

THE WORSHIP OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD
AT SWIFT CHURCH

Third Sunday after Pentecost

GATHERING

WELCOME

PRELUDE

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

*CALL TO WORSHIP Monica Reilly

Leader: Jesus said, “Follow me, and I will make you
fishers of people.”

People: Lord, help us follow where you lead.

Leader: Jesus said, “If any wish to come after me, let
them deny themselves and take up their cross and
follow me.”

People: Lord, help us put you first and follow you.

Jesus said, “Whoever serves me must follow me, and
where I am, there will my servant be also.”

**People: Lord, help us follow you that we may serve
you.**

Leader: Let us worship God.

*HYMN #213 “Because He Lives”

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Silent Prayer

**Eternal God, you claimed us as your own in our
baptisms and called us to be your covenant people.
We confess we do not live as people created in your
image, nor do we lead lives worthy of the calling to**

**which we have been called. Jesus still calls, “Follow
me,” and we offer excuses because we can’t do that.
Jesus calls us to new life in the Spirit, and we cling
to our old habits and tired traditions. Gracious
God, forgive our sins. Open our ears and hearts to
hear Jesus’s call and give us grace and strength to
respond in faith and love. In Jesus’s name 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 #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

FIRST READING

Psalm 77:1–2,11–20

SECOND READING

Galatians 5:1,13–25

RESPONSE

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

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Tending to the Fruit”

Reverend Alexandra Hutson

**please stand as you are able*

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*HYMN #186

“The Old Rugged Cross”

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

(from A Declaration of Faith)

**We are certain that Jesus lives. He lives as God with
us, touching all of human life with the presence of
God. He lives as one of us with God. Because he
shares our humanity and has bound us to himself in
love, we have an advocate in the innermost life of
God. We declare that Jesus is Lord. His
resurrection is a decisive victory over the powers
that deform and destroy human life. His lordship is
hidden. The world appears to be dominated by
people and systems that do not acknowledge his
rule. But his lordship is real. It demands our loyalty
and sets us free from the fear of all lesser lords who
threaten us. We maintain that ultimate sovereignty
now belongs to Jesus Christ in every sphere of life.
Jesus is Lord. He has been Lord from the
beginning. He will be Lord at the end. Even now he
is Lord.**

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.*

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.

*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.*

**People: Striving to bring God joy, we proclaim
Christ's love and grace through serving and
nurturing body, mind and soul.**

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

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