

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

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

GATHERING

WELCOME

PRELUDE “How Great Thou Art”

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

***CALL TO WORSHIP** Betty Carneal

Leader: The heavens declare the glory of God!

All: The skies proclaim God’s handiwork.

Leader: The day pronounces God’s glory without a sound, the night expounds God’s knowledge without a word, and yet their voice goes out through all the earth.

All: Let us join our voices with the voice of Creation in declaring God’s glory!

***HYMN** “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee” #1

Verse 1 — Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee,

God of glory, Lord of love;

Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee,

Opening to the sun above.

Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,

Drive the dark of doubt away;

Giver of immortal gladness,

Fill us with the light of day.

Verse 4 — Mortals, join the happy chorus

Which the morning stars began;

Father love is reigning o’er us,

Brother love binds man to man.

Ever singing, march we onward,

Victors in the midst of strife,

Joyful music leads us sunward

In the triumph song of life.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Silent Prayer “Surely It Is God Who Saves Me”

Rescuing God, you brought us out of the land of captivity, out of the house of slavery. Forgive us when we willingly return to slavery, making divine the machine of production, rafting idols from the excess of consumption. Forgive us when we consider ourselves so grand that we do not rest and enjoy your presence, defining ourselves by our ability rather than your love. Forgive us when we esteem ourselves so little that we dare not rest and sit with ourselves, exposed, without the cloak of productivity. Forgive us when we deem our species so central that we do not rest and halt consumption, decimating Earth, denying her Sabbath and integrity. Forgive us through Christ, who redeems us from the brokenness of slavery that we might enjoy your presence, creation, and community. 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 20:1–4,,7–9,12–20

GOSPEL READING Matthew 21:33–46

**please stand as you are able*

RESPONSE

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

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“The Covenant”
Reverend Bert Tuggle

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***HYMN** “All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name” #97

Verse 1 — All hail the power of Jesus’ name!

Let angels prostrate fall;

Bring forth the royal diadem,

and crown Him Lord of all;

Bring forth the royal diadem,

and crown Him Lord of all!

Verse 4 — O that with yonder sacred throng

We at His feet may fall!

We’ll join the everlasting song,

and crown Him Lord of all;

We’ll join the everlasting song,

and crown Him Lord 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.

MINUTE FOR STEWARDSHIP Fellowship

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 "Healer of Our Every Ill"

***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** "Sunshine in My Soul" #499
Verse 1 — There is sunshine in my soul today,
More glorious and bright
Than glows in any earthly sky,
For Jesus is my Light.

Refrain:

O there's sunshine, blessed sunshine,
When the peaceful, happy moments roll;
When Jesus shows His smiling face,
There is sunshine in the soul.

Verse 4 — There is gladness in my soul today,
And hope and love and praise,
For blessings which He gives me now,
For joys in future days.

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** "When We All Get to Heaven"

Congregational Meeting

A congregational meeting will be held today immediately following the worship service for the purpose of electing a nominating committee.

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



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Welcome to Swift Church

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