

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

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

GATHERING

WELCOME

PRELUDE "Majesty"

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

***CALL TO WORSHIP** Chuck Carneal

Leader: Praise the Lord who is our provider.

People: The Lord is our hope. Our trust is in God.

Leader: God brought us out of bondage and has made us free.

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Leader: Glorious are the deeds of our God, and mighty are his acts.

People: The Lord is our hope. Our trust is in God.

***HYMN** "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" #2

Verse 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.

Verse 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.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Silent Prayer

"Lord, I Pray"

Almighty God,

we have been wandering in the wilderness of sin.

We have complained in the face of your mercy.

We have been selfish and conceited in the face of your sacrifice.

We have not done your will.

Teach us humility.

Teach us gratitude.

Infuse your spirit into our beings so that we might be reconciled to you.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

***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 Exodus 17:1-7

GOSPEL READING Philippians 2:1-13

RESPONSE

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

People: Thanks be to God.

**Please stand as you are able*

SERMON

"A Community Forming Word"

Reverend Bert Tuggle

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***HYMN** "Jesus Calls Us" #375

Verse 3 — In our joys and in our sorrows,
Days of toil and hours of ease,
Still He calls, in cares and pleasures,
Christian, love Me more than these!

Verse 4 — Jesus calls us! By Thy mercies,
Savior may we hear Thy call,
Give our hearts to Thine obedience,
Serve and love Thee best of all.

***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 "As the Deer"

***RESPONSE** "Doxology" (#625)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise Him all creatures here below; praise Him above ye heavenly hosts; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***PRAYER AND DEDICATION OF THE OFFERING**

THE LORD'S SUPPER "Commune With Me"

SENDING

***HYMN** "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms" #354

Verse 1 — What a fellowship, what a joy divine,
Leaning on the everlasting arms;
What a blessedness, what a peace is mine,
Leaning on the everlasting arms.

Refrain: Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms;
Leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.

Verse 3 — What have I to dread, what have I to fear,
Leaning on the everlasting arms?
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near,
Leaning on the everlasting arms.

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** "Lord of the Dance"



Congregational Meeting

A congregational meeting will be held on Sunday, Oct 8, immediately following the 9 a.m. service for the purpose of electing a nominating committee.



Please join us for a time of fellowship immediately following the worship.

Welcome to Swift Church

October 1, 2023

Striving to bring God joy!



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