

THE WORSHIP OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD
AT SWIFT CHURCH
Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

GATHERING

WELCOME

PRELUDE “Blessed Assurance”

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

*CALL TO WORSHIP Chuck Carneal
Leader: O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good,
People: for God’s steadfast love endures forever.
Leader: Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, those
God redeemed from trouble;
**People: they cried to the Lord in their trouble,
and God delivered them from their distress.**
Leader: Let us thank the Lord for God’s steadfast love.
For God satisfies the thirsty and fills the hungry with
good things.

*HYMN #433 “Sweet Hour of Prayer”

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION
Silent Prayer
**God of the risen Christ, you broke the power of sin
and evil. Yet we still live in the tombs of forgetful-
ness, anxiety and fear. We have failed to love you as
we should. We have neglected to love our neighbor.
In fact, we have even failed to love ourselves.
Release us from the tombs that terrify us so we can
see your Image in one another and in your good
creation.**

Truly, free us from the graves of self-hatred so we
can see ourselves as your children. 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 #623 “Gloria Patri”
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 Susan Pichoff

FIRST READING Psalm 107:1–9,43

SECOND READING Luke 11:1–13

RESPONSE
Leader: This is the word of God for the people of God.
People: Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE “The Power of Prayer”
Susan Pichoff
Catherine Garretson
Randy LeDrew

**please stand as you are able*

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*HYMN #427 “Dear Lord and Father of Mankind”

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH
(From the Brief Statement of Faith)

**We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father.
In sovereign love God created the world good and
makes everyone equally in God’s image, male and
female, of every race and people, to live as one
community. But we rebel against God; we hide
from our Creator. Ignoring God’s commandments,
we violate the image of God in others and ourselves,
accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature,
and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our
care. We deserve God’s condemnation. Yet God
acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In
everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah
chose a covenant people to bless all families of the
earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children
of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still,
God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant.
Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing
child, like a father who runs to welcome the
prodigal home, God is faithful still.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

HYMN #425 “In the Garden”
*I come to the garden alone.
While the dew is still on the roses;
And the voice I hear, falling on my ear,
The Son of God discloses.
And He walks with me, and He talks with me,
And He tells me I am His own;
And the joy we share as we tarry there
None other has ever known.*

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 Susan Pichoff
Offertory “I Know Who Holds My Hand”

***RESPONSE #625** Doxology”
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 #429** “Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying”

***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 “Just a Closer Walk With Thee”

Music is licensed through CCLI.

THIS WEEK AT SWIFT

Sunday, August 3
Sunday School, 9:00am
Worship in the Chapel, 10:00am

Monday, August 4
Back to School Coffee & Donuts
With Pastor A
7:45–8:45am
Front of Preschool entrance

Wednesday, August 6
Prayer Group, 9:00am
Food Pantry, 10:00–11:00am

Thursday, August 7
Christmas Market Crafts
10:00am to noon
Fellowship Hall

Pastor on Vacation



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

Welcome to Swift Church

August 3, 2025



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