

THE WORSHIP OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD
AT SWIFT CHURCH
Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

GATHERING

WELCOME

PRELUDE "Sanctuary"

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: The Kingdom of God is like a mustard seed, which is the smallest of seeds on earth;

All: It grows up and becomes the great of shrubs, and the birds of the air make nests in its shade.

One: Give thanks to God, whose promised reign is coming.

All: Thanks be to God!

SPECIAL MUSIC "Hymn of Promise"
Mary McNair and Jenni Cain

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Silent Prayer "Sweet Hour of Prayer"

Gracious God, we so often miss your kingdom at work among us. Captivated by power and prestige, we overlook the mustard seeds you have planted all around. Forgive us for failing to notice where and how you are at work. Forgive us when we work against your plans and purposes - fostering divisions where you have called us to a ministry of reconciliation; beset by apathy when the world has such deep needs; building walls to keep people out when your branches offer generous nests. Help us to grow in faithfulness, we pray, so that we might reach our fullest height of faith. In Christ's 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**

"Gloria Patri" #623

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

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

Mark 4:26–34

SECOND READING

Jonah 1:1–6,11–17, 3:1–10

RESPONSE

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

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"God Changed His Mind"

Reverend Alexandra Hutson

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***HYMN**

"Jonah's Song"

Vs. 1 – In my trouble, in my trouble
I cried out to the Lord, my God, and,
Lord, you heard me; yes, you heard me; from the depths
you heard my cry.
Though the water swirled around me,
Though the deep waves thundered o'er me,
Lord, you saved me, yes, you saved me.
You would not let your servant die.

Vs. 2 – I was sinking, I was sinking
In the darkness to the ocean floor, and,
Lord, you heard me; yes, you heard me; from the depths
you heard my cry.
When my prayer came to your temple,
You stretched out your mighty hand.
Lord, you saved me, yes, you saved me.
You would not let your servant die.

Vs. 3 – Those who worship worthless idols
Will never know the grace of God, but,
Lord, you heard me; yes, you heard me; from the depths
you heard my cry.
With a song of high thanksgiving, I will sacrifice to God.
Lord, you saved me, yes, you saved me.
You would not let your servant die.

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** "The 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

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.

**please stand as you are able*

OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory "Faith of Our Fathers"

***RESPONSE** "Doxology" #625

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** "Who Did Swallow Jonah?"

Vs. 1 – Who did, *who did*, Who did, *who did*,

Who did swallow Jonah, Jonah?

Who did, *who did*, Who did, *who did*,

Who did swallow Jonah, Jonah?

Who did, *who did*, Who did, *who did*,

Who did swallow Jonah, Jonah?

Who did swallow Jonah, *who did swallow Jonah*,

Who did swallow Jonah down?

Vs. 2 – Fish did, *fish did*, Fish did, *fish did*,

Fish did swallow Jonah, Jonah.

Fish did, *fish did*, Fish did, *fish did*,

Fish did swallow Jonah, Jonah.

Fish did, *fish did*, Fish did, *fish did*,

Fish did swallow Jonah, Jonah.

Fish did swallow Jonah, *fish did swallow Jonah*,

Fish did swallow Jonah down.

Vs. 3 – Who did, *who did*, Who did, *who did*,

Who did save dear Jonah, Jonah?

Who did, *who did*, Who did, *who did*,

Who did save dear Jonah, Jonah?

Who did, *who did*, Who did, *who did*,

Who did save dear Jonah, Jonah?

Who did save dear Jonah, *who did save dear Jonah?*

God did save dear Jonah. Yeah!

***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** "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"



Join us immediately following worship for a Father's Day Hawaiian luau.

LEADERSHIP AT SWIFT

Reverend Alexandra Hutson, Pastor

Jenni Cain, Pianist

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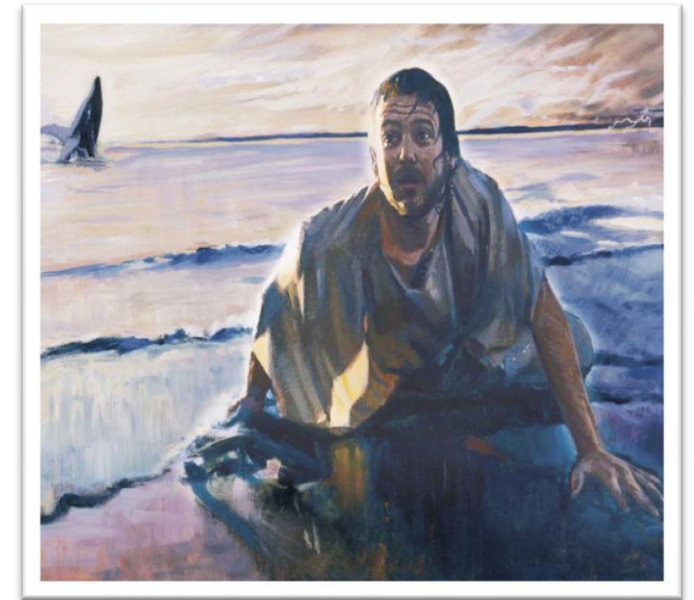
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Welcome to Swift Church

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