#### 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

# THEWORD

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READINGPsalm 77:1–2,11–20SECOND READINGGalatians 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

# 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.

#### 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**

#### **\*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** #554

"I'll Fly Away"

## **\*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

## THIS WEEK AT SWIFT

Sunday, June 29 Sunday School, 9:00am Worship in the Sanctuary, 10:00am Presbyterianism class, 11:15am

Wednesday, July 2 Prayer Group, 9:00am Food Pantry, 10:00–11:00am

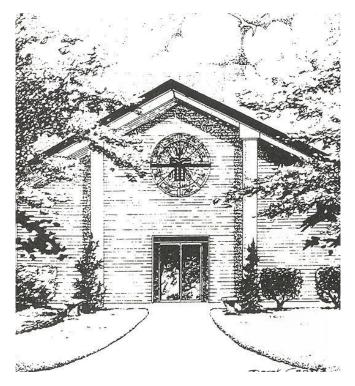
> **Thursday, July 4** Church office closed for Independence Day



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

# Welcome to Swift Church

June 29, 2025



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