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“Worship God, Love One Another, Serve the World”



July 5, 2026

6th Sunday after Pentecost

8:30 a.m. Worship

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Swansboro, North Carolina 28584
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A Stephen Minister provides confidential support, encouragement, listening, and prayer to those going through a difficult time. Contact: SUMC office, website, or Laurie NardoKunst: 910-934-5457.

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Worship Leader: Lindsay Williams: Music@swansboroumc.org
Piano & Organ: Terri Boykin

8:30 Worship

GATHERING

Welcome and Announcements

First-time guests, please text "WELCOME" to (910) 460-9998

Prelude "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

*Call to Worship Matt. 11:28-29

Come, all you who carry heavy burdens,
and Christ will give you rest.

**For He is gentle and humble in heart:
in Him we find rest for our souls.**

Compassionate God, You are good to all.

**May we trust Your Word
and accept Your invitation to find rest in You.**

*Opening Hymn "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" UMH 89

*Opening Prayer
**Author of life, You cast Your glory all around us; You invade our sleep;
You reveal Yourself in ancient stories and the give-and-take of our
common lives. By the power of Your Spirit, come to us now, for You
have called us to this place. We pray in the name of Jesus— our hope,
our confidence— and Your beloved Son. Amen**

PRAISE AND PROCLAMATION

First Scripture Lesson Psalm 145:8-14 Bobbi Edge

SwanKids Worship
*All kids are welcome to follow our staff to the Ministry Center (Bldg.3) for SwanKids
Worship during the sermon. They will return for communion with their families.*

Congregational Sharing: Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

Anthem "Come, Holy Spirit" Choir

*Gospel Lesson Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

Sermon Rev. Elias Ballew

RESPONSE

Invitation to the Table

Confession and Pardon

God upholds all who are falling and raises up all who are bowed down.
Therefore, let us confess our sin with every confidence that we will be lifted
up.

**Holy One, we confess to You and to each other that we are tired and
weighed down by the mistakes we have made, even in our closest
relationships with the ones we love the most. We give this burden to
You, mindful of Jesus' promise that he will give us rest. We trust in You.
Amen**

Hear the good news of our faith: God is gracious and merciful, slow to anger
and abounding in steadfast love, showing compassion to all. In that truth, and
in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! Glory to God. Amen.

*Passing the Peace

Giving of our Tithes, Offerings, and Connection Cards

Offertory Song "Be Still My Soul" Lindsay Williams

*Doxology UMH#94

*The Great Thanksgiving TFWS 2257

Giving of the Bread and Cup

*All are invited to the table of the Lord. We serve by intinction or by using prepackaged
gluten-free elements. Those unable to come forward may raise their hand, and a pastor will
bring communion to you.*

*After receiving, you may kneel for prayer and/ or go to one of our prayer stations to receive
anointing and prayer from one of our lay Stephen ministers. Offerings left at the altar rail
go to the Pastor's Discretionary Fund, used to assist those in need.*

Communion Song "Nearer, Still Nearer" Choir

Prayer after the Meal

SENDING

*Hymn "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" UMH 526

*Dismissal with Blessing

Postlude "As We Go" W&S #3183

"As we go, may your Spirit go before us. As we go, may we follow where
you lead. May we live what we have learned, share the message we have
heard, and be a light unto the world as we go."

**Please stand as you are able.*