

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

GATHERING

WELCOME

PRELUDE “Surely the Presence of the Lord”

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

*CALL TO WORSHIP Jan Taylor
Leader: Christ is risen!
People: Christ is risen indeed!
Leader: Alleluia! Celebrate God in this sacred space!
Celebrate God in all places under heaven!
People: Give praise for God’s mighty deeds!
Give praise for God’s resurrecting power!
Leader: Praise God with a fanfare of trumpets!
People: Praise God with harp and the cello!
Leader: Praise God with tambourines and dancing!
People: Praise God with flutes and guitars!
Leader: Praise God with cymbals and drums!
People: Let everything with life and breath
praise God!

*HYMN #560 “For the Beauty of the Earth”

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION
Silent Prayer “Cleanse Me”
God of the empty tomb and our empty hearts, when we
are afraid to speak our faith in the world, forgive us and
help us to find our voice. When we are afraid to forgive
and to love again, forgive us and give us the power to

forgive. When we are afraid to stand up to misguided
authority, join with the weak to make us all strong.
When we are confined by our hurts, touch us with your
wounded hands and set us free. When we are locked
behind our doubts and fears, pass through our
barricades, open our hearts and give us peace. Amen.

*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” vs.1
There’s a wildness 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 20:19–31

SECOND READING Revelation 1:4–8

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

SERMON “Beginning with the End”
Reverend Alexandra Hutson

**please stand as you able*

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*HYMN #213 “Because He Lives”

*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 resurrectio of the
body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*HYMN #425 “In the Garden” vs. 1
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 “The Day of Resurrection”

***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 #97** “All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”

*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

“He Lives”

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THIS WEEK AT SWIFT

Sunday, April 27

Sunday School, 9:00am

Worship in the Sanctuary, 10:00am

Congregational Meeting

immediately following worship

Wednesday, April 23

Prayer Group, 9:00am

Food Pantry, 10:00–11:00am

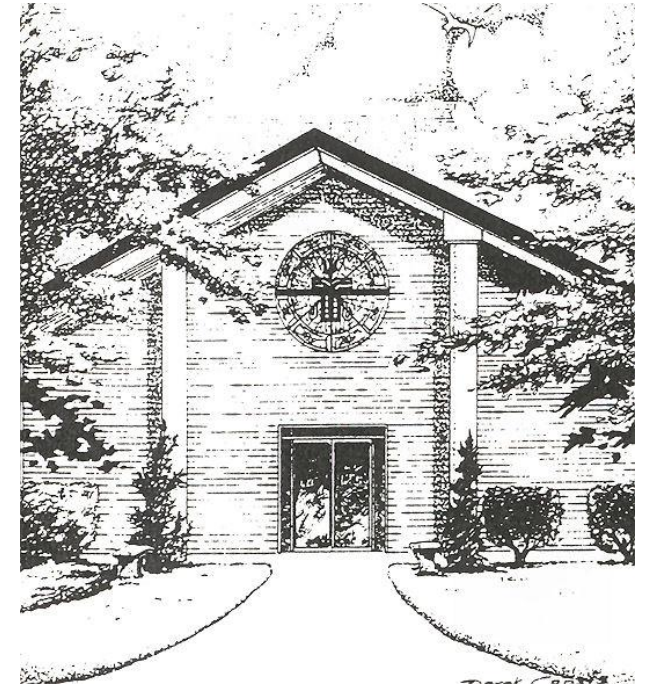


Please join us in the
fellowship hall
for fellowship time
immediately
following worship!

Welcome to Swift Church

April 27, 2025

Striving to bring God joy!



We proclaim Christ's love and
grace through serving and nurturing
body, mind, and soul.

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