

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

GATHERING

WELCOME

PRELUDE *“A Patriotic Medley”*

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

***CALL TO WORSHIP** Cathy Rogers

Leader: Sing praises to God,

People: give thanks for God’s name.

Leader: For God clothes us with strength and joy

People: and God turns our mourning to dancing.

Leader: Let us worship God!

***HYMN** *“Great Is Thy Faithfulness” #43*

Vs. 1 – Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father,
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not;
As Thou hast been Thou forever will be.

Refrain

Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided -
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Vs. 2 – Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.
Refrain

Vs. 3 – Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thy own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!
Refrain

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Silent Prayer “Lord, Listen to Your Children”

Holy God, we confess that we have sinned against you and have strayed from living wholeheartedly. Envy and fear have dulled our generosity, and we have grown mean and destructive. Forgive us our sins and return us to health through the grace and mercy of Christ. 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 130

SECOND READING Luke 19:1-10

RESPONSE

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

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON *“Don’t Cut Down Your Sycamore Tree”*
Reverend Alexandra Hutson

**please stand as you are able*

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***HYMN** *“Zacchaeus”*

Zacchaeus was a wee little man,
A wee little man was he.
He climbed up in a sycamore tree,
For the Lord he wanted to see.

And as the Savior passed that way,
He looked up in the tree,
And said, “Zacchaeus, you come down!
For I’m going to your house today!
For I’m going to your house today!”

Repeat

***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.

OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory “El-Shaddai”

***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** "Trust and Obey" #349
Vs. 1 – When we walk with the Lord in the light of His word,
What a glory He sheds on our way!
While we do His good will He abides with us still,
And with all who will trust and obey.

Refrain: Trust and obey, for there's no other way
To be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.

Vs. 2 – Not a shadow can rise, not a cloud in the skies,
But His smile quickly drives it away;
Not a doubt nor a fear, not a sigh nor a tear,
Can abide while we trust and obey.
Refrain

Vs. 3 – Not a burden we bear, not a sorrow we share,
But our toil He doth richly repay;
Not a grief nor a loss, not a frown nor a cross,
But is blest if we trust and obey.
Refrain

Vs. 4 – But we never can prove the delights of His love
Until all on the altar we lay;
For the favor He shows and the joy He bestows
Are for them who will trust and obey.
Refrain

Vs. 5 – Then in fellowship sweet we will sit at His feet,
Or we'll walk by His side in the way;
What He says we will do, where He sends we will go –
Never fear, only trust and obey.
Refrain

***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** "Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus"



Please join us in the fellowship hall for refreshments immediately following worship and stay for more Bible study and crafts!



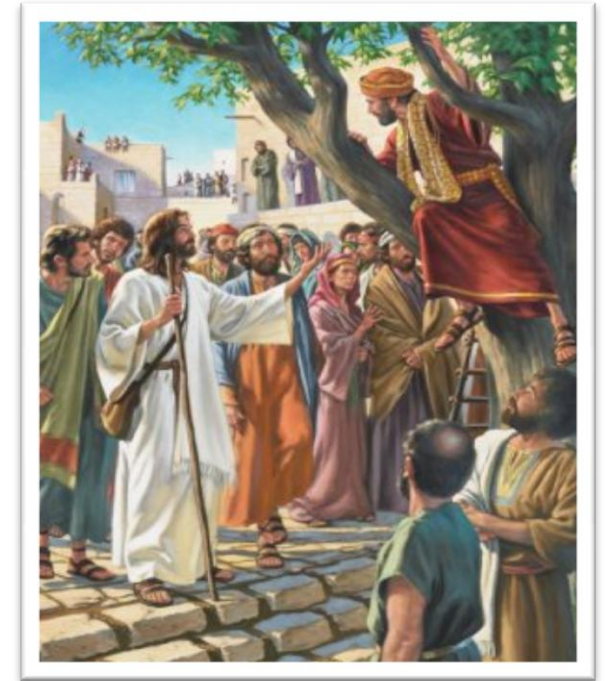
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Welcome to Swift Church

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Striving to bring God joy!



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