

**THE WORSHIP OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD**  
**AT SWIFT CHURCH**  
*Sixth Sunday of Easter*

**GATHERING**

**WELCOME**

**PRELUDE** “My Country ’Tis of Thee”

**BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** *from Psalm 67* Susan Pichoff  
Leader: May God be gracious to us; May God bless us.  
**People: We gather in worship, knowing God is here.**  
Leader: May God’s face shine upon us. May God call us into the joyful work of creating peace.  
**People: Let us worship our God in praise.**

**\*HYMN #85** “Glorious Is Thy Name”

**\*CALL TO CONFESSION**

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION**  
*Silent Prayer “Spirit of the Living Lord”*  
**God of the city, you call us to come to you in the world, but we disobey you. We choose power and profit over the acts of love that you exemplify for us again and again. We are content to work within systems that oppress instead of working to change things. We forget that everything comes from you, and that we are just stewards of what you have given. We seek out mountain tops instead of being among your people. Forgive us Lord, for the times that we forget your call to fully follow your example in the world. Embolden us to live fully in your call: to love our neighbor.**

**\*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 14:23–29

**SECOND READING** Revelation 21:10,21:22–22:5

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

**SERMON** “Heaven Here and Now”  
Reverend Alexandra Hutson

**RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

**\*HYMN #435** “What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

*\*please stand as you are able*

**\*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 "I Love You, Lord"*

- \*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 #286** "Blest Be the Tie That Binds"

## \*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** "O Beautiful for Spacious Skies"  
Music is licensed through CCLI.



## THIS WEEK AT SWIFT

**Sunday, May 25**  
Sunday School, 9:00am  
Worship in the Sanctuary, 10:00am

**Monday, May 26**  
Church office is closed  
for Memorial Day

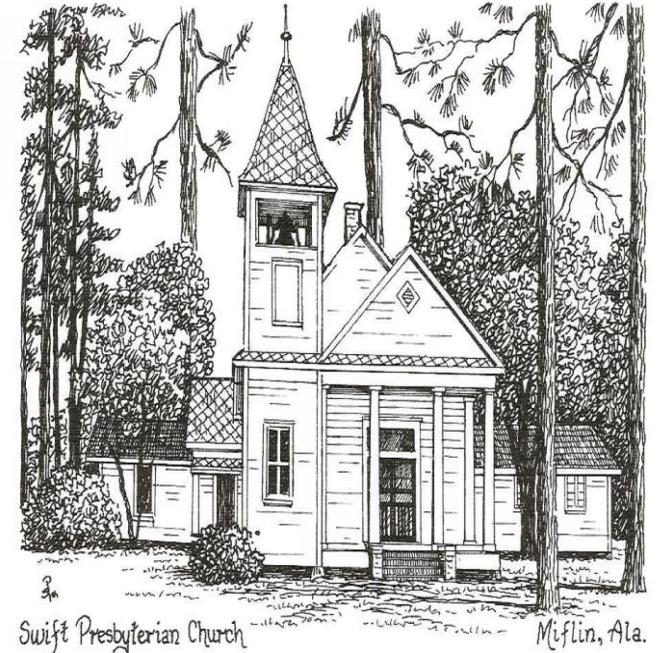
**Wednesday, May 28**  
Prayer Group, 9:00am  
Food Pantry, 10:00–11:00am



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

# Welcome to Swift Church

May 25, 2025



We proclaim Christ's love and  
grace through serving and nurturing  
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