

THE WORSHIP OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD
AT SWIFT CHURCH
Fourth Sunday of Easter

GATHERING

WELCOME

PRELUDE “My Tribute”

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

***CALL TO WORSHIP** Betty Carneal
Leader: The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want
People: He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters;
Leader: Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I shall fear no evil;
People: For you are with me; your rod and your staff they comfort me;
Leader: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
People: And I shall dwell in the house of the LORD my whole life long.

***HYMN #50** “The Lord’s My Shepherd, I’ll Not Want”

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**
Silent Prayer “Holy Ground”
Merciful God, we have followed the desires of our own hearts and neglected the needs of our neighbors. Forgive our hard and selfish ways. Turn us to Christ and Christ’s righteous path. Guide our steps in mission and ministry. Amen.

**please stand as you are able*

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

***PASSING THE PEACE**
Leader: The peace of Christ be with you all.
People: And also with you.

***RESPONSE #68** “There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”
There’s a wideness in God’s mercy.
Like the wideness of the sea:
There’s a kindness in His justice which is more than liberty.

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING John 10:22–30

SECOND READING Revelation 7:9–17

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

SERMON “A Vision of the Church”
Reverend Alexandra Hutson

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***HYMN #462** “Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** “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.

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
Offertory “Precious Lord, Take 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.

PRAYERS AND DEDICATION OF THE OFFERING

SENDING

*HYMN #354 “Leaning on the Everlasting Arms”

*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 “Since Jesus Came into My Heart”

Music is licensed through CCLI.



THIS WEEK AT SWIFT

Sunday, May 11

Sunday School, 9:00am

Worship in the Sanctuary, 10:00am

Mother’s Day Lunch immediately following worship

Tuesday, May 13

Preschool, 10:00am

Finance, 2:00pm

Worship Committee

4:00pm

Wednesday, May 14

Prayer Group, 9:00am

Food Pantry, 10:00–11:00am

Thursday, May 15

Christmas Market Meeting
10:00am

Butterfly Girls & Guys Night Out

6:00pm

Tuscany Italian



Please join us in the
fellowship hall
for Mother’s Day lunch
immediately
following worship!

Welcome to Swift Church

May 11, 2025

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