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ORDER OF SERVICE

COVENANT CENTER CHAPEL SERVICES FOR THE WEEK OF *February 10, 2008*

(The congregation is asked to participate in all underlined responses and all hymns.)

PRELUDE

INVOCATION

God said, "Call upon me and I will answer you. I will be with you in difficult times; I will take care of you and you will worship me."

Psalm 91:15

SILENT PRAYER

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Chaplain: Did you come to worship God?

Congregation: Yes, we did!

Chaplain: Did you come to sing unto the Lord?

Congregation: Yes, we did!

Chaplain: Did you come to pray?

Congregation: Yes, we did!

Chaplain: Let us begin our service in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen!

HYMN: "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

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.

READING OF THE PSALMS

PSALM 104

**“God, You are great!
The sky is like a tent to You, and Your home is above the clouds.
You put the earth in its place, and You give us all of our needs.
Because You are so good, we sing for joy.
Praise the Lord!**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of Mercy,

We come here today not only to worship You but also to call upon You for all the needs in our lives. Some of us come to worship You feeling very good because we have blessings. Some others have sickness or pain. But we come to worship and ask You to bless our lives.

In Jesus Christ we pray, Amen.

HYMN: “I Love to Tell the Story”

I love to tell the story, Of unseen things above.
Of Jesus and His glory, Of Jesus and His love.
I love to tell the story, Because I know ‘tis true.
It satisfies my longing, As nothing else can do.
I love to tell the story! ‘Twill be my theme in glory.
To tell the old, old story, Of Jesus and His love.

LITANY OF THANKS AND PRAISE

For the beauty of the earth -

Thank you, God

For the glory of the skies -

Thank you, God

For the love which all around us lies -

Thank you, God

For the wonder of each hour, the day, the night -

Thank you, God

For hills, trees, flowers -

Thank you, God

For sun, moon and stars of light -

Thank you, God
For the joy of human love -
Thank you, God
For friends on earth and friends above
Thank you, God

HYMN: "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

What a friend we have in Jesus,
All our sins and grief to bear!
What a privilege to carry
Everything to God in prayer!
Oh, what peace we often forfeit,
Oh, what needless pain we bear,
All because we do not carry
Everything to God in prayer.

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 6:25-33

"Jesus said, 'Do not worry. God takes care of the little birds. He will take care of you. God makes the flowers pretty. You are more important to God than flowers. Just make God first in your life.'"

MESSAGE

"All the Marbles"

Object Lesson: For this week's sermonette all that is needed is a few playing marbles.

I brought with me today something I have not played with in a very long time. These are playing marbles. When I was a little boy I would play with other little boys a game called marbles. Now the way it worked was you would draw a circle in the dirt and place all of your marbles except one in the circle. Then you would take turns shooting your marble with your thumb. The idea was to knock out of the circle all the marbles you could. Every one that you knocked out, you got to keep. When all the marbles were knocked out of the circle, the game was finished, and the person with the most marbles was the winner.

Some people live life as though it is a game of marbles. They always want to be the person with the most marbles --- the most of everything. They think that they have got to have the most of everything --- house, car, toys, clothes.

But Jesus said to His friends that the real winners in life are those who do good things to others. When they love others, when they forgive, when they are kind, God is watching. And he cares more about them being good to others than having lots of stuff.

End with a prayer: Thank You dear God for showing us that You are our friend. We

do want to live lives more like Jesus. Help us to be more loving and kind to others. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

HYMN: "He Leadeth Me"

He leadeth me! O blessed tho't!
O words with heavenly comfort fraught!
What-e're I do, wher-e're I be,
Still 'tis God's hands that leadeth me.
He leadeth me, He leadeth me.
By His own hand He leadeth me.
His faithful follower I would be,
For by His hand He leadeth me.

(Everyone greet one another)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

God of Love, Greatest Friend that we ever have,

Because we have friends and because we want to be good friends to them, we come asking You to care for those who are sick and need Your care. Bless those who do not have friends. Let them know that You care for them, and help us to be friends to them as well.

We pray this prayer in the name of Jesus Who taught us this prayer that we pray together saying :

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Spoken by everyone)

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 trespasses
As we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into
temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the Kingdom,
The power, and glory, for ever and ever. AMEN.

HYMN: Jesus Loves Me

Jesus Loves me this I know
For the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to him belong
They are weak, but He is strong.
Yes, Jesus loves me, yes, Jesus loves me.
Yes, Jesus loves me, the Bible tells me so.

THE BENEDICTION:

Let us go forth as people of peace, to do kindness and justice to all.
May the peace of God go with you.

Congregation: Amen

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

CHAPLAIN: Go in peace; Serve the Lord

CONGREGATION: Thanks be to God

MUSICAL POSTLUDE