THE WORSHIP OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD AT SWIFT CHURCH

Third Sunday in Lent

GATHERING

WELCOME

PRELUDE

"As the Deer"

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Jan Taylor

Leader: O God, you are my God, I seek you, my soul

thirsts for you;

People: My flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.

Leader: So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary, beholding your power and glory.

People: Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you.

Leader: So I will bless you as long as I live; I will lift up my hands and call on your name.

*HYMN #202

"Amazing Grace"

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Silent Prayer "Teach Me To Pray"

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Merciful God, we confess that we have been quick to judge others and slow to make changes in our own lives. We confess that we have focused on others' shortcomings instead reforming our own. Turn us, O Lord, from these ways that lead to perishing. Lead us, O Lord, in your ways that lead to abundant life. In Jesus' name, Amen.

PASSING THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you all.

People: And also with you.

*RESPONSE #335 "Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus"
Turn your eyes upon Jesus,
Look full in His wonderful face,
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim
In the light of His glory and grace.

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

Luke 13:1–9

SECOND READING

Isaiah 55:1–9

RESPONSE

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

God.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"Imagination" Reverend Alexandra Hutson

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*HYMN #425

"In the Garden"

*please stand as you are able

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

(From the Brief Statement of Faith)

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal. With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord, Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*HYMN #429 "Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying"

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 "Step by Step"

***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 #344 "He's Got the Whole World in His Hands"

*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

"I'll Fly Away"

Music is licensed through CCLI.



Please join us in the fellowship hall for refreshments immediately after worshp!

THIS WEEK AT SWIFT

Sunday, March 23

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

Tuesday, March 25

Choir Practice, 4:30pm Sanctuary

Wednesday, March 26

Prayer Group, 9:00am Chapel

> Food Pantry 10:00–11:00am Fellowship Hall

Lent Bible Study, noon Annex Room 2

Thursday, March 27

Lenten Lunches, noon Pine Street Park, Foley

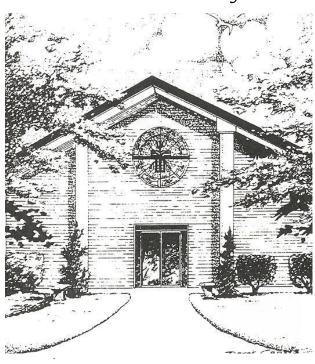
LEADERSHIP AT SWIFT

Reverend Alexandra Hutson, Pastor Jenni Cain, Pianist Sena Cooper, Office Assistant Stephanie Craft, Office Assistant Jessica Hammontree, Preschool Director

Welcome to Swift Church

March 23, 2025

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