

THE WORSHIP OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD
AT SWIFT CHURCH

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

GATHERING

WELCOME

PRELUDE “It Is Well With My Soul”

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

*CALL TO WORSHIP Susan Pichoff

Leader: God calls us here to worship. We carry many worries and are distracted by many things, but here, in this time and place, we are invited to set them aside, to be fully present. Let’s pause and take a deep breath. We remember who we are:

People: We are the body of Christ.

Leader: We remember whose we are:

People: We are God’s beloved children.

Leader: We remember our chief purpose:

People: To glorify and enjoy God forever.

Leader: Let us worship God!

*HYMN #4 “How Great Thou Art”

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Silent Prayer “Surely It Is God Who Saves Me”

Holy God, we are pulled in many different directions. We are distracted by the news, quick to point fingers and pass judgment, but reluctant to examine the ways we benefit from the injustice in our world. We are distracted by our fears. We fear the loss of health, safety, and financial security.

Instead of proclaiming your abundance, we operate from a mindset of scarcity. We are distracted by our tasks, by calendars that shape our priorities, leaving us with less time and energy for what is most important. We confess our distraction, even as we acknowledge that sometimes we embrace it because it’s easier than sitting at Jesus’s feet, learning what it means to follow him. We confess that distraction is easier than discipleship. Forgive us. Help us discern and choose the better path as we seek to follow Christ, in whose 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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING Psalm 52

SECOND READING Luke 10:38–42

RESPONSE

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

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON “Not Everything Is Yours To Do”
Reverend Alexandra Hutson

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

HYMN #381 “Open My Eyes, That I May See”

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

(from the Declaration of Faith)

We believe Christ gives us and demands of us personal lives that are centered in God and open to God’s reality and rule. Christ teaches us to put obedience to God above the interests of self, family, race or nation; to offer God joyously our money, ability, and time. It is part of our discipline to observe a day of worship and rest, setting aside our own working to enjoy God’s work, celebrating with our family in Christ the Lord’s goodness. We need constantly to search out God’s way in Scripture, not expecting detailed directions for every decision, but relying on the Word to tell us who God is, to press God’s present claim on us, and to assure us of God’s grace and comfort.

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.*

**please stand as you are able*

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 “Holy Ground”

*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 #490 “I Am His, and He Is Mine”

*TAKING THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

*CHARGE

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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

“How Great Thou Art”

Music is licensed through CCLI.

THIS WEEK AT SWIFT

Sunday, July 20
Sunday School, 9:00am
Worship in the Sanctuary, 10:00am

Monday, July 21
Session Meeting
4:30pm
Annex Room 2

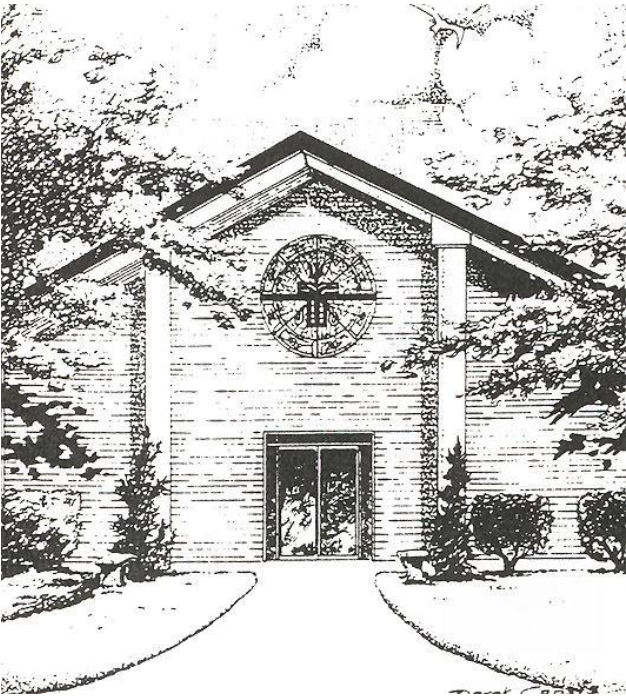
Wednesday, July 23
Prayer Group, 9:00am
Food Pantry, 10:00–11:00am



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

Welcome to
Swift Church

July 20, 2025



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through serving and nurturing
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