance and they would not follow Me;
I danced for the fishermen, for James and John;
They came with Me and the dance went on.

(Chorus)

(Vs. 3) I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame
The holy people said it was a shame.

They whipped and they stripped and they hung Me high,
And left Me there on a cross to die.

(Chorus)

(Vs. 4) I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black;
It's hard to dance with the devil on your back.
They buried My body and they thought I'd gone:
But I am the dance and I still go on.

(Chorus)

(Vs. 5) They cut Me down and I leap up high;
I am the life that will never, never die;
I'll live in you if you'll live in Me:
I am the Lord of the Dance, said He.

(Chorus)

*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 in the
fellowship hall
for refreshments immediately
following worship!

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