

**THE WORSHIP OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD
AT SWIFT CHURCH**

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

GATHERING

WELCOME

PRELUDE “God of the Sparrow, God of the Whale”

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

***CALL TO WORSHIP** Jan Taylor

One: God alone laid the foundations of the earth.

All: The morning stars sang together and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy.

One: From the midst of the whirlwind,
God speaks with power.

**All: We have seen the deeds of the Lord,
who commands and raises the stormy wind
and also makes the storm be still.**

**We ourselves have seen the wondrous
deeds of the Lord!**

One: Let us worship God!

***HYMN** “Come Ye Thankful People Come” #559

Vs. 1 – Come, ye thankful people, come, Raise the song
of harvest home;
All is safely gathered in, ere the winter storms begin.
God our Maker doth provide for our wants to be supplied;
Come to God’s own temple, come, Raise the song of
harvest home.

Vs. 2 – All the world is God’s own field, Fruit unto His
praise to yield;
Wheat and tares together sown Unto joy or sorrow grown.
First the blade and then the ear, then the full corn
shall appear;
Lord of harvest, grant that we Wholesome grain
and pure may be.

**please stand as you are able*

Vs. 3 – For the Lord our God shall come And shall take
His harvest home;
From His field shall in that day All offenses purge away,
Give His angels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast;
But the fruitful ears to store In His garner evermore.

Vs. 4 – Even so, Lord, quickly come, to Thy final
harvest-home;
Gather Thou Thy people in, Free from sorrow,
free from sin,
There, forever purified, In Thy Presence to abide;
Come, with all Thine angels come Raise the glorious
harvest-home. Amen.

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Silent Prayer “Hear Our Prayer, O Lord”

**Saving God, we confess that our faith is too small,
our fear is too great.**

**When we are overwhelmed,
we think you do not care enough for us.**

**When life is uncertain and risky, we are not
sure, we can trust you with our whole hearts.**

**Even when you move among us in powerful ways,
we question who you are.**

Forgive us and calm our fears, we pray.

**Teach us to trust in your power to save and guide
us in every circumstance. Grant us your peace,**

**which is clearly beyond our understanding.
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

Psalm 9:9–20

SECOND READING

Matthew 25:14–30

RESPONSE

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

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Well Done”

Reverend Alexandra Hutson

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***HYMN**

“Come Thou Fount” #2

Vs. 1 – Come, Thou Fount of every blessing, Tune my
heart to sing Thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, Call for songs of
loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, Sung by flaming
tongues above;
Praise His name – I’m fixed upon it – Name of God’s
redeeming love.

Vs. 2 – Hither to Thy love has blest me; Thou hast
bro’t me to this place;
And I know Thy hand will bring me Safely home by
Thy good grace.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, Wandering from the
fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger, Bought me with His
precious blood.

Vs. 3 – O to grace how great a debtor Daily I’m
constrained to be!
Let thy goodness, like a fetter, Bind my wandering
heart to Thee:
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, Prone to leave the
God I love;
Here’s my heart, O take and seal it; Seal it for
Thy courts above.

