

THE WORSHIP OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD
AT SWIFT CHURCH
Fifth Sunday in Lent

GATHERING

WELCOME

PRELUDE “Sanctuary”

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

CHORAL HYMN “There’s a Sweet, Sweet Spirit”

***CALL TO WORSHIP** Chuck Carneal
Leader: When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion,
People: we were like those who dreamed.
Leader: Our mouths were filled with laughter,
People: our tongues with songs of joy.
Leader: It was said among the nations,
People: the Lord has done great things for them.
Leader: The Lord has done great things for us,
People: and we are filled with joy.

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

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**
Silent Prayer “Lord, I Pray”
Ever-Present God, you offer us restoration and wholeness, yet we resist you. We reduce the purpose of this life to the amount of stuff we can retain, and we disregard the damage done to our planet, our neighbors, and to ourselves in the process. We confess that we would rather remain as we are than risk the change that results from your

presence in our lives. In this season of Lent, help us to realize just how much we depend on one another. Guide us to reorient our lives toward your goodness and your joy. And as you do, we ask that you renew us, restore us, and remain with us, as you always have.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

***PASSING THE PEACE**
Leader: The peace of Christ be with you all.
People: And also with you.

***RESPONSE #335** “Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus”
Turn your eyes upon Jesus,
Look full in His wonderful face,
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim
In the light of His glory and grace.

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING Isaiah 43:16–21

SECOND READING John 12:1–8

RESPONSE
Leader: This is the word of God, for the people of God.
People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON “Love”
Reverend Alexandra Hutson

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***HYMN #300** “I’ll Tell the World That I’m a Christian”

**please stand as you are able*

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**
(From the Brief Statement of Faith)
In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal. With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

***HYMN #429** “Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying”

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 “Something Beautiful”

*RESPONSE #625 “Doxology”

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

CHORAL HYMN “Come to the Table of Grace”

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks the Lord, our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SENDING

*HYMN #376 “I Have Decided To Follow Jesus”

*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

“O How I Love Jesus”

Music is licensed through CCLI.

Please join us
in the fellowship hall
for refreshments
immediately after worship!



THIS WEEK AT SWIFT

Sunday, April 6

Sunday School, 9:00am

Worship in the Sanctuary, 10:00am

Tuesday, April 8

Preschool Board, 10:00am

Finance Committee, 2:00pm

Worship Committee, 4:00pm

Choir Practice, 4:30pm

Wednesday, April 2

Prayer Group, 9:00am

Food Pantry, 10:00–11:00am

Thursday, April 3

Lenten Lunches at noon

Pine Street Park, Foley

Ladies Bible Study, 5:00pm

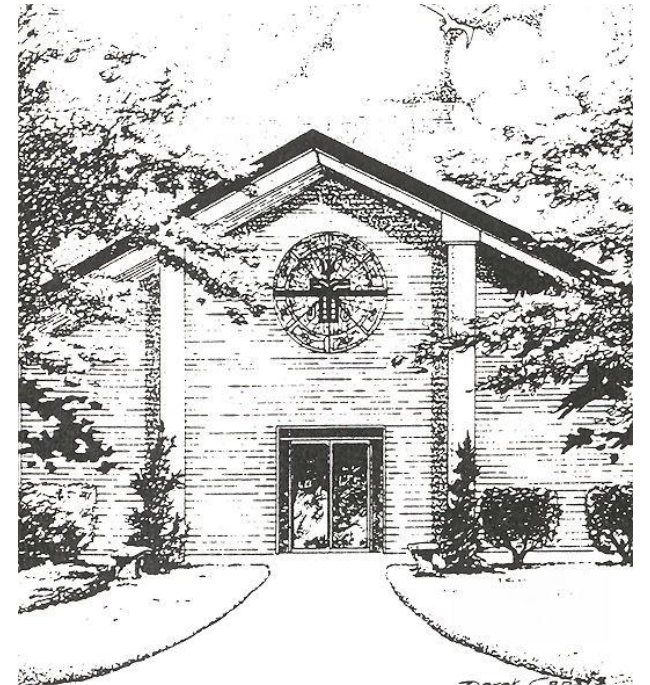
Saturday, April 12

Easter Egg Hunt, 10:00am

Welcome to Swift Church

April 6, 2025

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