

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

Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost

GATHERING

WELCOME

PRELUDE “The Gift of Love”

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

***CALL TO WORSHIP** Greg McNair

Leader: Lord, you have been our dwelling place throughout all generations.

People: In you, we come home — to rest, to wrestle, to love, to be loved. We dwell in you.

Leader: Before the mountains were born, before you delivered the whole world, from everlasting past to everlasting future, you are God.

People: In you, we are home — we dream, we flourish, we fade, we rejoice. We dwell in you.

***HYMN** “Praise to the Almighty” #8

Vs.1 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for He is your health and salvation!
All ye who hear, Now to His temple draw near;
Join me in glad adoration!

Vs.2 Praise to the Lord, who o’er all things so wondrously reigneth;
Shelters thee under His wings, yes, so gently sustaineth!
Hast thou not seen how all thy longings have been
Granted in what He ordaineth?

Vs.3 Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper Thy work and defend Thee;
surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend Thee.
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do,
if with His love He befriend Thee.

Vs.4 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him!
All that hath life and breath,
come now with praises before Him.

Let the Amen sound from His people again;
gladly forever adore Him.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Silent Prayer “Sweet Hour of Prayer”

Lord, we confess: we do not live as those worthy to be entrusted with the good news of your grace; we relate to others callously as though we do not trust that gospel ourselves; we seek to please and manipulate, using flattery to gain praise and distinction; we use condescension as a mask to cover insecurity or a need for power. Our motives are mixed, impure. Lord, reassure and cleanse us, in Jesus’ name. 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 Psalm 90:1–6, 13–17

GOSPEL READING Matthew 22:34–46

RESPONSE

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

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Reverend Alexandra Hutson

**please stand as you are able*

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***HYMN** “Take My Life and Let It Be” #379

Vs.1 Take my life and let it be consecrated Lord, to Thee.
Take my moments and my days, let them flow in ceaseless Praise, let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Vs.2 Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of Thy Love.

Take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for Thee swift and beautiful for Thee.

Vs.3 Take my voice and let me sing always, only for my King.
Take my lips and let them be filled with messages from Thee, filled with messages from Thee.

Vs.4 Take my silver and my gold; not a mite would I withhold.
Take my intellect and use every power as Thou shalt choose, every power as Thou shalt choose.

Vs.5 Take my will and make it Thine. It shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart it is Thine own; It shall be Thy royal throne. It shall be Thy royal throne.

Vs.6 Take my love, my Lord, I pour At Thy feet its treasure store.
Take myself and I will be ever, only all for Thee
Take myself and I will be ever, only all for Thee,
Ever only all for Thee.

***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.

MINUTE FOR STEWARDSHIP Buildings and Grounds

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 "Pass It On"

*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

SENDING

*HYMN "Lord I Want To Be a Christian" GTG # 729

Vs.1 Lord, I want to be a Christian
in my heart, in my heart.
Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.
In my heart, in my heart,
Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.

Vs.2 Lord, I want to be more loving
In my heart, in my heart.
Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart.
in my heart, in my heart,
Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart.

Vs.3 Lord, I want to be more holy
In my heart, in my heart.
Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart.

In my heart, in my heart,
Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart.

Vs.4 Lord, I want to be like Jesus
In my heart, in my heart.
Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart.
in my heart, in my heart,
Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart.

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 "God Be With You Till We Meet Again"



Please join us for conversation and refreshments
in the fellowship hall
right after the congregational meeting
to elect church officers.

LEADERSHIP AT SWIFT

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Welcome to Swift Church

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